

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO**

First Reading _____
Second Reading: dispensed

RESOLUTION NO. 08-259

**RESOLUTION STATING AND EXPLAINING THE POSITION OF THE SYLVANIA
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE PROPOSED MERGER
OF SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP AND SYLVANIA CITY**

**AND
DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING**

WHEREAS, the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees supports continuing dialogue with neighboring jurisdictions regarding matters of shared community interest, and

WHEREAS, the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees supports the right of the citizens to petition the government and the electorate as provided under the laws of the State of Ohio, and as provided in the Ohio Revised Code Section 709.45 (A)

WHEREAS, 30 days before the election of merger commissioners, **four** candidates from Sylvania Township and **six** candidates from Sylvania City constitute the electors nominated to serve as commissioners, and

WHEREAS , the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees **FINDS** the following:

1. The petition of candidacy for merger commissioners is insufficient under the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 709.45 (A), 30 days prior to the election, and
2. The procedure for replacement of a merger commissioner representing Sylvania Township is unclear and ambiguous under the current circumstances, and
3. The merger commission as it exists 30 days before the election does not provide the unincorporated residents of Sylvania Township equal and fair representation, and
4. The merger commission as it is presently structured cannot be supported by the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS , as expressed by residents of both the city of Sylvania and residents of the unincorporated portion of Sylvania Township, the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees **RECOGNIZES** the following:

1. Residents overwhelmingly expressed, through a public forum, letters, phone calls and emails, their lack of interest in any further exploration of merging Sylvania Township with the City of Sylvania; and
2. Residents expressed their favor for and love of the qualities of life unique to township living; and
3. Residents expressed their skepticism of promises to reduce residents' local tax burden.
4. Residents verbally rejected a structure wherein some township residents and businesses would bear a heavier tax burden in order to finance a tax reduction for other residents, including city residents; and
5. Residents expressed satisfaction with the responsive and cost-effective nature of township government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees of Sylvania Township, Lucas County, Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1:

Given the structure of the merger commission as it currently exists and the feedback from residents, the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees **does not endorse** a merger for the Sylvania Township community with the City of Sylvania. Ultimately the decision is up to the residents of both the incorporated and unincorporated jurisdictions and the board urges all residents to become educated and understand the significance of the vote the community faces on November 4, 2008.

SECTION 2:

The Trustees of Sylvania Township upon majority vote do hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorize the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 3:

This resolution shall take effect on **November 2, 2008**, being thirty (30) days following the filing of this Resolution with the Sylvania Township Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 4:

It is hereby determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Township Trustees and that all deliberations of such Board of Trustees were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including O.R.C Section 121.22.

INTRODUCTION AND VOTE RECORD:


Motion:

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 Contrada
 Hanley

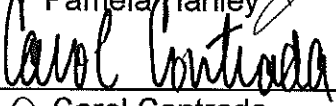
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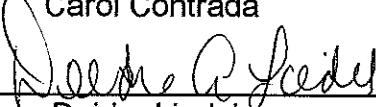
Adopted at the meeting of the Board of Trustees this 3rd day of **October, 2008.**



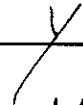
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


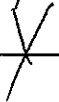
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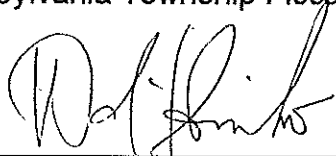






AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees, and filed with the Sylvania Township Fiscal Officer, this 3rd day of October, 2008.



 David J. Simko, Fiscal Officer