



## Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

### Board of Township Trustees Special Meeting May 19, 2023

#### Agenda for the Meeting

1. Call to Order: Jeff Buddo, Presiding
2. Roll Call: Township Fiscal Officer/Clerk- Gregory L. Sullivan
3. Health Insurance Discussion/ Resolution No. 27-23.
4. Approve Contract Architectural Services Resolution No. 28-23
5. Training Discussion
6. Vacation Schedule
7. Recently Announced Special Election August 8, 2023/ Consider Changing August 9th Board Meeting
8. Other

**Presentation:** Mr. Henry discussed health care insurance options and costs. In addition to considering a renewal from Anthem, four other companies were examined. Wichert Insurance reviewed all proposals and suggested the best option given our circumstance, was to renew with Anthem despite the increase of 21% in premium. The other proposals were similar with higher deductibles. The Board asked several questions about deductibles and costs as well as expressing concern about possible disruption in coverages with changes. In general, the best proposal for the Township appeared to be to Renew the Anthem contract. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No.27-23 renewing a contract with Anthem for health insurance starting July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buddo. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes. Questions presented for legal review regarding other options outside traditional coverage have not been answered as of this date.

**Resolution No. 27-23**

**Approving Health Insurance Renewal Contract with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**

*Whereas*, it is in the best interest of the Township to provide employee group health insurance that offers satisfactory health care and prescription drug coverage at affordable rates to maintain a competitive work force; and

*Whereas*, the Township’s Broker, Wichert Insurance Agency, and the Township Administrator have been reviewing options for this insurance due to the current contract expiration date is June 30, 2023 with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, the current carrier as well as other insurance carriers, that the plan and level of insurance the Township has had for three contract years; and,

*Whereas*, a general review took place exploring options that may benefit the Township as well as options for renewal with Anthem, which resulted in a recommendation from Wichert Insurance Company, the Township's broker agent, recommending renewal with Anthem; and,

Whereas, the proposed renewal option and Anthem quote were reviewed with the Board of Trustees in May 19, 2023 and,

*Whereas*, the Board of Trustees provided direction to secure at least equal to the current coverage and look for ways to reduce premiums if possible serving the best interests of the Township in order to maintain a competitive work force; and,

***Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio***

***Section I.*** Resolution No. 27-23 is hereby approved authorizing a health insurance contract with RX with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield Gold Access PPO 1000 to cover eligible Hanover Township Employees for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for an annual premium dependent upon final enrollment of \$16,769.44 monthly premium which represents an increase in annual premium of 21%.over the current year, which is considered acceptable given comparison with other jurisdictional rates, insurance companies and condition of the economy.

***Section II.*** The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute contract documents in behalf of the Township and the Fiscal Officer is authorized to make premium payments as part of this contract.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 19th day of May 2023.

***Board of Trustees***

***Vote***

***Attest:***

Jeff Buddo  
Douglas L. Johnson  
Larry Miller

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Gregory L. Sullivan  
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

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**Architectural Services:**

Based upon the interviews and discussion held with Luminaut and McGill Smith Punshon Architectural firms on May 11, 2023, the Board has determined a firm to handle various Township projects. Both firms were well qualified and familiar with the Township area. A decision has been reached and Luminaut is the preferred architectural firm. Therefore, Mr. Miller made a motion to

approve Resolution No. 28-23 which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.



**Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio**

**Resolution No. 28-23**

**Approve and Authorize the Execution of Documents Concerning Retaining Architectural Services for Township Projects**

*Whereas*, Hanover Township established a summary of projects requiring engineer or architectural advise and services in February 2023; and

*Whereas*, Hanover Township Administration accepted recommendations to contact in regard to the aforementioned services; and

*Whereas*, a list of 9 firms were contacted but only two responded with an interest in working with the Township on the projects identified in the summary listing of projects; and

Whereas, after consultation with legal counsel, the Township wishes to pursue the development of a competitive "Design-Build" performance specs for the projects identified,

***Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio***

***Section I.*** That Hanover Township hereby approves the retaining of professional architectural services with the Luminaut Company 1100 Sycamore Street Suite 200 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 as outlined in the attachment hereto.

***Section II.*** That the Township Administrator is authorized to sign all documents related to the contracting for the aforementioned services.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 19th day of May 2023.

***Board of Trustees***

***Vote***

***Attest:***

Jeff Buddo

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Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

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**Training Options Payments**

Mr. Henry reviewed possible training reimbursements for new recruits to the Fire Department. The Board wished to review this matter further based upon the budget constraints in place.

**Special Election August 8th**

There will be a statewide election the day before the Township meeting. The community center serves as a precinct voting site. Election equipment may still be in the meeting room when the meeting takes place. Questions posed: Does the board want to change the meeting date. The consensus was to met as schedule.

No further action taken. Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

**May 19, 2023 Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:**

*Jeff Buddo, President:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Douglas L. Johnson, Vice President:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Larry Miller, Trustee:* \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

6/14/2023

*Verified by: Greg Sullivan, Fiscal Officer:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Gregory L. Sullivan*