

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2025-20**

Resolution Regarding Costs of Attorney Services

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, Yaple, Kerry, Flintoft, Read

Members Absent: None

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

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 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 elected Supervisor on November 5, 2024 and taking office on November 20, 2024 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, to date the Township has not furnished or engaged the services of an attorney for this action; instead the Township has reimbursed Supervisor Kerry for her cost of services of one attorney from December 2023 through October 2024, and for her cost of services of a second attorney between June 2024 and October 2024; and,

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

WHEREAS, Supervisor Kerry's claims for payment to Scio Township include requested reimbursement of the costs of services of two attorneys from different law firms for every month since June 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Scio Township Board has determined that for the sake of fiscal responsibility, the Township should no longer reimburse Supervisor Kerry for the services of more than one lawfirm; and,

WHEREAS, Supervisor Kerry may name which one lawfirm's services she may request the Township reimburse; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Scio Township Board agrees that any payment for attorney services incurred on or after July 1, 2025 in the representation of Jillian Kerry in Case #2024-24F3-0828-FY *State of Michigan v Kerry*, will be paid for one law firm only.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

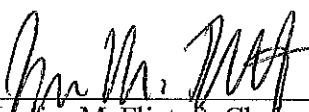


Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

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.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: May 13, 2025