

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 21-167

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE
ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF
THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the Law Director to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with Janssen/Johnson&Johnson pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio (herein “Municipality”) is a 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 Companies 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 Fairfield 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 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 a potential effectuation of an earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; 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 Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with the Proposed Settlement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

SECTION 1: That the Board hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement on behalf of Fairfield Township, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the residents of Fairfield Township. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

SECTION 3: The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 4: This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

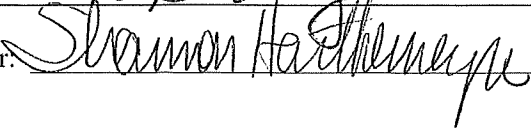
SECTION 5: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: December 8, 2021

Board of Trustees

Susan Berding: 

Shannon Hartkemeyer: 

Joe McAbee: _____

Vote of Trustees

yes

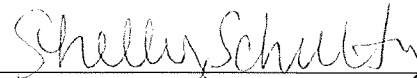
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AUTHENTICATION

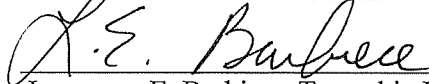
This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 7th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:



Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lawrence E. Barbieri, Township Law Director