

VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 9-2024

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR THE
PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Holland has been certified and authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) as a natural gas governmental aggregator for many years and has offered various programs to village, residential, and small commercial natural gas consumers that participate in the aggregation; and,

WHEREAS the Village of Holland is also a member of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalitions (“NOAC”) with several other neighboring communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Village’s and other NOAC communities’ current natural gas supply agreement expires in May, 2024, and NOAC’s energy consultant, Palmer Energy, recently issued a RFP from natural gas suppliers to obtain natural gas pricing for NOAC communities’ accounts; and,

WHEREAS, fourteen proposals were received for the provision of natural gas to the NOAC communities’ customers, and,

WHEREAS, Palmer Energy reviewed the proposals and Palmer Energy recommended sending participants back to full-service supply with Columbia Gas starting in June, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Energy subsequently received a proposal from Archer Energy for a 20 month term of supply and, after review of the Archer Energy proposal and their ability to meet the demands of the NOAC communities, has determined its offer provides savings to NOAC natural gas customers over Columbia Gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDANED by the Council of the Village of Holland, Lucas County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a natural gas supply agreement with Archer Energy, for 20 months effective with October 2024 billing, subject to final review and approval of the Village Solicitor and the Village’s consultant, Palmer Energy, on behalf of the Village of Holland.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council, and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety property, and welfare for the reason that the natural gas supply agreement for the various NOAC communities should be executed immediately so as to provide uninterrupted service to the municipal participants.

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There exist an insufficient number of regularly scheduled council meetings necessary for three readings of the measure prior to the time necessary to secure the contract savings. Further, owing to the volatility in natural gas prices, prompt action is necessary to secure the best savings for the Village.

Vote on emergency measure: Yeas ____ Nays ____ Abstention____

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Passed this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott Brown, President of Council

ATTEST:

Leslie Ferman, Acting Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Ryan Spangler, Mayor