

RESOLUTION G2020-85

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN
A CONTRACT WITH CINCINNATI BELL FOR ADDITIONAL INTERNET
SERVICES IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$45,300.00 FOR A TERM OF 60
MONTHS**

WHEREAS, the Township has the need to live stream and/or provide zoom meetings for the township meetings and any other township employee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees have determined that the internet needs to be updated to provide better communication amongst all the employees and the public as the service currently being purchased is not fast enough to stream live meetings and handle zoom calls; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Bell currently provides internet and telephone service to the township and all their buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees feel that it is in their best interest to provide clear communication between all the employees, its contractors and to the residents through improved speeds for the internet connection; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has reviewed this cost and finds that it is a reasonable expense and will increase our communications between township buildings and with the community; and

WHEREAS, Symmes Township participates in the Ohio State Term Contract program therefore the Township would not be required to bid out the equipment or service to multiple vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Township Trustees have agreed to update the telephone and internet services and contract with Cincinnati Bell to provide those services.

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

Section 1. The Symmes Township Trustees hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to sign a contract with Cincinnati Bell for Increased Internet Services in an amount not to exceed \$45,300.00 for a five-year period.

Section 2. The funds for this shall be allocated from the CARES ACT Fund (#14L).

Section 3. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to make payment to Cincinnati Bell in an amount of \$45,300.00 for a one-time cost upon receipt of the invoice which shall be paid from the CARES ACT Fund (#14L).

Section 4. 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 5. Finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committee that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED OCTOBER 6, 2020 – RESOLUTION G2020-85

Vote Record: Ms. Leis ____ Mr. Bryant ____ Mr. Beck ____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Jodie L. Leis, President

Kenneth N. Bryant, Vice President

Philip J. Beck, Trustee

ATTEST:

Joseph C. Grossi, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff Forbes, Law Director