

## **RESOLUTION G2018-80**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 602, THE “CLEAN WATER FAIR PRICING ACT”**

**WHEREAS**, for years Ohio townships have been at the mercy of municipalities in the provision of water and sewer services for township residents and businesses as current state law allows municipalities to charge any amount for the provision of water and sewer services outside of the municipality or require annexation in order to obtain water and sewer services; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities often receive millions of dollars in funding from the state taxpayers, including taxpayers and businesses residing in townships, in the form of Ohio Public Works grants and Ohio Water Development Authority loans, using those sources of taxpayer dollars to build systems that charge a higher price to township residents and businesses or force annexations in order to receive water and sewer services; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 602, known as the Clean Water Fair Pricing Act, would require municipalities that accept stated funding for its water or sewer systems to charge the same rates to every user in similar circumstances and to halt the requirement of annexation for connection to the systems; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 602 would protect residents in townships from being overcharged for water and/or sewer services and would protect township territories from being forced to annex to a municipality simply to obtain water and sewer services; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 602 is fundamentally fair in that it protects the interests of municipalities in their water and sewer systems while protecting township residents and businesses from predatory pricing and forced annexations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio:

**Section 1.** The Board fully and completely expresses its support for House Bill 602 and urges Ohio House Speaker Ryan Smith and Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof and every member of the Ohio General Assembly to pass House Bill 602.

**Section 2.** The Board urges all township residents and businesses to contact their state senator and state representative to express their support for House Bill 602.

**Section 3.** Upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

**Section 4.** It is hereby certified that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of the Board were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**ADOPTED NOVEMBER 6, 2018 – RESOLUTION G2018-80**

Vote Record: Mr. Bryant \_\_\_\_ Mr. Beck \_\_\_\_ Ms. Leis \_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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**ATTEST:**

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Carol A. Sims, Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Kevin McDonough, Law Director