

Old Worthington Association Resolution 1-2020
October 26, 2020

Preamble

Established in 1974, the Old Worthington Association (OWA) is a local civic organization devoted to the enhancement and well-being of Old Worthington. Old Worthington encompasses the historic village of Worthington, Ohio, which was founded in 1803 and is now identified as the Worthington Historic District. The OWA's mission includes support for historic preservation and for helping people understand and honor the presence of the past and its ongoing relevance in community leadership and decision-making. This mission is accomplished primarily through engagement with residents and their local elected and appointed officials.

The OWA's work has been advanced entirely by members all of whom are unpaid volunteers, including its Board of Trustees. The ebb and flow of both local issues and volunteer commitments has been part of the OWA's history and this continues to be the case today. In the past, this has been a manageable issue, but volunteer engagement has become a more pronounced problem in recent years; not surprisingly, this issue has become significantly more challenging with the advent of what has become a protracted coronavirus pandemic.

After thoughtful consideration, these organizational realities have resulted in a Board of Trustees decision to close the Old Worthington Association. This is done with some sadness, but, more importantly, with a genuine sense of lasting accomplishment – a leading example of which is the placement of the Worthington Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places (2010). Trustees believe that the continuing importance of local history and historic preservation is part of the culture of Worthington, Ohio and that citizens will therefore carry these values and priorities into the future with a new generation of leadership. Whether this work takes place using the banner of the Old Worthington Association or some other initiative – formal or informal – will be a decision for engaged citizens of the future to make.

OWA trustees are therefore agreeing to the following resolution involving the closure of the Old Worthington Association.

Resolution 1 – 2020

Be it resolved that the Old Worthington Association will close in an orderly fashion no later than December 31, 2020 upon completion of the following actions:


1. Close the OWA's post office box. (Note: This action took place on 9.30.20.)
2. Close the OWA's U.S. Bank checking account. What remains in the account is a small amount (less than \$100.00) after the OWA paid for its 2020 Scholarship (\$1,000.00), which was given to a Thomas Worthington High School senior.

3. Give the outstanding checking account funds along with remaining OWA materials, which include note cards, historic house plaques and maps, to the Worthington Historical Society. This transfer will be made prior to December 31, 2020.
4. Allow the OWA's nonprofit corporate filing with the State of Ohio to end with the current filing year (December 3, 2020). (Note: The OWA is not and never has been a 501(c)3 entity and therefore contributions to the OWA have never been income tax deductible.)
5. Ending with the closure of the OWA are any committees or sub-committees it has created over time.
6. Upon resolution of items 1-5, and no later than December 31, 2020, trustee Greg Browning will inform the other trustees that all actions required to close the Old Worthington Association have been completed as required by this resolution. This notification will mark the successful conclusion of all Board of Trustee responsibilities.

This resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of the Old Worthington Association Board of Trustees on October 26, 2020. Trustees voting in support of the resolution are listed below:

1. Susan Allen
2. Emily Baker
3. Greg Browning
4. Ellen Scherer
5. Jim Ventresca

Representing the Board of Trustees, I, Greg Browning, OWA Board President, confirm the unanimous vote in favor of Resolution 1 – 2020:



Greg Browning

10-26-20
Date