

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION No. 24-03-04-02

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN FUNDS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP'S STANDARD ALLOWANCE**

The Board of Trustees of Jersey Township, Licking County, Ohio met in a regular meeting on March 4, 2024 at 1481 Mink Street, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, with the following members present:

Dan Wetzel, Chairman

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairman

Ben Pieper, Trustee

Trustee Wetzel moved the following:

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, effective March 11, 2021 ("ARPA" or the "Act").

WHEREAS, the Act created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("CLFRF") which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19").

WHEREAS, Jersey Township (the "Township") has received a distribution of funds ("ARPA Funds") through the CLFRF.

WHEREAS, the Final Rule adopted by the Department of Treasury provides that participants may use ARPA Funds for the provision of government services up to the amount of the experienced revenue loss, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the formula set forth in the Rule.

WHEREAS, government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. The Rule and other guidance provides that "government services" expressly recognized by Treasury include, but are not limited to, (a) road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure; (b) health services; (c) general government administration, staff, and administrative facilities; (d) environmental remediation; (e) provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles); (f) maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure; and (g) modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Township, by virtue of Resolution No. 23-02-06-05, has elected to take the "standard allowance", and presume that up to \$10 million, but not to exceed the Township's award, in revenue has been lost due to the public emergency, for the provision of government services.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has identified a project or expenditure which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of the provision of governmental services, which consists of the following: (1) Purchase of office furniture and supplies at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, and (2) Planning Consultant Services at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 (the "Expenditure").

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to approve the Expenditure and authorize the use of a portion of ARPA funds for the Expenditure.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE AND IT HEREBY IS ADOPTED:

Section 1. The Township elected to use the standard allowance by way of Resolution No. 23-02-06-05 and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund the provision of government services.

Section 2. The Board believes, in exercising its reasonable judgment, that the Expenditure meets the criteria in ARPA and the Final Rule, and is a permissible expenditure of ARPA Funds for the provision of government services.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and pertaining to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in accordance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code §121.22.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.

Trustee Pieper seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Wetzel; Fry; Pieper

NAYS:

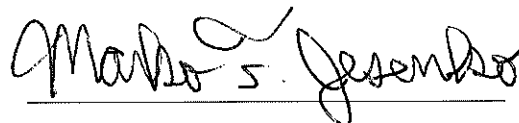
The motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

Attest: 
Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Licking County

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of Jersey Township, Licking County, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 23-03-04-02 is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Trustees of Jersey Township at its regular meeting held on March 4, 2024 as was recorded in the official proceedings of the Board.



Marko F. Jesenko

Jersey Township Fiscal Officer