

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-2024**

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### **Resolution Declaring and Renewing the Method of Apportioning and Paying the Compensation, Damages, and Costs of the Maintenance for the Landscape and Beautification Improvements for the Union Centre Road District – Interchange and Boulevard Landscape Improvement and Maintenance**

**WHEREAS**, the West Chester Township Board of Trustees is permitted by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §5573.21 to create and include portions of an unincorporated area into a road district for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing, or improving the public roads within such district; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2004, the West Chester Board of Trustees approved the creation of the Union Centre Road District – Interchange and Boulevard Landscape Improvement and Maintenance and its boundaries, then subsequently renewed the district on July 22, 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of improving or maintaining any road district, the West Chester Township Board of Trustees may provide for landscape and beautification improvements and maintenance projects along the road as provided in Ohio Revised Code §5571.10 and provide for the cost of the improvements and projects by any method provided in ORC §5573.07, namely section (A) assessed against the real estate; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2004, the West Chester Board of Trustees determined properties within the boundaries of the aforementioned district were determined to benefit from the landscape and beautification improvements along roadways in the District, especially along Union Centre Boulevard and at the Union Centre Interchange, then subsequently renewed on July 22, 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, the properties have been assessed apportioned costs first applied in September 2004 on a semiannual basis for the last ten (10) years then renewed on September 2014 for another 10 years to maintain the landscape and beautification improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain the landscape and beautification improvements and preserve the economic vitality and marketability of Union Centre, the West Chester Board of Trustees contemplated the need to extend the method of apportioning and paying the compensation, damages, and costs for the landscape and beautification improvements and maintenance and conducted a public hearing on May 28, 2024 to accept comments from affected property owners; and,

**WHEREAS**, after contemplating the proposed cost to continue the maintenance of the landscape and beautification improvements, after identifying the continued maintenance of the landscape and beautification improvements preserve the economic vitality and marketability of the area, and after receiving comments from affected property owners, the West Chester Board of Trustees declares the necessity to renew the method of apportioning and paying the compensation, damages, and costs for the landscape and beautification improvements and maintenance for the Union Centre Road District – Interchange and Boulevard Landscape Improvement and Maintenance for the public convenience and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the West Chester Township Board of Trustees does hereby agree to:

**SECTION 1.** Declare the continued necessity for the Union Centre Road District – Interchange and Boulevard Landscape Improvement and Maintenance, as illustrated in attached Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2.** Declare and renew the method of apportioning and paying the compensation, damages, and costs of the maintenance for the landscape and beautification improvements to preserve the economic vitality and marketability of Union Centre for the public convenience and welfare.

**SECTION 3.** Approve and authorize the apportionment of said district improvement and maintenance costs, as presented in attached Exhibit B, pursuant to ORC §5573.07 to §5573.10 that shall be applied to the affected real estate which may change from year to year.

**SECTION 4.** Authorize the certification of said assessment for applicable real estate to the Butler County Auditor pursuant to ORC §5573.11, payable in not more than twenty (20) semiannual installments, extending over a period of not more than ten (10) years.

**SECTION 5.** Conduct a public hearing at a majority of the Board's discretion to present and consider amending the method of apportionment of said district improvement and maintenance costs to be applied to the affected real estate adopted with this Resolution. Amending the method of apportionment adopted with this Resolution shall require unanimous approval by the Board to modify. If unanimous approval is not reached, the apportionment formula shall default to the formula certified for Collection Year 2025.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2024.

  
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Lee Wong, Chair

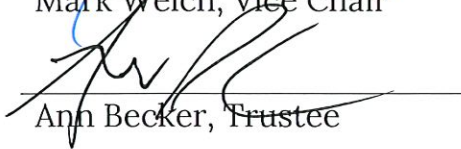
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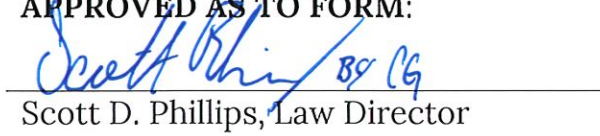
**ATTEST:**

  
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Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

  
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Ann Becker, Trustee

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Scott D. Phillips, Law Director