

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 23-18

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION TO PREEMPT LOCAL CONTROL FOR THE SITING AND PERMITTING OF UTILITY-SCALE RENEWABLE FACILITIES INCLUDING SOLAR, WIND AND LARGE-SCALE BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Putnam Township, Livingston County, Michigan, held at the Putnam Township Hall, 3280 W. M-36, Pinckney, MI on October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.:

PRESENT: Dennis Brennan, Valerie Niemiec, Patrick Carney, Norman Klein, Sally Guyon, Robert Press, Thomas Chambers

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Brennan and supported by Carney.

WHEREAS Executive Directive 2020-10 proposes to achieve 100% carbon neutrality in the state by 2050; and

WHEREAS, to meet the energy goals and to expand renewable energy projects in Michigan, Gov. Whitmer has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole authority for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable projects, allowing these projects to be expedited; and

WHEREAS, by transferring this sole authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission, local authority will be preempted; and

WHEREAS a township would be unable to determine the number, location, size, setback requirements, site plan approval, fire protection and emergency plan, volume levels, construction traffic routes, decommissioning plan, or any other criteria for such solar, wind or large-scale battery facilities; and

WHEREAS a township ordinance, rule, policy, or requirement currently in place for solar, wind, and large-scale solar facilities would be null and void; and

WHEREAS all other energy facilities regulated by Michigan Public Service Commission must adhere to local zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Townships Association opposes legislation that eliminates local government authority on the siting and permitting of said facilities that will be located in those communities for 20-50 years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Putnam Township opposes legislation that would preempt local control in the siting and permitting of large-scale renewable energy facilities including solar, wind, and large-scale battery storage facilities.


YEAS: Brennan, Niemiec, Carney, Press, Klein, Guyon, Chambers

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON }

I, the undersigned, the duly elected Clerk of Putnam Township, Livingston County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete representation of certain proceedings conducted by the Board of Trustees of said Township at a meeting held on the 18th day of October 2023.



Valerie Niemiec, Putnam Township Clerk