

RESOLUTION# 230101
TOWNSHIP OF HAMBURG, LIVINGSTON COUNTY

PFAS Support Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, State of Michigan, held at the Hamburg Township Hall on January 17, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., there were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Hohl, Clerk Dolan, Treasurer Negri, Trustee Hahn,

Trustee Menzies, Trustee Michniewicz, Trustee Hughes

ABSENT: None

and the following preamble and resolution were moved for adoption by Hohl supported by Negri:

WHEREAS, Hamburg Township operates and maintains its own Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer collection system.

WHEREAS, EGLE regulates the Hamburg Township Wastewater Treatment Plant through issuance of a groundwater discharge permit which sets parameters and thresholds for contaminants.

WHEREAS, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS, are contaminants of emerging concern. PFAS are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been widely used in fire-fighting foams, stain repellents, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing and shoes, fast food wrappers, personal care products and a host of other consumer goods. PFAS chemicals are very persistent, meaning that they do not easily break down in the environment.

WHEREAS, EGLE has amended current drinking water rules in 2020 by establishing maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) and sampling requirements for seven PFAS compounds and has applied this same standard to wastewater effluent and groundwater discharge monitoring wells at wastewater treatment plants.

WHEREAS, EGLE has categorized wastewater treatment plants that exceed the MCL standards for PFAS as Part 201 sites and "PFAS generators".

WHEREAS, Hamburg Township states that they are not a PFAS generator, only a pass through, and object to Part 201 status. Hamburg Township also states that polluters should be held liable for all of the sampling, testing, and possible remediation costs that the Township will incur. Furthermore, Hamburg Township has serious concerns about the long-term implications of PFAS limits on biosolids removal from the wastewater treatment plant and the serious financial harm that it may bring.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hamburg Township seeks the collaboration of the State Legislature, EGLE, Livingston County, and other local units of government in creating strategies and solutions to address PFAS in wastewater that is fair and equitable to publicly owned treatment works.

A RESOLUTION that Hamburg Township seeks the collaboration of the State Legislature, EGLE, Livingston County, and other local units of government in creating strategies and solutions to address PFAS in wastewater that is fair and equitable to publicly owned treatment works, by this resolution and Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

Upon a roll call vote of the Board, the following voted:

AYES: Hohl, Dolan, Hahn, Menzies, Michniewicz, Negri, Hughes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michael H. Dolan, being the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, hereby certify that 1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Board, and the vote taken thereon, at the meeting described in the introductory paragraph, at which time a quorum was present and remained throughout; 2) the original of such resolution is on file in the Clerk's office; 3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended) and 4) minutes of such meeting were kept and have been or will be made available as required thereby.



Michael H. Dolan
Hamburg Township Clerk

January 18, 2023

