

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 095**

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO  
SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO JANSSEN / JOHNSON & JOHNSON  
PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND  
CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DISPENSING WITH A SECOND READING AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS,** Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (“Township”) is a limited home rule township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS,** The people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS,** The State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and the Township has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

**WHEREAS,** The MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Township Trustees for the Township understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potential effectuation of an earlier resolution rearding the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

**WHEREAS,** Nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

**WHEREAS,** A settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Janssen / Johnson & Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Township Trustees for the Township wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement with the Settling Distributors (the "Proposed Settlement");

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

**SECTION 1.** The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to accept the Janssen / Johnson & Johnson-related Proposed Settlement on behalf of the Township Board of Trustees, pursuant to the same terms and conditions of the OneOhio MOU previously adopted and herein reaffirmed.

**SECTION 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

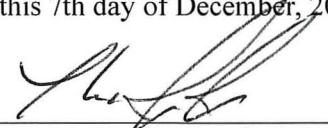
**SECTION 3.** The Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township upon at least a majority vote do hereby dispense with any requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorize the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the Township. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

**VOTE RECORD:**

Mr. James Y      Mr. LaBarbara Y      Mr. Weidman Y

**PASSED** at the meeting of the Board of Trustees this 7th day of December, 2021.

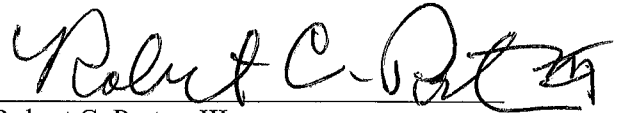
  
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Thomas C. James, Jr., Chairman

  
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Jim LaBarbara, Vice Chairman

  
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Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

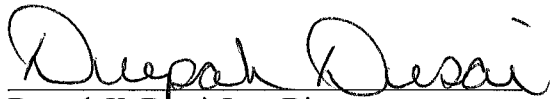
**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed, and filed with the Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer, this 7th day of December, 2021.



Robert C. Porter, III  
Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Deepak K. Desai, Law Director