

POLKTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION #25-01-01

SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE CAMPBELL COAL PLANT

At a regular meeting of the Polkton Township Board, held on January 2, 2025 at 6900 Arthur St., Coopersville, Michigan 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: D.Biller, T.Costigan, C.Langeland, R.Liszewski, B.Meerman, J.Meerman

ABSENT: M.VandenBrink

The following resolution was offered by Liszewski and supported by J.Meerman.

WHEREAS, The Campbell Coal Plant has been a vital part of our community's energy infrastructure for years, providing reliable power and supporting local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the plant contributes significantly to the local economy, employing workers directly and supporting additional jobs in related industries; and

WHEREAS, The Campbell Coal Plant has implemented various measures to reduce emissions and enhance efficiency, demonstration a commitment to environmental responsibility; and

WHEREAS the plant plays a crucial role in maintaining energy stability and affordability for residents and businesses in the West Michigan Region and

WHEREAS, transitioning away from coal without a clear, viable alternative could jeopardize energy reliability and increase costs for consumers; and

WHEREAS a balanced energy portfolio is essential to meet both current and future energy demands while supporting economic growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polkton Charter Township Board hereby express its support for the continued operation of The Campbell Coal Plant as part of our energy strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polkton Charter Township Board will engage with stakeholders to promote a comprehensive energy plan that includes coal as a component of a diverse and sustainable energy future.

ADOPTED this January 2, 2025, by the Polkton Charter Township Board.

AYES: All Members Attending

NAYS: None

VandenBrink Absent

This resolution is declared adopted and approved this second day of January 2025.

POLKTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

By: Connie Langeland

Connie Langeland

Polkton Charter Township, Clerk

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RESOLUTION #25-01-02

**TO SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL AND CLAIM OF APPEAL
AGAINST MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDER**

At a regular meeting of the Polkton Township Board, held on January 2, 2025 at 6900 Arthur St., Coopersville, Michigan 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: D.Biller, T.Costigan, C.Langeland, R.Liszewski, B.Meerman, J.Meerman

ABSENT: M.VandenBrink

The following resolution was offered by Langeland and supported by Costigan.

WHEREAS, Polkton Charter Township Board supports state policies that maintain and advance local control; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has adopted policies and introduced legislation that attempts to further reduce local control in key areas affecting unique interests in local communities; and

WHEREAS, media reports describe ongoing efforts by interested groups to push for further erosion of local control; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the State of Michigan adopted Public Act 233 of 2023 (“PA233”); and

WHEREAS, only under limited circumstances, PA 233 confers powers and duties to the Public Service Commission (“PSC”) regarding the siting of utility-scale solar energy facilities, wind energy facilities, and energy storage facilities allowing developers to bypass local zoning authorities when proposing qualifying developments; and

WHEREAS, the PSC issued an order on October 10, 2024 (the” Order”) implementing the provisions of Public Act 233 of 2023 (“PA”); and

WHEREAS, the Order attempts to vastly expand the PSC’s limited and enumerated jurisdiction in PA 233 and is both unlawful and unreasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Order is unlawful and unreasonable because, among other reasons: (1) the PSC’s issuance of the Order violates the Administrative Procedures Act, MLC 24.24 et seq., and (2) the Order unlawfully and unreasonably redefines key terms and concepts and creates processes and procedures that violate the Legislature’s expressed and unambiguous intent for local input in the regulation of energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Michigan Municipalities timely filed a claim of appeal from the Order on November 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the window to appeal the Order was merely 30 days, during which conducting a general election and other business contributed to the Townships’ inability to hold a meeting during which it could consider and vote to join the appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports the coalition of Michigan Municipalities in their efforts to protect local control in the regulation of energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township would have joined the appeal if it was able to hold a meeting before the deadline to join; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Polkton Charter Township Board in Ottawa County, Michigan resolves its unequivocal support of local control and the coalition of Michigan Municipalities that have filed an appeal from the Order.

ADOPTED this January 2, 2025, by the Polkton Charter Township Board.

AYES: All Members Attending

NAYS: None

VandenBrink Absent

This resolution is declared adopted and approved this second day of January 2025.

POLKTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

By: Connie Langeland
Connie Langeland
Polkton Charter Township, Clerk