

The Board of Trustees of Harris Township, County of Ottawa, Ohio, met in regular meeting session at 7:30 pm on May 5, 2025 at the Harris Township Fire Station, Trustees office, 321 Rice Street, Elmore, Ohio, 43416 with the following members present:

Ms. Beverly Haar, Mr. DJ Greenhill, and Mr. Jerry Haar

Ms. Beverly Haar introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 147,
REGARDING OTTAWA, SANDUSKY, SENECA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Harris Township in Ottawa County, Ohio, is committed to the safe and sanitary management of solid waste generated by residents and businesses within the Township; and

WHEREAS, modern municipal solid waste landfills are a regional resource because a single municipal solid waste landfill does not only serve the township or municipality where the landfill is located, but provides essential waste disposal capacity for several counties, municipalities and townships; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to Ohio's policy of reducing the reliance on use of landfills for the management of solid waste as stated in Section 3734.50 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board relies on programs provided by the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Joint Solid Waste Management District ("OSS") to recycle, reduce, reuse and minimize the amount of waste requiring landfill disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board and other Ohio townships also prioritize the cleanup and removal of dilapidated homes and buildings that are a nuisance to the community; and

WHEREAS, townships and municipalities incur significant expenses to dispose of construction and demolition debris resulting from the condemnation and removal of dilapidated homes and buildings; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 147 and House Bill 96 (the biennial budget bill) in their current form, via proposed amendments to Sections 3314.07 and 3734.57 of the Ohio Revised Code, collectively increase the fees levied by Ohio EPA and solid waste management districts on the disposal of construction and demolition debris by \$6.75 per ton, which will substantially increase the cost incurred by townships, municipalities, remodelers, real estate developers and private owners, to remove and dispose construction and demolition debris; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 147, in its current form, encourages Seneca County's withdrawal from OSS so that disposal fees levied on waste disposed at the WIN Waste Innovations landfill located south of Fostoria are paid only to Seneca County instead of being shared between Ottawa County, Sandusky County and

Seneca County which comprise OSS, and are which are regionally impacted by the WIN Waste landfill; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County's withdrawal from OSS will force Ottawa County and Sandusky County to levy fees on their residents and businesses equivalent to approximately \$12 to \$14 on each ton of solid waste generated within their counties in order to continue programs to recycle, reduce, reuse and minimize the amount of waste requiring landfill disposal, as compared to the \$1.50 per ton disposal fee currently levied by OSS on solid waste generated within the District; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 147's increased expense to dispose solid waste and construction and demolition debris that will be incurred by townships, municipalities, residents and businesses in Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, will cause waste generators to avoid the fee increases by improperly accumulating waste or disposing waste through illegal open dumping, thereby creating nuisances and impairing the quality of life for residents and businesses in townships and municipalities in Ottawa and Sandusky Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio, that the Board respectfully opposes the passage of Senate Bill 147 because of the detrimental effects it will impose on the Township, its residents and businesses, as explained in the foregoing recitals foregoing which are incorporated by reference herein.

This Board 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 that resulted in formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to ORC 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force from or after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Greenhill seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Vote Record: Ms. Beverly Haar yes Mr. Greenhill yes Mr. Jerry Haar yes

ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2025

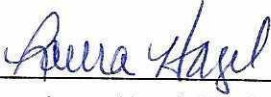
Attest:



Fiscal Officer, Laura Hazel

AUTHENTICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly passed by this Board of Trustees in session May 5, 20²⁵ and filed with the Harris Township Fiscal Officer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Hazel", is written over a horizontal line.

Laura Hazel, Harris Township Fiscal Officer