

RESOLUTION 2016-17

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF RECENTLY ANNEXED PARCELS FROM THE BLENDON-WESTERVILLE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, former Ohio Revised Code Section 715.691 authorized a municipal corporation and a township to enter into a joint economic development zone contract; and,

WHEREAS, in November 2012, Blendon Township residents voted to create the Blendon-Westerville Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ). The zone includes hundreds of businesses in Blendon Township. The businesses and employees at each business will pay a 2% income tax to the Blendon-Westerville JEDZ Board of Directors, a portion of which is and will be used by the Blendon Township Trustees to fund economic development projects in and around the zone; and,

WHEREAS, the Blendon-Westerville Joint Economic Development Zone includes the former Minerva Lake Golf Course property in anticipation of possible commercial redevelopment opportunities and the attendant income tax from the employees and businesses: and,

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2015, members of Council of the Village of Minerva Park passed Resolution 2015-37, a resolution specifying the municipal services (police, fire, sanitary sewer, and water) to be furnished to 102 acres more or less, which is pending annexation to the Village of Minerva Park; and,

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2016, members of Council of the Village of Minerva Park passed Ordinance 01-2016, accepting the annexation of a 99.2 +/- acres, more or less, to the Village of Minerva Park, and zoning the property for residential and educational development; and,

WHEREAS, the Blendon-Westerville JEDZ now includes parcels recently annexed into the Village of Minerva Park which are also subject to the Village's 2% income tax rate, including parcels: 110-000006-00; 110-000480-00; 110-000802-00; and 110-001051-00; and,

WHEREAS, On April 11, 2016, members of Council of the Village of Minerva Park unanimously agreed, by motion, that persons or businesses within the above-mentioned parcels would be subject to a combined JEDZ and Village effective income tax rate of 4% and will face undue economic hardship; and,

WHEREAS, Section 6.3 of the Blendon-Westerville JEDZ contract dated August 1, 2012 states as follows: "*Any real property located within the JEDZ may be removed from the JEDZ pursuant to a written amendment duly authorized by the City and Township.*"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, OHIO THAT:

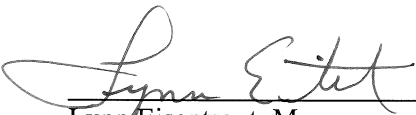
Section 1. Council hereby respectfully requests removal of the above-mentioned parcels from the Blendon-Westerville JEDZ and directs the Solicitor for the Village to present this request to the Blendon-Westerville JEDZ Board of Directors, City Council of the City of Westerville, and the Board of Trustees of the Township of Blendon, for their approval.

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Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 3. All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

Section 4. Council declares this to be an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Minerva Park; such emergency arising out of the immediate need begin negotiations to remove the partials from the JEDZ. Wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and shall be in force immediately upon passage by Council.



Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

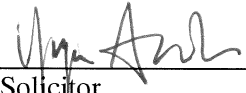
First Reading: June 13, 2016
Second Reading: June 27, 2016
Third Reading: July 11, 2016
Passed: July 11, 2016

ATTEST



Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Solicitor