

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.003

URGING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF OHIO
TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF
BLANCHESTER OHIO FROM THE INHERENT DANGERS OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT ON
THE TRACKS LOCATED AT OR NEAR OUR VILLAGE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Blanchester has commercial train tracks located throughout the village,
and

WHEREAS, certain train operators operate on our train tracks, twenty-four (24) hours of the day,
seven (7) days a week, known commonly as Amtrak, BNSF Railway, Canadian National Railway,
CSX Transportation, Kansas City Southern Railway, Norfolk Southern Railway, Union Pacific
Railroad as well as other lines, and

WHEREAS, railway derailments have occurred twice in the State of Ohio in the past forty (40) days
and said incidents have caused and will continue to cause significant medical issues to the residents
of the communities where the incidents occurred and the incidents caused and will continue to cause
serious damage to the infrastructure located at/near the site of the derailments and said incidents have
caused and will continue to cause serious damage to the ecosystems at/near the site, and

WHEREAS, further regulation of train operators operating in the Village of Blanchester relating to
the tracks, rail cars, and employees is needed to provide the citizens throughout the State of Ohio with
enhanced protection from injury and damage due to any future train derailments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Blanchester, State of
Ohio that:

SECTION 1: The Council of the Village of Blanchester finds that it is in the best interests of
the citizens of the Blanchester to pass a resolution urging the Legislative Branches of the Federal
government as well as the State of Ohio to enact legislation to further protect our citizens from the
inherent dangers of a train tracks located in or near the Village of Blanchester;

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning
and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were
in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said Village of
Blanchester and provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5)

members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Councilman Hopkins moved the adoption and Councilman Gephart seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Brumbaugh Yea

Councilman McCollister Yea

Councilman Garner Yea

Councilman Parks Yea

Councilman Hopkins Yea

Councilman Gephart Yea

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2023.


Mayor John M. Carman

Fiscal Officer's Certificate:
The State of Ohio, County of Clinton, ss:

I Cynthia Vonderhaar 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 now on file with said Village, that the foregoing has been posted as required, has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 9th day of March, 2023.


Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio.



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