

A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG

RESOLUTION: 944-23

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG OHIO FROM THE INHERENT DANGERS OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT ON THE TRACKS LOCATED NEAR OUT VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsburg has commercial train tracks located throughout the Village and

WHEREAS, certain train operators operate on our train tracks, twenty-four (24) hours of the day, seven (7) days of the week, known commonly as Amtrak, BNSF Railway, Canadian National Railway, CSX Transportation, Kansas City Southern Railway, Norfolk Southern Railway, Union Pacific Railway as well as other lines and

WHEREAS, railway derailments have occurred twice in the State of Ohio in the last 40 days and said incidents have caused and will continue to cause significant medical issues to the residents of the communities where the incidents occurred and the incidents caused and will continue to cause serious damage to the infrastructure located at/near the site of the derailments and said incidents have caused and will continue to cause serious damage to the ecosystems at/near the site, and

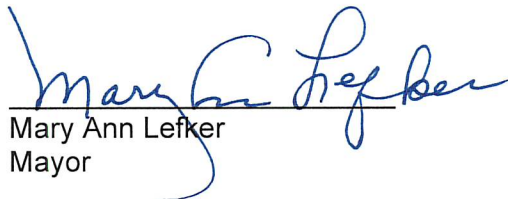
WHEREAS, further regulation of train operators operating in the Village of Williamsburg, relating to the tracks, rail cars, and employees is needed to provide the citizens throughout the State of Ohio with enhanced protection from injury and damage due to any future train derailments,

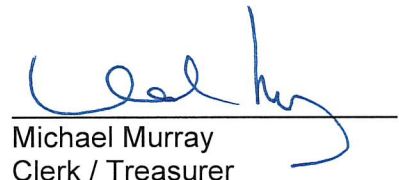
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Williamsburg, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The Council of the Village of Williamsburg finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Village to pass a resolution urging the Legislative Branches of the Federal Government as well as the State of Ohio to enact legislation to further protect our citizens from the inherent dangers of train tracks located in or near the Village;

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committee that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said Village and provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.


Mary Ann Lefker
Mayor


Michael Murray
Clerk / Treasurer

6-9-23

Date Approved