

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL BRIDGE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE NAGEL ROAD BRIDGE OVER SCHWARTZ CREEK DURING THE 2030 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) each year awards grant funds for the rehabilitation or replacement of bridge structures that have obtained or are nearing poor condition ratings within municipalities through its Municipal Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon applied for replacement funds through said ODOT Municipal Bridge Program in relation to the Nagel Road Bridge over Schwartz Creek and the St. Francis Drive Bridge over Mills Creek as both bridges were rated by ODOT inspectors to have condition ratings of five out of a possible ten; and

WHEREAS, ODOT reviewed Avon's applications and provided notice on October 31, 2025 that the application for the replacement of the Nagel Road Bridge had been approved and that the application for the St. Francis Drive Bridge had been rejected, said notification letters are attached hereto as [Exhibit A](#); and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that the City of Avon provide a letter formally accepting the grant award for the replacement of the Nagel Road Bridge over Schwartz Creek by close of business on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the grant award will provide up to One Million Three Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,301,830) in funding for the bridge replacement out of an estimated One Million Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Thirty-Two Dollars (\$1,444,032) total project cost; and

WHEREAS, upon acceptance of said grant funds the city administration will return to City Council in the future to hire for engineering services, hire for right-of-way services, and approve an ODOT project agreement; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the ODOT award letter and agrees it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Avon to accept the stated grant award from the ODOT Municipal Bridge Program and authorize the Mayor to provide an acceptance letter to ODOT prior to the December 31, 2025 deadline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1 - That the Mayor is hereby authorized to provide written acceptance to the Ohio Department of Transportation stating the City of Avon's willingness to accept the grant award from the Municipal Bridge Program and participate in the program in accordance with all its specifications and guidelines.

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Section 2 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of 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 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity meet the established ODOT deadline related to the acceptance of the grant award from the Municipal Bridge Program; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

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