

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

BACKGROUND

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, Blendon 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. _____, 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:

Senior Center - roof, van, bus replacement

Service Department - Reno & complex drainage, catch basin repairs, parks & trail improvement, additional cameras

Police - 2 cruisers plus equipment, new camera system

(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.