



City of Powell, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2018-20

Adopted December 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FIRE-BASED EMS MODEL.

WHEREAS, the City of Powell is located in Liberty Township, Delaware County, Ohio and currently receives Fire and EMS services from the Liberty Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in response to the last levy renewal in 2017, the constituency overwhelmingly supported the Liberty Township Fire/EMS – 74.79% in favor of the levy by Liberty Township residents and 78% in favor of the levy by the residents of the City of Powell.

WHEREAS, each member of Council has a fiduciary duty to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Powell; and

WHEREAS, Council has noted the discussions at the October 1, 2018 Liberty Township Trustee meeting, and the October 29, 2018 and November 26, 2018 discussions of the Delaware County Commissioners meetings regarding a proposal to shift EMS service delivery from the Liberty Township Fire Department to a Delaware County-wide EMS service; and

WHEREAS, at the Delaware County Commissioners meeting on November 26, 2018, the Commissioners approved the submission of a plan to the Liberty Township Trustees to assume EMS service for Liberty Township before a copy of the plan had been drafted for their review and without consulting the Liberty Township Medical Director or others who might be able to add valuable feedback regarding this plan; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Fire Department currently staffs two (2) medic units for the township with three (3) cross-trained firefighter-paramedics per unit, per shift who are able to address EMS and fire-related concerns on each call, and are able to cross-staff Ladder 321 to fight fire in the township depending on EMS call volume; and

WHEREAS, moving to a county-wide EMS service would replace the firefighter-paramedics with two (2) paramedics per medic unit, per shift who would not be able to perform the same cross functional duties that would result in a loss of firefighting capacity and an increase in EMS response times; and

WHEREAS, insurance companies evaluate the level of fire and EMS service and response times in determining rating categories for homeowner's insurance, and the proposed changes could adversely affect the rates of insurance for the residents within the City of Powell and Liberty Township; and

WHEREAS, Council is concerned that a shift from fire-based EMS with cross-trained firefighter paramedics to a countywide paramedic-only EMS service would pose a greater danger than currently exists to the residents of Liberty Township, which includes the residents of the City of Powell, and negatively impact their general health, safety, and welfare; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

City Council

Jon C. Bennehoof, Mayor

Frank Bertone

Tom Counts

Brian Lorenz

Brendan Newcomb

Melissa Riggins

Daniel Swartwout

Section 1: That the Council of the City of Powell strongly objects, opposes, and disapproves of the current proposal to shift EMS service delivery from the Liberty Township Fire Department to the Delaware County-wide service.

Section 2: That the Council of the City of Powell urges all parties to cease transfer of service talks and instead focus efforts to support and continue to improve the current fire-based EMS model in Liberty Township and collaborative model currently in place with the county.

Section 3: That the Council of the City of Powell appreciates, fully supports and expresses its deep gratitude for the staff of the Liberty Township Fire & EMS for its outstanding service and dedication to the residents of the City of Powell and Liberty Township.

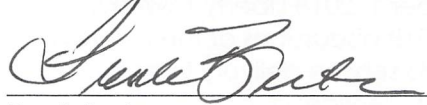
Section 4: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Powell which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings so open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Powell, Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest possible date permitted by law.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2018-20:

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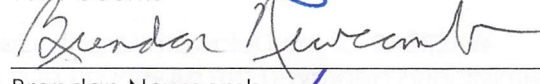
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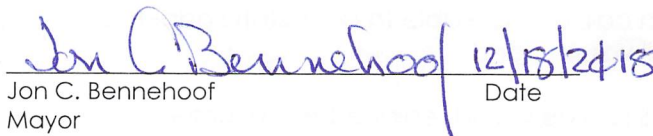
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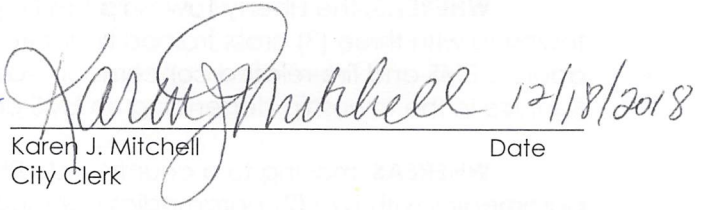


Daniel Swartwout



Jon C. Bennehoof
Mayor

Date



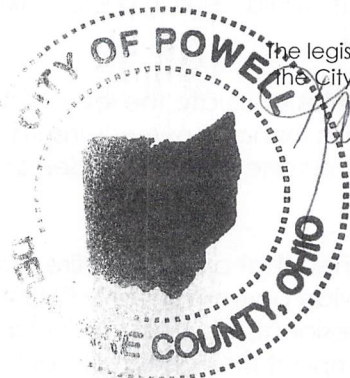
Karen J. Mitchell
City Clerk

Date

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 2018

The legislation has been posted in accordance with the City Charter on this date, 12/18/2018.

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