RESOLUTION 25 – 31, 2025 COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-57 AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARTWORKS CINCINNATI FOR CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE SPACES IN THE NEW COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the Board of Columbia Township Trustees approved Resolution 24-57 authorizing the Administrator to enter into a contract with ArtWorks Cincinnati, and the Trustees want to amend the Resolution to expand the scope of the 2024 ArtWorks contract to include additional walls in the community center; changes are highlighted in the original resolution as follows; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Columbia Township Trustees desires to contract for creation of community-based historical and cultural spaces in the Columbia Community and Government Center (former Madison Place Firehouse) scheduled to open in 2025 ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township won a \$150,000 State of Ohio grant to create historical and cultural spaces in the Project. Administration worked with Hamilton Co. Community Development to connect to experienced public art organizations with community-based projects that feature diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging in their processes and portfolios - including opportunities to invite residents and businesses to participate where feasible; and

WHEREAS, Administration recommends the Board of Trustees accept the attached proposal from ArtWorks Cincinnati, 2460 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, 45206, and authorize the Administrator to enter into the attached agreement for \$17,337 \frac{13,776.00}{13,776.00} for public art featuring Columbia's history and culture to be created in two spaces in the new Columbia Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, 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.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency 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 enter into the ArtWorks agreement to deliver the services before the Project opens to the public in 2025. ArtWorks proposed its services in September but asked to hold until the two selected building spaces in were built out enough to assure the final scale was suitable for the concepts. ArtWorks toured the spaces Friday November 8th and immediately afterward sent the agreement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to sign, on behalf of the Township, an agreement between ArtWorks Cincinnati and Columbia Township for \$17,337 \$13,776.00 for historical/cultural public art creation services for the Madison Place Firehouse Redevelopment.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: MR. KUBICK Seconded by:

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David Kubicki, President

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Refer to attached agreement.

ArtWorks Cincinnati proposal available by request.