

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

RESOLUTION NO.: 19-031

Introduced By:

Motion By: SAUER

Seconded By: STRAH

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING OHIO HOUSE BILL 6 AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Grafton has partnered with other municipal electric systems to invest in traditional and renewable energy projects in Ohio and the region to supply its customers with cost-effective, reliable power; and

WHEREAS, legislation – House Bill 6 (HB 6) – is currently pending in the Ohio House of Representatives, which would effectively replace the Ohio Renewable Portfolio Standard that incentivizes all renewable energy generation with the new “Ohio Clean Air Program” to provide subsidies to certain electric generating facilities; and

WHEREAS, HB 6 fails to recognize municipal electric communities for their significant investments in zero-emission and low-emission energy projects; and

WHEREAS, HB 6 specifically excludes generating assets owned by, or providing power to, municipal electric systems from being eligible to apply for funds through the Ohio Clean Air Program; and

WHEREAS, HB 6 impacts the wholesale energy and capacity markets in PJM by subsidizing a limited set of generating assets with out of market payments; and

WHEREAS, changes to the renewable portfolio standard as proposed in HB 6 will devalue renewable energy credits produced by renewable energy projects, including zero-carbon emission projects; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Municipal Electric Association and American Municipal Power, Inc., both of which Grafton is a member, have submitted amendments that would reduce the overall impact of the legislation on the Grafton community and Grafton's customers; and

WHEREAS, those above-referenced proposed amendments have not been included in any version of HB 6.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Grafton, County of Lorain, and State of Ohio:

1. That, the Village of Grafton opposes Ohio House Bill 6, and any legislation that would unduly discriminate against zero-carbon emission; reduced-carbon emission; and, renewable generation resources owned by or serving municipal electric customers, by subsidizing similarly-situated generation resources.
2. That, the Village of Grafton opposes Ohio House Bill 6 and any legislation that would devalue the Ohio Renewable Portfolio Standard that incents the continuation of operation as well as the development of new renewable and zero-carbon emissions generation resources in Ohio.
3. That, the Village of Grafton urges its state representative and state senator to oppose this legislation, unless changes are made to mitigate the impact of the bill on the Grafton community and its.
4. That, a copy of this Resolution be sent to Grafton's state representative, state senator and Governor Mike DeWine.
5. That, it is found and determined that all formal actions of Village Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Village Council, and that all deliberations of Village Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.
6. That, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, immediately necessary to oppose House Bill 6 for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Grafton.


Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect as soon as permitted by law after its passage and approval.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

5-21-19

DATE PASSED



MAYOR

5-21-19

DATE APPROVED

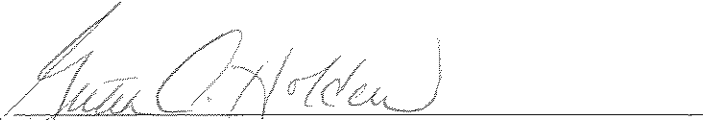


CLERK-TREASURER

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DATE ATTESTED

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:



GRETCHEN HOLDERMAN, DIRECTOR OF LAW

Motion to waive 3 readings: STRAH
Seconded by: SAUER