

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW CONCORD, OHIO

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 08 - 128**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED (\$5,300) FROM THE ROBERT E. FELLERS AND LEONA L. FELLERS FOUNDATION TRUST AND A GRANT AWARD OF FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$5,150) FROM THE CORA E. ROGGE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TO FUND A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER CABIN, AND TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADJACENT ROBERT FRANCIS HARPER MEMORIAL GARDEN, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHRISTIAN & SON INC. FOR THE CABIN PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the William Rainey Harper log cabin, birthplace of the first president of the University of Chicago and built in 1824, is a significant asset of New Concord's cultural heritage and is named to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, this property has been under the operational and maintenance jurisdiction of the Village of New Concord since 1987, which holds a 99-year Preservation and Conservation Easement for the cabin assigned to it by Muskingum University; and

WHEREAS, the cabin is in need of considerable restorative repair which cannot be covered from the Village's General Fund and which requires the expertise of historic preservation professionals; and

WHEREAS, improvements are needed for the adjacent Robert Francis "Frank" Harper Memorial Garden dedicated to William's brother, who was a world expert in ancient languages and translator from cuneiform of *The Code of Hammurabi*; and

WHEREAS, passage of this resolution is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Village of New Concord.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Council of the Village of New Concord, Ohio that:

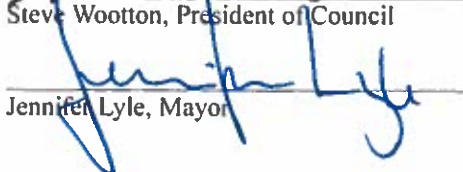
Section 1. The mayor will immediately enter into a contract with Christian & Son Inc. for the Harper Cabin and will enter into a separate contract for the Harper Garden at a future date at a total cost for both not to exceed \$10,450.

Section 2. For the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: August 14, 2023

  
Steve Wootton, President of Council

Approved: August 14, 2023

  
Jennifer Lyle, Mayor

Attest:

  
Lynn Marlatt, Fiscal Officer

I hereby certify that the above legislation was posted per Ordinance No. L-1-84-1.

  
Lynn Marlatt, Fiscal Officer