

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 11, 2019

7:00 p.m.

The Washington Township Trustees met in special session with Powell, Euler and Smith present. Chairman Powell presided. The guests in attendance were Phil Dysard, Craig Spoores and John Heckerman.

Powell stated we are here to discuss and consider a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio revised code, directing the wood county board of elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Phil Dysard from Palmer Energy came on behalf of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). He is here to discuss the Electric Governmental Aggregation Program. He gave a brief overview on how this would benefit Township Residents. The County Commissioners are trying pool all the townships together to have a better advantage on rates. This program does have to go on the ballot and be voted in by Township residents. Essentially the County Commissioners would be the aggregator for this electric program. Powell asked why this was not brought to a vote at a County level. Phil stated there are some Townships that are in a more rural community that are in a REA or Co-op they cannot be in the program. This is for the unincorporated part of the Township therefore; it does not include any Villages. Villages have their own program to participate. Phil stated right now we have Grand Rapids, Troy, Plain, Webster, Weston and Milton Townships already enrolled. Montgomery is putting it on the ballot this March. Phil stated if it passes then we would go out for pricing in the summer. Powell asked what Palmer Energy is in all this. Phil stated Palmer is the independent consultant. They go out for the pricing for the CCAO and then it is looked over by the County Prosecutor line by line. The average household uses 10,000 kw per year, which would be a \$40 yearly savings for an individual with this usage. This program protects the customers from an unexpected increase during the period of the program. The price currently is 4.94 cents per kw, Palmer charges \$0.00045 which is already in the 4.94 cents cost. Powell asked how much Palmer would receive for a yearly 10,000 kw household, \$4.50. This program will save residents money off their electric bill. All the residents that are currently with the utility will be automatically enrolled and if for some reason they want to opt out, they can at no charge. The opt out letter has the term, price and supplier listed. Euler asked what the typical length of a contract. Phil said either 1, 2 or 3 years. Powell asked what is the impact on the people that opt out, would their price double. Phil stated that should not happen because of the PUCO, the price to compare would be the price for the people that are not with the utility. Phil stated Palmer has 26 counties in the CCAO program. Euler asked how many times the Palmer aggregation program has been below Edison or Aep. Phil said he could look into that. The original contract was 6% under for residents and 4% under for small businesses. Powell asked when voters go to vote for the aggregation are they also voting for Palmer. Phil stated the voters are just voting to allow electric government aggregation. Powell asked if we could use another independent consultant, Phil said yes after the agreement is up. Powell asked if the County did not want in the program and we did. Phil said yes the Township could stay on the program. Euler asked how much generation is coming from solar. Phil said he could get those numbers. Phil said Palmer is the independent consultant for the CCAO; he is here on behalf of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Phil stated the program also has commercial program. Powell asked about Commercial Sun Seed business in the Township. This program is for residential and small business. If they were under 750,000 kw hours annually, they would be considered small business. Phil does not know how much Sun Seed uses. Powell asked how long the CCAO and Palmer been together, Phil stated since 2010 when the deregulation program started. Euler asked when you are going out for numbers is it county based or bigger. Phil stated it is county based. Euler asked if he seen better pricing with more Townships, Phil stated he has seen better pricing with more households involved. Powell asked Craig and John, in their opinion, is there a reason for the Township Trustees to not join the program. They both did not have a reason not to join the program. John said it seems like a lot of work for just a few dollars of savings a month. Smith stated it is nothing more than a buying group buying in volumes to get residents a savings. Phil stated the people that are currently with another utility would not be automatically enrolled. Powell stated that is why we are having two public hearings to spread the word out to the community. Trustees decided to put the information in the newspaper, on their webpage and ask Williamsburg to inform their residents on their Facebook page.

Smith made a motion to authorize all actions necessary to effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio revised code, directing the wood county board of elections to submit a ballot question to the electors for the upcoming spring election, Euler seconded. Roll Call: Smith – yes, Euler – yes, Powell – yes. Motion Approved.

Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

[Handwritten signatures of Powell, Euler, and Smith]

Approved by: *[Handwritten signature: Kristel Beyer]*