

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of a Request :
by Tuscarawas Township for :
an Exemption from Stopping :
for School Buses and :Case No. 19-844-RR-RCP
Hazardous Materials Vehicles :
at the Pleasant Valley Drive :
(DOT#474-190P) Grade Crossing :
in Tuscarawas Township, :
Coshocton County. :

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PUBLIC HEARING

before Ms. Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, at the
Coshocton Public Library, 180 East Broad Street,
Large Meeting Room, Coshocton, Ohio, called at 6:10
p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

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Wednesday Evening Session,
June 19, 2019.

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THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public
Utilities Commission of Ohio has assigned for hearing
Case No. 19-844-RR-RCP, which is captioned In the
Matter of a Request by Tuscarawas Township for an
Exemption from Stopping for School Buses and
Hazardous Materials Vehicles at the Pleasant Valley
Drive (DOT#474-190P) Grade Crossing in Tuscarawas
Township, Coshocton County.

My name is Anna Sanyal, and I am the
Attorney Examiner assigned by the Commission to hear
this case.

The purpose of our hearing today is to
receive public comments regarding the request made by
the Coshocton County engineer to classify the
Pleasant Valley Drive crossing exempt.

This application was filed on April 1,
2019. In the petition, the Coshocton County engineer
states that the tracks at Otsego Avenue have been
removed and this prevents trains from traveling
through the Pleasant Valley Drive crossing. As there
is no train traffic at Pleasant Valley Drive, the
county engineer would like the crossing to be

1 classified as exempt

2 The testimony tonight will be considered
3 part of the official record in the case, and it will
4 be reviewed by the Commission before the Commission
5 makes a final decision.

6 I will start by calling each witness and
7 swearing you in. We only have one witness tonight,
8 Mr. Joel Moore.

9 The court reporter, Rosemary Anderson,
10 will record your statement so please speak plainly
11 and clearly so she will be able to write down
12 everything.

13 And if you would just spell your name and
14 address before you begin, that would be great.

15 After that, please state why you think
16 the request should or should not be granted, and I
17 may ask some questions, but most likely no.

18 So Mr. Moore, if you are ready.

19 (Witness sworn.)

20 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: If you will just
21 state your name and address for the record.

22 MR. MOORE: Joel Moore; J-O-E-L,
23 M-O-O-R-E. Address is 26496 State Route 60, Warsaw,
24 Ohio, 43844 and that is the address of the River View
25 Local School District, River View, two words.

I would concur with the need for an exempt railroad crossing. Again, as mentioned in the beginning, there are no tracks there that allow a train to come through.

River View School District, we cross the tracks at least two times a day, and after we pull up Otsego to go onto those tracks, it is just a short turn, and our buses have to by law stop at any railroad crossing that is not exempt. We have to turn on our hazard lights. We have to open the door. We have to go through instructions of silence and the whole procedure before crossing.

Local traffic behind us, they are unsure and unclear why we are stopping at a track that they don't stop at because, obviously, there are no tracks there. We feel that creates a hazard to our buses and to our students because cars are potentially unaware, caught off guard, and could hit the back of our buses, and it delays the bus route unnecessarily.

So we wholeheartedly agree this should be done, and we would like to see it done before school season August 21, 2019.

Thank you.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Moore, how long -- just so we have it for the record, how long

1 has there been no rail traffic in that area?

2 MR. MOORE: This is going to be my best
3 guess. Probably it's been four years, I believe, is
4 my best guess.

5 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You don't have to
6 guess, just so I know for my information.

7 I do not have any other questions for
8 you. Do you have any issues or concerns?

9 MR. MOORE: No.

10 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Well, I do want
11 to note for the record that it's 6:15. We did wait
12 until 6:10 p.m. to make sure we had people from the
13 public show up in case they were running late, and we
14 have no other people present, and since we have no
15 other questions from the public, I think we are done
16 for the evening.

17 The case will be submitted to the record,
18 and the Commission will issue its decision in due
19 course.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (The hearing concluded at 6:15 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Rosemary Foster Anderson
Rosemary Foster Anderson,
Professional Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the State of
Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2024.

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of a Request by Tuscarawas Township for an Exemption from Stopping for School buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles at the Pleasant Valley Drive (DOT#474-190P) Grade Crossing in Tuscarawas Township, Coshocton County, hearing held on June 19th, 2019. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Anderson, Rosemary Foster Mrs.