

**RESOLUTION 24 – 67, 2024**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND 1000  
TO FINANCE CERTAIN REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL/NORTH MADISON PLACE STORMWATER  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia Township Board of Trustees, Hamilton County, Ohio (“Board”) previously established Special Fund 2272, the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (“ARPA Fund”), as a Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government, to accept distributions of monies from the U.S. Treasury through the State of Ohio and Hamilton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) has approved an ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Grant (“Grant”) to Columbia Township for the Good Shepherd School/North Madison Place Stormwater Improvement Project named in the Grant as Madison Place Overland Flooding Mitigation (“Project”), and

**WHEREAS**, certain improvements required for the Project will be eligible to be funded from the Grant up to \$293,00 on a reimbursement basis from the Commissioners; the Township’s ARPA Fund 2272 will have been nearly expended to finance Township-sponsored ARPA public infrastructure projects and will not have sufficient funds to pay for Grant expenses in anticipation of being reimbursed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees currently has non-levy funds in the General Fund that are unencumbered and available and desires to use such funds to make a \$293,000 advance to finance Project expenditures, and the Board also desires to use an existing unencumbered balance of approximately \$24,000 of Township ARPA funds toward Project expenses not covered by the Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to reimburse itself for the advance made from the General Fund from proceeds from the Commissioners when Project expenses are reimbursed; and

**WHEREAS**, Project expenses incurred for the \$293,000 Grant will be paid back in full from Special Fund 2272 ARPA to General Fund 1000 upon the Hamilton County Grant reimbursements to Columbia Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading; and,

**Be it further resolved** that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency

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measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to advance the funds to comply with the terms of the Project Grant agreement with the Board of County Commissioners to deliver the proposed project before the end of 2025 as required by the Grant agreement, which will protect the public welfare and the Township's existing investment in infrastructure and other public improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbia Township Board of Trustees, Hamilton County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Board hereby authorizes and approves the required advance of up to \$293,000 from General Fund 1000 to Special Fund 2272 ARPA to be used to finance eligible expenditures related to the Project.

SECTION 2. That the Board also authorizes the use of an existing unencumbered balance of approximately \$24,000 of Township ARPA funds in Fund 2272 toward Project expenses not covered by the Grant; and

SECTION 3: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mr. Kubicki

Seconded by: Mr. Lamar

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**VOTE:**

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	12/10/2024
Brian Lamar	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	12/10/2024
Steve Brokamp	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	12/10/2024

ATTEST: Krista Blum (acting Fiscal Officer) 12/10/2024  
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Township Legal Counsel