

First Reading: September 23, 2025
Second Reading: Dispensed

RESOLUTION 2025 - 08 |

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE STERLING RUN FARMS LIGHTING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 9.30, 515.08, 515.081 AND 515.11 AND DISPENSING WITH SECOND READING

WHEREAS, the Sterling Run Farms Lighting District will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously found that there is a necessity for artificial lighting on streets and public ways in the Sterling Run Farms Lighting District (the "District"), and has previously provided for the installation of lights required for properly lighting such streets and public ways, and has previously approved the execution of a contract with Duke Energy for the purpose of lighting said streets and public ways; and

WHEREAS, this Board has specially assessed the real estate abutting upon and benefiting from said lighting improvement in accordance with Section 515.08 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code in an equal amount against each benefited lot, with the assessment payable in equal semi-annual installments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 515, the Board of Township Trustees desires to continue the Sterling Run Farms Lighting District upon expiration of the contracts for the lighting district; and may award or extend a contract pursuant to 515.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, unless the owners of lots and lands containing in excess of fifty percent of the front feet abutting streets and public ways of the unincorporated district in the township sign a petition for discontinuance of the artificial lighting and file a petition with the township fiscal officer not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of the exiting contract; and

WHEREAS, none of the owners of lots and lands abutting on the streets and public ways of the District has signed a petition for the discontinuance of the artificial lighting in the District and filed such a petition with the Fiscal Officer in accordance with Section 515.081 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

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

SECTION 1.

That the existing contract with Duke Energy be continued with Duke Energy pursuant to the provisions Sections 515.08 and 515.081 of Ohio Revised Code for a period of one year from the date of expiration of said existing contract upon the terms and conditions of this Resolution, and that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute such contract and any documentation required in connection therewith on behalf of the Township subject to review by legal counsel.

SECTION 2.

That the costs of the artificial lighting of the District as heretofore provided in the total amount of \$33,688.32 be and hereby are specially assessed against the real estate bounding and abutting upon the streets or public ways so lighted and the benefiting lots in the District in accordance with Section 515.08 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that the assessments shall be payable in equal semi-annual installments over a period of one year.

SECTION 3.

That special assessments for the aforesaid lighting improvements in the amount of \$33,688.32 in contracted payments to Duke Energy at the current rate for electricity and maintenance, which equates to \$362.24 per parcel per year (or \$181.12 per parcel per semiannual assessment), are hereby levied and assessed upon the lots and lands located within the District, which assessments are in accordance with the benefits which will result to the real property charged herewith, and when collected such assessments shall be deposited to a special fund for the District from which the cost and expenses of furnishing and maintaining such lights, and of the proceedings in relation thereto, shall be paid.

SECTION 4.

That the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution and of said assessments levied hereby to Duke Energy and to the Hamilton County Auditor, and said Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to place said special assessments upon the tax duplicate to be paid and collected in the same manner and at the same times that taxes are paid and collected.

SECTION 5.

That Duke Energy be and hereby is authorized and directed to provide the services described in this Resolution.

SECTION 6.

That the preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution.

SECTION 7.

The requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days is hereby waived.

SECTION 8.

This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

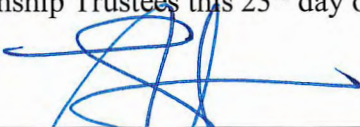
SECTION 9.

That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

VOTE RECORD:

Mr. Kellums Assbt Ms. Schwegmann Ans Mr. Weidman Ans

PASSED at the meeting of the Board of Township Trustees this 23rd day of September 2025.



Tracy Schweegmann, Chairman

Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chairman

Absent

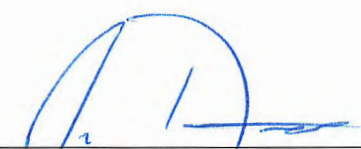
Tracy Kellums, Trustee

CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned, duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township on the 23rd day of September 2025, together with a true record of the roll call vote thereon, and that said Resolution has been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

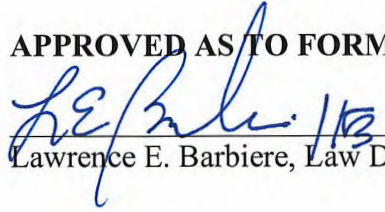
The undersigned, duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Sycamore Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio, hereby certifies that the moneys required to meet the obligations of the Township during the year 2025 under the attached contract or order (or, if this is a continuing contract, to be performed in whole or in part in an ensuing fiscal year, the amount required to meet the obligation in the fiscal year in which the contract is made) have been lawfully appropriated by the Board of Township Trustees on the Township for such purpose and are in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances. This certificate is given in compliance with Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44, Ohio Revised Code.

This 23rd day of September 2025.



Jonathan T. Deters
Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lawrence E. Barbieri, Law Director

RECEIPT OF RESOLUTION

Receipt of a certified copy of the foregoing Resolution is hereby acknowledged by the Hamilton County Auditor.

HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR

By: _____

Date: _____