

RESOLUTION NO. 07 - 2011

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED COOPERATIVE USE AGREEMENT AND THE CULTURAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING AGREEMENT AND APPROVING ANY OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES (“TOWNSHIP”) AND THE STATE OF OHIO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE OHIO CULTURAL FACILITIES COMMISSION (“COMMISSION”) FOR ELIGIBLE REIMBURSEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ASSOCIATED WITH REHABILITATION OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA NATIONAL MUSEUM OF BROADCASTING IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS ATTACHED AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENTS AND MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IF NECESSARY AND AUTHORIZING ANY OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT AND EXECUTE THE ACTIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the federal government in 1995 decommissioned the Voice of America Bethany Station and transferred ownership of the building and surrounding 22 acres and approximately 330 additional acres for historic monument purposes and community park and recreational uses, respectively, to West Chester Township; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 258 acres of the Voice of America Park with the approval of the National Park Service, was transferred in 2008 to the Board of Park Commissioners of MetroParks of Butler County (“MetroParks”), to be managed for the public good, operated and maintained by MetroParks as a unit of the county park district; however, West Chester retained ownership until completion of recreational facilities at the park; and,

WHEREAS, the Bethany transmitting facility in West Chester Township served the United States for more than 50 years in the delivery of truthful news to people around the world suffering under the authority of oppression; and,

WHEREAS, the Voice of America tells the story of America’s fight to preserve democracy and to promote the sharing of ideas through cultural awareness, and the Bethany Station is a symbol of that message; and,

WHEREAS, the building has been accepted on The National Register of Historic Places and the West Chester Township Board of Trustees is committed to protecting this valuable cultural resource for the community and the region; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans Voice of America, Voice of America National Museum of Broadcasting Board, Gray History of Wireless Museum, Media Heritage, Inc. and West Chester Amateur Radio Association have partnered with West Chester Township to preserve the historic building and develop a museum recognizing the facility’s significance and the significance of radio communications in our country; and,

WHEREAS, West Chester Township values the potential of the site as a museum, encourages its development, and appreciates in order to achieve its purpose as a museum, major repairs to the building must be accomplished; and,

WHEREAS, the 127th General Assembly of the State of Ohio approved an appropriation totaling \$500,000 in 2007 through the Ohio Cultural Commission for the rehabilitation of Voice of America Bethany Station and restoration as a cultural resource for the community and region; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of West Chester Township Board of Trustees to enter into the Cooperative Use Agreement, the Cultural Facilities Construction Administration and Funding Agreement, and any other necessary agreements with the Commission in conjunction with the funding, eligible reimbursement, and governance of the rehabilitation of the Voice of America National Museum of Broadcasting for Phase II, exterior block rehabilitation and roof replacement.

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

SECTION 1. Authorize the Township Administrator to submit to the Commission the previously approved Agreements in substantially the same form as attached and to execute said Agreements and make non-substantive changes if necessary, with Law Director approval.

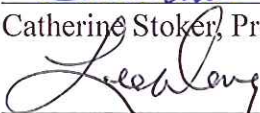
SECTION 2. Authorize and direct the Township Administrator to do, or cause to be done, all such acts and actions and to execute and to deliver or cause to be executed or delivered said Agreements and all such other agreements, documents, instruments or certificates, in the name and on behalf of the West Chester Township Board of Trustees, as the Township Administrator may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

SECTION 3. Attest necessary funding has been appropriated from the General Fund in 2011 to cover applicable costs for the rehabilitation of the Voice of America National Museum of Broadcasting for Phase II with the intention eligible reimbursement shall be forthcoming from the Commission and the value of the facility will be used as local match per guidelines from the Commission.


Adopted this 12th day of April, 2011.


Catherine Stoker, President

YES
Yes / No


Lee Wong, Vice President

YES
Yes / No


George Lang, Trustee

YES
Yes / No

ATTEST:



Patricia Williams, Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Donald L. Crain, Law Director