

**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RES #17-21  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED EXTENSION  
OF THE ANN ARBOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY**

**April 12, 2017**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Administration Building located at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, in said Township, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph.

Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Treasurer Scribner, and supported by Trustee Ralph.

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees first adopted a resolution opposing the proposed runway expansion/extension on March 24, 2009 that expressed concerns centered around safety and decline in property values (Resolution #09-23); and

**WHEREAS**, in the eight (8) years since the adoption of Resolution No. 09-23, Pittsfield Township has not only steadfastly opposed the runway extension, it has fostered a strong partnership with the Committee for Preserving Community Quality, established by Pittsfield Township residents also opposed to the runway extension at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, it is readily apparent that any runway extension will increase the viability of passenger and commercial jet aircraft usage at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport thereby not only significantly compromising public safety and property values but also increasing air pollution and potential groundwater contaminants and, furthermore, this extension will detract from the considerable monetary and community investments made in the last few years by Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor SPARK and others toward the revitalization of the east side of Washtenaw County, specifically in and around the Willow Run airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Pittsfield Township and the Committee for Preserving Community Quality have extensively and specifically documented (officially by way of responses to the Environment Assessments and otherwise) our reasons for opposing the runway extension, which include, but are not limited to: (1) planes landing to the East on an expanded runway just 93 feet over Pittsfield homes, posing danger to residents; (2) Ann Arbor has not justified a proper Purpose and Need for the expansion, and the minimum required operations for expansion have not been met; (3) the Environmental Assessments do not acknowledge the potential dangers resulting from the presence of large numbers of Canada geese surrounding the airport through much of the year; (4) the expansion would attract larger and heavier aircraft closer to the population center, likely in violation of the Pittsfield Noise Ordinance; (5) any pilot could land any type of plane – no matter how large -- at any time because it is a municipal airport funded with federal tax dollars; (6) and that these risks could pose dangers to the safety of water in wells located on airport property, for which the airport property was originally acquired almost a century ago for water rights, wells which provide drinking water to Ann Arbor and an aquifer that flows throughout Pittsfield Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ann Arbor has, despite the very significant safety and environmental concerns noted above, included the proposed runway extension in their capital improvement plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the second Environmental Assessment (conducted because of egregious flaws of the first one), that includes over 200 public comments with only seven (7) in support of the proposed extension, is currently in the review process by the Federal Aviation Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees wants to not only reiterate our continued and steadfast opposition to the runway expansion/extension, we want to expressly and officially request a test by the United States Environmental Protection Agency) (EPA) of the aquifer located at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport, since the 2016 Ann Arbor Municipal Airport Draft Environmental does not report any water testing data; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ann Arbor has worked with the EPA to retroactively address water quality issues as related to the Dixoane Plume, Pittsfield Township would like to request the EPA to proactively address negative impacts to water quality (that is consumed by City of Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township residents) that may result from the proposed extension of the runway at the Airport;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Pittsfield Charter Township requests Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, State Senator Rebekah Warren, State Representative Adam Zemke and County Commissioner Felicia Brabec to advocate on this matter with the EPA and request that EPA conduct a test of the aquifer located at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be provided to Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, State Senator Rebekah Warren, State Representative Adam Zemke and County Commissioner Felicia Brabec, and City of Ann Arbor councilmembers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

***RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.***



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Mandy Grewal, Supervisor  
Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: April 13, 2017

## **CERTIFICATE**

I, Michelle L. Anzaldi hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2017, 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.



Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk  
Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: April 12, 2017