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Ms. Tanowa Troupe
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Re: Republic Wind, LLC,
OPSB Case No. 19-1066-EL-BTX**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In lieu of an affidavit of publication, I am attaching for filing in the above-referenced matter, a copy of the entire date-marked newspaper page that contains the second Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility. The second notice appeared in *The Advertiser-Tribune* on December 23, 2020. We note that this is sufficient proof that the second notice was published as required by Ohio Administrative Code 4906-3-09(A)(2). Further, the affidavit of publication has been repeatedly requested from the newspaper, which is experiencing delays processing this request. The affidavit will be filed upon receipt.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dylan F. Borchers

Attachment

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He said the AG's office provides the service for municipalities at no cost to the city, but collects fees from people with delinquent taxes. He said the state office often is more successful in collecting the debt. The process also would free time for people in the tax office and for the law director.

Council also heard first readings on ordinances to amend the planning and zoning code section of the city's codified ordinances to provide clarity and remove inconsistencies in the zoning code, and to accept a permanent easement from Imperterritum LLC, 258 Progress Parkway, to allow maintenance of the business's storm sewer system as required by city regulations.

During his report, Mayor Aaron Montz read a proclamation declaring Calvert Senecas State Champions Day. He cited the Calvert volleyball team's 29-0 record this year and reviewed a long list of the team's accomplishments over the last few years compiled by Gillig, including state championships in 2018 and this year.

"They have achieved the pinnacle of their sport," Montz said. "A huge congratulations."

Coach Lori Rombach thanked the mayor and council for the recognition on behalf of the team.

"The support we felt around the community was really overwhelming," she said.

Montz said the volleyball championship and Columbian's football team were "two bright lights in a very dark year for the whole community to rally around."

The mayor also recognized the former police chief, Fred Stevens, who was elected Seneca County sheriff and is to begin his new duties in January. Stevens was presented with a glass remembrance of his service, 1993-2020.

"You have been a tremendous leader of the Tiffin Police Department," Montz said. "This is a great opportunity for all of Seneca County to fall under your leadership in about 10 days or so."

Stevens said he looks back fondly on his 27 years as chief.

Montz said the search for a new chief has been put on hold until spring or summer after the pandemic eases because of travel restrictions. He said it's important to have a wide range of applicants to choose from and it's

important to meet the candidates in person, citing an example of a town that hired a police chief after online interviews and isn't happy with the results.

Montz reviewed the latest COVID-related numbers in Seneca County, and said vaccines are arriving in Tiffin this week.

Financially, he said December has not been a good month for the city with the loss of \$150,000 in revenue.

For the year, he said the city has lost \$400,000 since April 1, but is down only \$76,000 compared to 2019's finances. He said that's a blessing compared to the finances of other cities. He said a strong first quarter provided a cushion and helped to ease the downturn.

The mayor said there's a continuing problem with sewer overflows into the Sandusky River in the Sandusky Street area, and that area might have to be moved up on the priority list of future construction.

Montz gave shout-outs to Tiffin Fire & Rescue for their work in helping with the Seneca Tile fire, Officer Scott McDole for a life-saving award he won, JT's Bagel Bar for its move to a new location in the Laird Arcade and OSECO for its grant award. He also thanked community members who submitted Christmas displays at their houses for online viewing.

In addition, Montz reviewed the 2021 street paving program, which includes funding from two grants.

"We have the largest-ever list of street miles and dollars spent on paving coming up next year," he said. "It's a mammoth list."

He said the city's road and bridge tax money has enabled the city to apply for grants using tax funds as matching funds, which has increased the money available for paving.

Montz said the Jefferson Street streetscape is officially completed at cost of \$286,000. Benches, bike racks and similar items are being put together and will be added soon.

He said the road and bridge tax also is allowing the city to pay 100% of the cost of \$3.5 million Ella Street Bridge replacement up front without having to put the city into debt. He said the city received grants to help with each of the two bridges, and the grant money had to be used in different years so the bridges could not be replaced at the same time.

"We saved the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.

He also said people should have advanced warning that the bridge is to be closed for 180 days between August 2022 and August 2023.

Montz also said the electric vehicle charging stations in lot 7 should be operational in January or February. There will be a fee to pay for electricity.

In addition, Montz said he spent time last week with a TikTok social media influencer named Sir Yacht who plans to feature Tiffin on his site this week. The influencer has an audience of more than a quarter million people.

Finally, Montz urged people who need help this holiday season to call First Call for Help — whether they are having trouble with mental health, finances, food or other areas. The First Call for Help phone number is (419) 448-4357. People who need with mental health also can text "4 hope" to 741741.

Law Director Brent Howard reported an easement for the new TH Plastics plant has been recorded and the Ohio Division of Liquor Control has approved new DORA as approved by council.

A Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers Committee meeting was planned to immediately follow council's special meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28. The special meeting is to consider the 2021 city budget and the committee meeting is to review the 2021 street repair program. Both meetings will use the same Zoom link.

Council heard second reading on:

A 2021 budget ordinance.

An ordinance authorizing the transfer

of funds from the General Fund to the Park and Recreation Fund, and declaring an emergency.

An ordinance to transfer funds from the Sewer Fund to the Combined Sewer Separation Fund, and declaring an emergency.

An ordinance to transfer funds to pay bond and loan principal and interest, and declaring an emergency.

An ordinance accepting an easement for sanitary sewer purposes from Seneca Assets LLC and two parcels of land on Ella Street, and declaring an emergency.

An ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from the

Capital Improvements Fund to the Fire Vehicle Fund, and declaring an emergency.

An ordinance amend the city's pay ordinance to comply with minimum wage law, to establish appropriate pay rates for certain city employees, and declaring an emergency.

Council also approved appointments and reappointments to city boards and commissions:

Tony Consolo, Robb Mack Jr. and Jessica Wirth, Architectural Board of Review, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2023.

Dan Distel and Collin Paylor, Americans with

Disability Advisory Committee, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2023.

Gwynn Reinhart, Income Tax Board of Review, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2022.

Bryan Glover, Julia M. Weller Commission, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2025.

Stacie Routzahn and Felicia Frankart, Thomas Connor Memorial Commission, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2025.

Joan Martin, Tiffin Recreation & Beautification Endowment Fund Board, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2024.

George Fretz Jr., Park & Recreation Board, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2024.

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<i>BBQ Ribs & BBQ Chicken Breasts</i>	<i>10 oz. cut Prime Rib, side of Au Jus</i>
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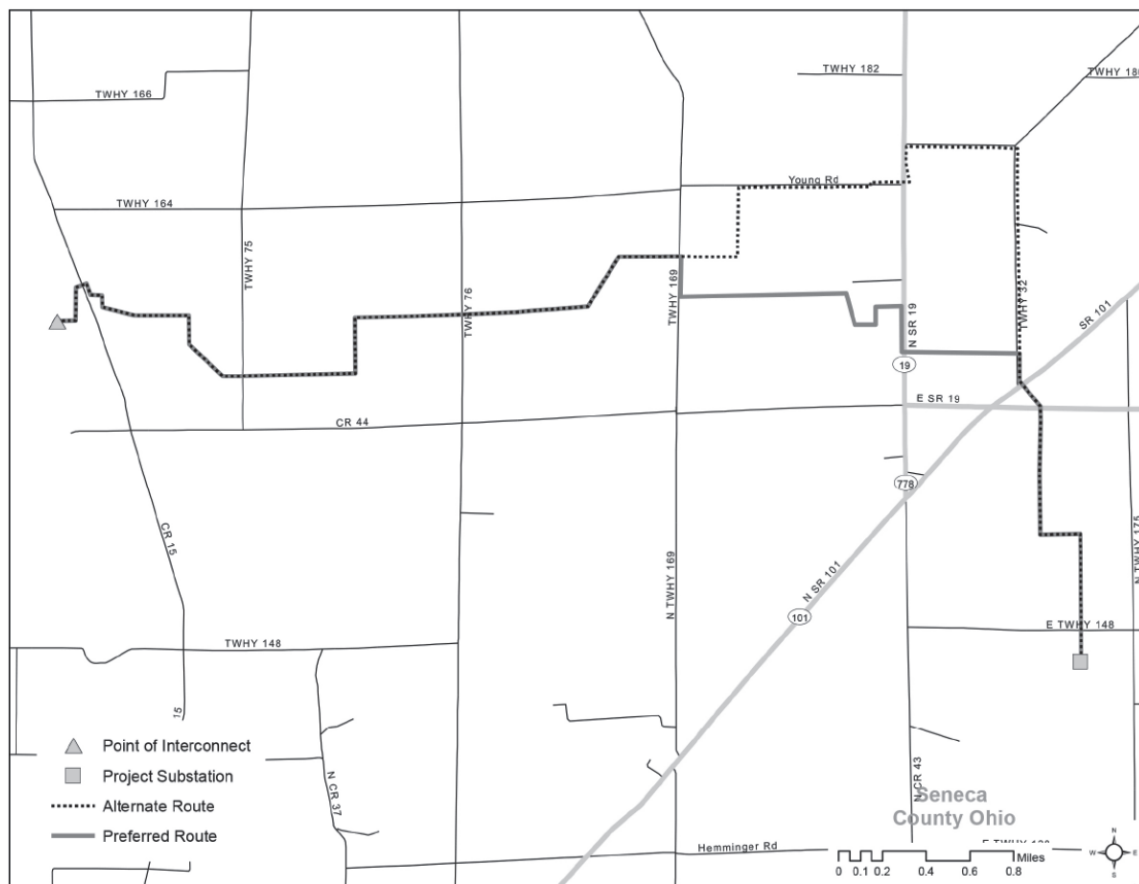
Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Republic Wind, LLC filed an application on August 27, 2019 as amended on February 25, 2020 for authority to develop, build, and operate the 138 kV Republic Wind Transmission Line ("Transmission Line"), an approximately 7-8 mile line to be located in Adams and Pleasant Townships, Seneca County, Ohio. The project will also include a point of interconnection ("POI") substation adjacent to the existing Fremont Center – Tiffin Center 138 kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line will be constructed to connect to the Republic Wind electric generation project to the electric grid.

LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT

The general location and planned project layout of Republic Wind Farm is shown on the map below:



APPLICATION NOW PENDING

Republic's Application is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. The assigned docket number for the Application is Case No. 19-1066-EL-BTX, and copies of all filings in the case can be located at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at (<http://www.opsb.ohio.gov>) by scrolling down to "Pending Cases" and selecting the case by name or docket number. To view the filings, click the case number for the case record.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts and will not be held in person :

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept oral testimony from any person on Thursday, January 7, 2021, in a session beginning at 6:00 p.m.; and
 - (2) An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
- Due to the continued state of emergency, the local public and adjudicatory hearings will both be held using remote access technology (Webex) that facilitates participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet. In regard to the 15958729v2

local public hearing, interested persons who wish to provide testimony regarding the project must pre-register with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) before 12:00 p.m., on January 6, 2021, at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/events/Republic-Wind-public-hearing> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. Testimony to be provided will be limited to five minutes in duration.

Interested individuals who wish to attend the public hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling +1-408-418-9388 and entering access code 173 638 8904. The local public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio. Additional information is available on the Board's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/cases/19-1066-EL-BTX> or by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-866-7826.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Board's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/help-center/contact-us>, by electronic mail to contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference Case No. 19-1066-EL-BTX.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED FACILITY

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facility. As noted above, the local public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 beginning 6:00 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

An initial public notice regarding the proposed facility and non-adjudicatory and adjudicatory hearings was published in the Advertiser-Tribune on November 6, 2020.

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Summary: Proof of Pub of Republic Wind, LLC for the Second Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility electronically filed by Teresa Orahod on behalf of Dylan F. Borchers