

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION #2025-18**

**Resolution Regarding Township Review of Attorney Fee Invoices**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan,  
Held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N Zeeb Road, in said Township on May 13, 2025, at 7 pm.

Members Present: Brant, Reiser, Knol, Yapple, Kerry, Flintoft, Read

Members Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Flintoft and supported by Yapple.

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Kerry has submitted a claim for payment to Scio Township for reimbursement of her attorney fees pursuant to Scio Township Code of Ordinances 2-42 incurred in Case #2024-24F3-0828-FY *State of Michigan v Kerry*; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 2-42 of the Scio Township Code of Ordinances which states "Whenever a criminal action is commenced against a past or present officer or past or present employee of the township based upon the conduct of the officer or employee in the course of employment, if the employee or officer had a reasonable basis for believing that he was acting within the scope of his authority at the time of the alleged conduct, the township shall pay for, engage, or furnish the services of an attorney to advise the officer or employee as to the action and to appear for and represent the officer or employee in the action;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Jillian Kerry is an elected officer of Scio Township, having been elected on November 8, 2022 and taking office on November 20, 2022, and also serves as the Chair of the Scio Township Road Advisory Committee (RAC); and,

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Kerry has been charged with a crime which allegedly occurred during the scope of her duties as a Township Trustee and member of the RAC; the alleged conduct occurring at Township Hall, immediately before a Township meeting, carrying out an authorized responsibility to enable remote meeting access on Township equipment following Township procedures; and,

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Kerry has incurred legal fees as a result of the charges arising from the allegations and has requested reimbursement of past expenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township has already reimbursed Supervisor Kerry \$103,677.25 for reimbursement of the costs of one attorney's services she incurred between December 2023 and October 2024; and a second attorney's services she incurred between June 2024 and October 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, Scio Township must practice fiscal responsibility over its revenues and expenditures; and,

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Kerry has submitted additional claims for payment to Scio Township for reimbursement of the costs of two attorneys' services she incurred from November 2024 through March 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Scio Township Board determines that for the sake of fiscal responsibility, it will require invoices to meet certain criteria and to submit to a review prior to approval for payment; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, all invoices submitted for payment of attorney fees in Case #2024-24F3-0828-FY *State of Michigan v Kerry* must meet the following:

1. Authentic original invoice from the law firm to Supervisor Kerry
2. Unredacted unless information on the invoices would reveal confidential defense strategy
3. Submitted to Fink & Fink for review who will then inform the Township Finance staff of the amount of attorney fees per month, but who will not release the invoices.
4. Be for the criminal defense of the above cases only, and not contain billing for a civil action, or billing for press releases, or interviews with the press.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YES:** Yapple, Flintoft, Brant, Knol, Read, Reiser

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Kerry


**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk  
Scio Township

**Dated:** May 13, 2025

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

  
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Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk  
Scio Township

DATED: May 13, 2025

