

**TOWNSHIP BOARD
BUSHNELL TOWNSHIP
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

(RESOLUTION No. 2025-1118-R)

At a special meeting of the Township Board for Bushnell Township held at Township Hall on November 18, 2025 and beginning at 6:00 p.m., this Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member K. Bliss and was seconded by Township Board Member P. Draper:

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPLICATION
FEE AND ESCROW FOR OFF-SITE BATTERY STORAGE
FACILITIES.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS,

- A. Pursuant to Ordinance No. **2025-1118** entitled "**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND DECOMMISSIONING OF OFF-SITE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES**," applicants seeking a Township off-site battery storage facility permit or the modification of a previously issued Township permit must submit an application to the Township utilizing the Township approved application form. Such application is to be accompanied by an application fee and escrow deposit as determined from time to time by the Township Board.
- B. The review and processing of such applications involve Township staff, materials, and services as well as the use of legal and other consultants.
- C. It is reasonable and appropriate to place the cost of the review and processing of such applications, which involve unusually large costs to the Township, on the applicant rather than on the taxpayers of the Township.
- D. The Township Board intends that the application fee and utilization of the escrow deposit should be reasonably related and proportionate to the costs incurred by the Township for the processing and review of applications.

RESOLVED

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. A non-refundable fixed application fee is established in the amount of \$500. The application fee must be paid at the time the application is submitted to the Township.

2. The application fee is intended to cover the Township's costs associated with the following: township materials utilized in reviewing and processing an application, postage or legal-notice publication requirements, and the required public hearing for the application.
3. An initial escrow deposit for each application is established in the amount of \$10,000.00. The escrow deposit must be provided by the applicant to the Township at the time the application is submitted. No application may be processed before the required escrow amount has been deposited with the Township. At no time prior to the Township's final decision on an application may the balance of the escrow fall below \$1,000.00. If the funds in the escrow fall below \$1,000.00, the applicant must deposit \$1,000.00 into the escrow account before the processing of the application will continue.
4. All other expenses and costs incurred by the Township associated with the processing and reviewing of an application will be reimbursed to the Township from the funds in an escrow account funded by the applicant. Such reimbursable costs and expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Mailings, legal notices, and officer compensation for special Township Board meetings or subcommittee meetings.
 - b. Services of the Township Attorney related to the processing and reviewing of the application.
 - c. Services of engineering consultants related to the processing and reviewing of the application.
 - d. Services of other professionals related to the processing and reviewing of the application.
5. The escrow funds will be maintained by the Township consistent with applicable Government Accounting Standard Board requirements. The Township may deposit escrow funds into any account with a depository financial institution. The Township need not segregate the escrow funds or deposit the escrow funds into an interest-bearing account. The applicant will not be entitled to any interest on the escrow funds. The applicant will be entitled to the return of all unused funds of the escrow account 60 days after the Township Board's final determination on the application.
6. If an applicant objects to the manner in which the escrow funds have been applied, the applicant may appeal to the Township Board. All appeals must be in writing and made no later than 30 calendar days following the allocation of the escrow funds. The decision of the Township Board will be final.
7. The above Recitals are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
8. Nothing herein will limit the authority of the Township Board to grant or deny applications for a Township commercial solar energy conversion system permit.

9. All prior resolutions are, to the extent they conflict with this Resolution, hereby repealed.

10. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

The vote regarding the adoption of this Resolution was as follows:

YEAS: L.Daly/ K.Bliss/ L.Belyou/ P.Draper/ M.Fitzgerald

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. **2025-1118-R** DECLARED ADOPTED.

/s/ Mike Fitzgerald
Mike Fitzgerald
Supervisor

/s/ Louise Belyou
Louise Belyou
Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board for Bushnell Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Louise Belyou
Louise Belyou
Clerk