

RESOLUTION NO. 100816.05

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 344 AND SENATE BILL 228 LIMITING RECOVERY OF RATE-CASE EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN WATER WORKS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM COMPANIES**

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, the residents of the Timberbrook subdivision in Norwich Township have been subjected to excessive water and sewer rate increases in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Goyal and Harris have proposed HB 344 and Senators Goodman and Hughes have proposed SB 228, which are bills that limit the recovery of rate-case expenses from consumers for certain water works and sewage disposal system companies; and

WHEREAS, the bills would put reasonable limits on the fees privately owned waterworks and sewage disposal companies may charge their customers for rate-case expenses; and

WHEREAS, the bills represent an important effort to keep water and sewer rates reasonable for economic development and create communities that are affordable to live in; and

WHEREAS, current law allows water works and sewage disposal companies to pass on one hundred percent (100%) of their rate-case expenses including legal fees, research costs, rate-related study costs, and more; and

WHEREAS, HB 344 and SB 228 apply only to companies who serve 15,000 or more customers; and

WHEREAS, the bills would involve approximately 145,000 Ohio customers receiving water and sewage disposal services from companies which would be affected by these bills; and

WHEREAS, Ohio American Water, which serves the Timberbrook subdivision, would be one of the companies affected by these bills; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Timberbrook subdivision in Norwich Township would be positively impacted by passage of either HB 344 or SB 228.

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the board of Trustees of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the following Resolution be and is hereby adopted:


1. That the Board hereby expresses its support for HB 344 and SB 228 on the basis that the legislation will put reasonable limits on rate-case expenses that can be passed onto the consumer.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the House Utilities Committee, the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, Senator Hughes, Representative Grossman, the General Assembly leadership, Governor Strickland, and the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
3. That the Chair is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
4. That the Board finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of the Board.

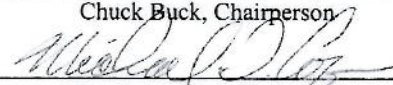
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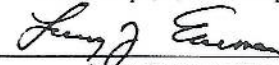
Adopted: August 16, 2010

Attest and Certified

  
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Jamie Miles, Township Fiscal Officer

  
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Mike Cope, Vice-Chairperson

  
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Larry Earman, Trustee