

THE VILLAGE OF HOPKINS
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Motion made by Hopkins Village Council member Brad Sebright

Supported by council member Sam Adams.

Moved to the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolution No. 2023-001

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

for 123NET's Application for the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Grant Program toward the Allegan County Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion Project.

WHEREAS, Hopkins Village is located in Allegan County where over 12,000 homes and businesses do not have access to high-speed internet; and

WHEREAS, the digital divide is exacerbating the homework and learning gap for students without high-speed internet access at home; and educators are burdened with having to develop instruction for students both with and without high-speed internet at home; and

WHEREAS, businesses need the surrounding communities to have broadband internet to attract employees and many residents need high-speed internet to be able to work from their homes; and

WHEREAS, many residents need high-speed internet for virtual medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, the points outlined above, in concert with many other known benefits of high-speed internet access which contribute to quality of life, demonstrate an urgent need for affordable, reliable high-speed internet access at homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County has entered into a Public Private Partnership Agreement with 123NET in support of building broadband infrastructure throughout Allegan County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, as the duly elected Village council of Hopkins support the ROBIN grant application from 123NET of Southfield, Michigan to secure funding toward the Allegan County Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion project.

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Supported by: Sam Adams

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Village President: [Signature]

Village Clerk: [Signature]

Date: 2-13-2023