

Resolution 2021-10

SUPPORTING AND JOINING THE TOLEDO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) TO CONSIDER RETURNING MAIL PROCESSING OPERATIONS TO ITS SORTING FACILITY IN TOLEDO, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, our residents and businesses rely on prompt mail for important everyday transactions like sending invoices, paying bills, receiving medications, and shipping of critical supplies; and

WHEREAS, complaints of untimely mail delivery have persisted in Northwest Ohio since USPS transferred sorting operations from the Toledo processing facility to the Michigan Metroplex Facility in 2012; and

WHEREAS, in a survey of its member businesses conducted in 2020 by the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, more than 70 percent of respondents indicated that delays in USPS mail delivery were negatively impacting them and their customers; and

WHEREAS, in a follow-up survey of its members conducted in March of 2021, that number increased to 100 percent, with respondents indicating the specific consequences of USPS mail delivery delays to their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in that most recent survey 94 percent of respondents cited late payment of bills or invoices, 12 percent experienced disruptions to supply chains, and 36 percent received unfavorable customer reviews; and

WHEREAS, businesses being negatively impacted are among our region's smallest employers, with nearly two-thirds of the survey respondents employing fewer than 50 employees, and 34 percent employing fewer than 10 employees; and

WHEREAS, our residents and businesses deserve confidence that their mail will be delivered reliably and consistently as our region continues on its path to economic recovery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio, three-fourths of the members elected thereto concurring and as follows:

Section One. That our community strongly urges USPS to consider restoring mail sorting services to the Toledo processing facility as USPS evaluates operational changes to improve mail service for our residents and businesses.

Section Two. That the Village Administrator is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Postmaster General, USPS Board of Governors, U.S. Senators for Ohio, and our community's U.S. Representatives.

Section Three. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Village Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Village Council, and that all deliberations of this Village Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section Four. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the village peace, health and safety; wherefore this resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Declare and Emergency

Moved: Kreuz Second: Rose YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Vote on Passage

Moved: Rochelle Second: Rose YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Date of Passage: April 12, 2021



Neil Toeppe, Mayor

Attest:

I, Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Swanton, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2021-10, passed on April 12, 2021



Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer