

The Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, met at a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 6, 2024, at Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, with the following Trustees present:

Darryl Cordrey – Trustee, *Chair*
Joseph P. Rozzi – Trustee, *Vice Chair*
Mark Sousa – Trustee

Mr. Cordrey introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-0306A**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE ALL
NECESSARY ACTION TO ADD OHIO TO THE ROLL OF STATES WHICH HAVE
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS TO TRIGGER AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF
STATES**

WHEREAS, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered State Legislators to be guardians of liberty against excessive use of power by the federal government;

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending and this debt is now and will continue to have a negative effect on the people of Hamilton Township;

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to operate under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States and that these actions are overall detrimental to the people of Hamilton Township;

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the States through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent and ultimately must be paid, in part, by residents of Hamilton Township; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Township Trustees of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio calls upon the Ohio General Assembly, especially Senator Steve Wilson and Representative Scott Lipps, to hereby apply to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and Members of Congress of the United States;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application should constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several States have made applications on the same subject;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees call on the Ohio General Assembly, especially Senator Steve Wilson and Representative Scott Lipps, to adopt this resolution expressly subject to reservations, understandings, and declarations, including:

- An application to the Congress of the United States to call a Convention of the States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States confers no power to the Congress other than the power to call such a Convention;
- The power of the Congress of the United States to exercise this ministerial duty consists solely of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of a Convention; the Congress of the United States shall perform its ministerial duty of calling a Convention of the States for proposing amendments only upon the receipt of applications for a Convention of the States for the substantially same purpose as this application from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several States; the Congress of the United States does not have the power or authority to determine any rules for the governing of a Convention of the States for proposing amendments called pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States; the Congress of the United States does not have the power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any State to such a Convention, nor does it have the power to name delegates to such a Convention;
- The power to name delegates remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several States;
- By definition, a Convention of the States means that the States shall vote on the basis of one state, one vote;
- A Convention of the States for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States convened pursuant to this application shall be limited to consideration of the topics specified herein and no other;
- This application should be made with the express understanding that an amendment that in any way seeks to amend, modify, or repeal any provision of the Bill of Rights shall not be authorized for consideration at any stage; this application should be void ab initio if ever used at any stage to consider any change to any provision of the Bill of Rights; pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Congress of the United States may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several States or by special state ratification conventions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees calls on the Ohio General Assembly, especially Senator Steve Wilson and Representative Scott Lipps, to recommend that the Congress of the United States select ratification by the legislatures of the several States; the Ohio General Assembly may provide further instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for a breach of a duty or a violation of the instructions provided.

Mr. Rozzi seconded the Resolution and the following being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mark Sousa –	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph P. Rozzi –	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darryl Cordrey –	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>

Resolution adopted on this 6th day of March 2024.

Attest:


Kurt Weber, *Fiscal Officer*

Approved as to form:


Ben Yoder, *Law Director*

I, Kurt Weber, Fiscal Officer of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 6th, 2024.

Date: 3/6/2024


Kurt Weber, *Fiscal Officer*