

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-355

First Reading Passage Requested

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(H. Swindell)

3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE November 27, 2023

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **A Resolution authorizing an advance disbursement of Surface Water Management District**
8 **Participating Community Allocation Grant Funds, in an amount not to exceed \$97,500.00**
9 **for the purchase of Parcel No. 5109057, consisting of a wetland within the Springfield Lake**
10 **drainage area, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, for the Executive and**
11 **the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, Springfield Township launched the Springfield Lake Protection Project (the
14 “Project”) in order to facilitate the acquisition of property to protect springs and wetlands, all of
15 which provide habitat for various Ohio species; and

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17 WHEREAS, as part of the Project, the Township intends to purchase a parcel of Wetland
18 property, identified as Parcel No. 5109057, located on the north side of U.S. 224, in Springfield
19 Township, in Council District 8; and

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21 WHEREAS, with the purchase of this property, the Township intends to prevent activities
22 which would alter the wetlands and streams, thereby protecting water quality, and plans to
23 explore opportunities for ecological enhancements or restoration projects; and

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25 WHEREAS, this Council previously passed 2023-263, declaring the County of Summit’s
26 approval and support for Springfield Township’s Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant
27 Application for the Project; and

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29 WHEREAS, the State did not award the Township grant funding for the Project, and
30 therefore, the Township plans to move forward using alternate funding; and

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32 WHEREAS, Springfield Township has requested an advancement of \$97,500.00 from the
33 Township’s future allocation of Summit County Surface Water Management District
34 Participating Community Allocation Grant Funds in order to assist in the financing of this
35 purchase; and

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37 WHEREAS, the advance of the Participating Community Allocation Grant will be funded
38 from the collection of Surface Water Management District fees that will begin in 2025; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Executive and Engineer find that the acquisition and protection of this
41 property is consistent with the goals of the Summit County Surface Water Management District
42 and recommend the advancement of said grant funding; and

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44 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Summit to support the Project in the
45 furtherance of conservation and preservation of the Project’s property and wetlands; and

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47 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
48 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to advance disbursement of
49 Surface Water Management District Participating Community Allocation Grant Funds to
50 Twinsburg Township for the purchase of Parcel No. 5109057;

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
5 of Ohio, that:

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7 SECTION 1

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9 The Executive is authorized to execute an advance distribution of Summit County Surface
10 Water Management District Participating Community Allocation Grant Funds, in an amount not
11 to exceed \$97,500.00, for the purchase of Parcel No. 5109057 (the "Property"), located in
12 Springfield Township, in Council District 8, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute
13 any other necessary related documents.

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15 SECTION 2

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17 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
18 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
19 approve the aforementioned disbursement in order to finance the purchase of the Property.

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21 SECTION 3

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23 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
24 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
25 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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27 SECTION 4

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29 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
30 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
31 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
32 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
33 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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36 INTRODUCED November 27, 2023

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39 ADOPTED November 27, 2023

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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43 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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45 APPROVED November 27, 2023

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48 EXECUTIVE

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50 ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 28, 2023

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
Absent: DeVitis