

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

RESOLUTION introduced by Mr. Hunt.

WHEREAS, the residents of Sagamore Hills Township have been subjected to excessive rate increases for water and sewer in recent years; and,

WHEREAS, Representatives Goyal and Harris have proposed House Bill 344 and Senators Goodman and Hughes have proposed Senate Bill 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 publicly owned water works 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 to 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, House Bill 344 and Senate Bill 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, Aqua, Ohio serves Sagamore Hills Township affected by these bills; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Sagamore Hills Township are positively impacted by passage of House Bill 344 and Senate Bill 228.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Sagamore Hills Township, Summit County, Ohio that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

- 1. That Sagamore Hills Township hereby expresses its support for House Bill 344 and Senate Bill 228 on the basis that the legislation will put reasonable limits on rate-case expenses that can be passed on to consumers**
- 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee, the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, the Senator and Representative representing Sagamore Hills Township, the General Assembly leadership, Governor Strickland, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.**
- 3. That the Chair of such body that has supported passage of this resolution 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 Sagamore Hills Township finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings.

RESOLUTION seconded by Chair Barrett.

Being called for adoption; the Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Richard H. Barrett, aye. 
Richard H. Barrett,
Chair

Rose Mary Snell, aye. 
Rose Mary Snell,
Vice Chair

James P. Hunt, aye. 
James P. Hunt
Trustee

Attest:


Scott Gale, Fiscal Officer