

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP, OHIO**  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-21**

**AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO  
THE SUSTAINABLE OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (“SOPEC”),  
THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AGREEMENT  
ESTABLISHING SOPEC, AND APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF SOPEC.**

**WHEREAS**, Blendon Township, Ohio (the “Township”) previously enacted legislation authorizing the Township to establish an opt-out electric aggregation program, pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Electric Aggregation Program”), for the residents, businesses, and other eligible electric consumers located within the Township, and for that purpose, to act jointly with any other village, city, township, municipal corporation, county, or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township also previously enacted legislation authorizing the Township to establish an opt-out natural gas aggregation program, pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Natural Gas Aggregation Program”) for the residents, businesses, and other eligible natural gas consumers located within the Township, and for that purpose, to act jointly with any other village, city, township, municipal corporation, county, or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, by joining the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council) (“SOPEC”), the Township will be able to act jointly with other members of political subdivisions and thereby maximize the potential benefit of electric and natural gas deregulation through group purchasing efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF BLENDON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Blendon Township Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township, including the electric and natural gas consumers located within the Township, to join SOPEC and to adopt the SOPEC Bylaws, for the purpose of establishing and implementing the Electric Aggregation Program and Natural Gas Aggregation Program within the Township.

**SECTION 2.** The Administrator of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Agreement Establishing the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council) (the “SOPEC Agreement”). The SOPEC Agreement shall be substantially in the form presented to this Blendon Township Board of Trustees and on file with the Clerk, subject to such changes, insertions, and omissions that are consistent with this Resolution and are not substantially adverse to the Township and as may be approved by the Administrator, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the SOPEC Agreement.

**SECTION 3.** The Blendon Township Board of Trustees hereby approves and adopts the Bylaws of SOPEC in the form attached to the SOPEC Agreement.


**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Blendon Township Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in open meetings of this Blendon Township Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Blendon Township Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including the Township's Codified Resolutions and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

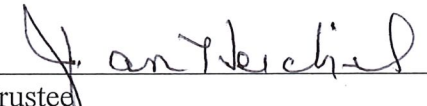
**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted: 6/18/24

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BLENDON TOWNSHIP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

ATTEST:

  
Fiscal Officer

  
Trustee

  
Trustee

  
Trustee