

RESOLUTION 2015-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 IN ORDER TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR USE IN OPPOSITION TO ALL ABOARD FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, and its residents have expressed their serious concerns about the danger and detrimental impacts of a high speed rail project with at-grade crossings going through the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Florida East Coast Railway Company and All Aboard Florida intend to push the project forward notwithstanding these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, and the citizens of St. Lucie Village, have made clear their opposition to the All Aboard Florida Project; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation have been unresponsive to the expressions of opposition and concern by the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, All Aboard Florida has submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to the Federal Railroad Administration which appears on its face to be deficient; and

WHEREAS, the Village responded and objected to that Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration is currently reviewing the Village and others' responses, but is expected to approve the Environmental Impact Statement, notwithstanding the issues raised by the Village and others; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Lucie Village, in order to voice continued opposition to the project and the Environmental Impact Statement, may need to expend funds to pay for consultants, experts, and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted Resolution 2014-11, a resolution of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015, which budget did not include monies specifically allocated to opposing All Aboard Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the adverse impacts of the project will be serious enough to justify using a substantial portion of the Village budget to oppose it; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adjust the budget in order to specifically address substantial funding to that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida as follows:

1. The \$60,000.00 line item included in the budget for "Crossing Repairs/Contingency" in the amount of \$60,000.00 is removed from the budget.

2. A new line item under Expenditures, designated "Reserve for Opposing All Aboard Florida" in the amount of \$60,000.00, is hereby added to the budget so that these funds are budgeted and available for such use in the event the Board of Aldermen determines that they are needed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this 17th day of March, 2015.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2015-3 which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 17th day of March, 2015.

Diane C. Orme
DIANE C. ORME, CLERK