

7/19/2023 3:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2023

Offered by Councilmember Beshara

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A FIRE/EMS SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEARS 2024-2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and the Finance Director be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to enter into a Fire/EMS Services Agreement with Richfield Township for the year 2024-2026, a copy of which Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein fully as if by reference.

SECTION 2. It was found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 4.12 of the Charter of the Village of Richfield, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon the approval of the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.


Passed: 9-19-23



President of Council

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council



Mayor:

Dated: 9/19/2023

**2024-2026 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD, OHIO AND THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHFIELD, OHIO**

This Agreement for the provision fire protection and EMS services is made this ____ day of _____, 2023, by and between the Village of Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the "Village", and the Township of Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the "Township".

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of acquiring fire protection and EMS services for the residents, businesses and property located in the territorial boundaries of the Township, Summit County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Village has a professional fire, EMS and dispatch department, and all necessary equipment and vehicles to provide said fire and EMS protection to the Township; and

WHEREAS, Revised Code Section 505.443, and 9.60 et. seq. together with the exercise of the powers set forth in the Charter and the Constitution authorizes the Township and the Village to contract for fire protection to the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the good and valuable consideration including the promises set forth below and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of such is hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed between the Village and the Township as follows:

1. Purpose: The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the terms upon which the Village agrees to provide the Township with first class professional fire services that protect the safety of the residents, businesses, visitors, and property located in territorial boundaries of the Township.

2. Administration of Fire and EMS Services: The Village agrees to provide first class fire protection and prevention and rescue squad services to the Township proportional to the services provided in the Village, including, but not limited to, the following fire, EMS, and other services:

A. The Village will answer, service and aid in (a) controlling fires, (b) fire prevention and inspection, (c) all emergency calls, (d) all non-emergency calls and squad services which originate in Richfield Township during the term of this agreement. The Village will also make available to the residents of the Township the same classes available to Village residents (i.e., CPR, first aid, smoke house, etc.) at the same cost as to Village residents.

B. The Village will bill Township users of services provided hereunder, and will provide the Township with an accounting, on a quarterly basis, of all billing to insurance providers

related to fire and EMS services provided within the Township. Semi-annually, the Village will pay to the Township the net proceeds net proceeds (less collection costs) the Village has received from insurance providers for services rendered in the Township. The Village is further authorized to contract with a third-party billing company to bill for said services.

C. The Village fire department will service and maintain fire hydrants in the Township, and when necessary, the Village service department (and where necessary independent contractors) will repair and replace fire hydrants in the Township, in the same manner as the Village services, maintains, repairs and replaces hydrants in the village. No additional charges will be billed to the Township for service and maintenance performed by the fire department, but the Village will bill the Township for the cost of materials and labor for repair and replacement performed by the service department and/or independent contractors.

D. The Village fire department will review and provide written comment regarding fire and EMS safety issues related to proposed zoning and land use issues, in the same manner as it does for the Village, as needed.

E. Fire Chief to attend Township Meetings one time a month and will provide accurate and detailed reports on fire and EMS services and activities within the Township on a monthly basis or as otherwise requested by the Township, including but not limited to reports relating to the calls for fire, rescue, non-emergency transports and assists, EMS, HazMat, inspections, and alarm responses.

3. Cost of Services: In consideration of the foregoing services to be provided by the Village, the Township agrees to pay the Village the following sums:

- A. For 2024, \$646,075 (a 6% increase);
- B. For 2025, \$665,457 (a 3% increase); and
- C. For 2026, \$685,421 (a 3% increase).

Payment will be made in equal semi-annual installments on or before April 1st and October 1st of each year.

The Township agrees to reimburse the Village for the material and labor costs attributable to the Village's repair and replacement of fire hydrants in the Township when performed by the Village service department and/or independent contractors, as set forth in paragraph 2 (c) above.

4. Personnel and Insurance: The Village shall insure that its fire/EMS personnel, dispatchers, and other employees involved with the services described in this Agreement are fully and adequately trained in fire, EMS and dispatch procedures, and that all such employees

are informed of the Village's obligations in this Agreement. The Village agrees to have the Township named as an additional insured under the existing fire professional liability insurance policies. If there is an additional cost for the Township to be named as an additional insured, the Village shall provide the Township with notice of such cost at which time the Township may elect to decline to be named as an additional insured, or accept such charge and the Township shall reimburse the Village for any additional fee charged by the insurance carrier resulting from the Township being named as an additional insured.

5. Hold Harmless: The Township agrees to hold the members of the Village performing services in conjunction with this Agreement individually harmless for any and all liability that may arise from performing their duties or in failing to do so.

6. Term: This Agreement will be for three (3) years, commencing on January 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2026 at midnight. The Township and the Village will make a good faith effort to enter into a new service agreement prior to the end of the initial term of this Agreement, but should the new agreement not be executed by the end of this term, the services shall continue to be provided by the Village on a month-to-month basis. The Township shall pay for the month-to-month services by making payments to the Village at the end of each month. The Village or the Township may only terminate the agreement upon providing the other party with ninety (90) days notice prior to said termination. The Village shall have the right to increase the rate for the month-to-month services by providing sixty (60) days notice to the Township. Such increase shall be in an amount not to exceed a five percent (5%) annual increase over the previous year contract amount.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions: This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties regarding the matters addressed herein and supersedes any prior understanding or agreement related thereto. This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or rescinded by the prior written consent of all parties. This Agreement will be governed by and construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Ohio without regard to conflicts of laws, and any action will be brought in Summit County, Ohio. The failure of any party to insist at any time upon the strict observance or performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement will not (a) impair any such right or remedy, (b) be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of that right or remedy, nor (c) affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Agreement. Every right and remedy given by this Agreement to the parties may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by the parties. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision.

ACCEPTED BY:

Date: _____

Janet Jankura, Township Trustee

Donald Laubacher, Township Trustee

Robert Luther, Township Trustee

Date: _____

Mike Wheeler, Mayor

Certificate of Availability of Funds

The undersigned of the Township of Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, ("Township") certifies, in connection with the Fire/EMS Agreement ("Agreement") between the Village of Richfield and the Township, that the amount required to meet the obligations of the Township under the Agreement, in the fiscal year ending December, 31, 2026, has been lawfully appropriated for that purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriated fund, free from any previous encumbrances.

Laurie Pinney, Fiscal Officer