

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.030

RESOLUTION TO URGE GOVERNOR DEWINE AND THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR OPERATING PUBLIC MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Ohio Legislature passed House Bill 197, which includes a provision to “*allow state boards and commissions, local and county governments, and high education boards to operate meetings electronically during the declared emergency but not beyond December 1, 2020, so long as the public is aware and can participate electronically*”; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has experienced a large spike of positive COVID-19 cases recently; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine called the virus a “red tide going all the way across Ohio”, with approximately 29 counties in Ohio currently at Level 3-Very High Risk of Exposure; and

WHEREAS, with the increase of the COVID-19 cases and the deadline of December 1, 2020, quickly approaching, there is an immediate need to address the safety and security of our Ohio communities by extending this deadline; and

WHEREAS, it has been announced that Senator Fedor has introduced SB 365 to extend this deadline, which is a step in the right direction to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of all Ohioans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: This Council and Mayor hereby urges Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Legislature to approve an extension of the operation of public meetings to take place in an electronic setting until the emergency is lifted.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Reilly Hopkins moved the adoption and Chad Hollon seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Bauer-	Yea.
Mr. Brumbaugh-	Yea.
Mr. Gephart-	Yea.
Mr. Hollon-	Yea.
Mr. Hopkins-	Yea.
Mr. Simpson-	Yea.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2020.

John M. Carman

John Carman, Mayor

Jewelie Casteel

Attest: Jewelie Casteel, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer's Certificate:

The State of Ohio, County of Clinton, ss:

I, Jewelie Casteel, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, and in whose custody the Files, Journals, and Records are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file with said Village, that the foregoing Resolution has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and has been posted as required by law. This Resolution has been duly published by posting in the following places: Blanchester Municipal Building, 318 E. Main St.; First National Bank, 121 E. Main St.; Blanchester Post Office, 115 S. Wright St.; Tom's Express Mart, 7529 Fairground Rd.; and at the Blanchester Public Library, 110 N. Broadway St., each for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on the *12th* day of *November*, 2020.

Witness my signature this 12th day of November, 2020.

Jewelie Casteel
Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio

