

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2018

Offered by Mayor Beshara

A RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLOWERS, MEALS, OR SIMILAR ITEMS AND MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OR ILLNESS IMPACTING CURRENT OR FORMER VILLAGE EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS, OR VOLUNTEERS AND ADJUSTING THE AMOUNTS WHICH CAN BE EXPENDED FOR SUCH PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Ohio State Auditor's office requires that expenditures of public funds for coffee, meals, refreshments, or other amenities have prior authorization by the appropriate legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether the performance of an act or the accomplishment of a purpose constitutes a "public purpose" for which municipal funds may lawfully be disbursed rests in the judgment of the legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, this Council on August 16, 2016, adopted Resolution 33-2016, determining that the aforementioned purposes constitute valid public purposes for which municipal funds may properly be expended and establishing a per occurrence cap of \$85 and an annual cap of \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to adjust the caps placed on the expenditure of public funds for the purposes described in this Resolution in Resolution 33-2016.

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

SECTION 1. This Council reaffirms that the purposes described in this Resolution constitute valid public purposes for which municipal funds may be expended, as found in Resolution 33-2016, in that they improve local government operations by enhancing staff morale and fostering cooperation and pride among Village employees and volunteers.

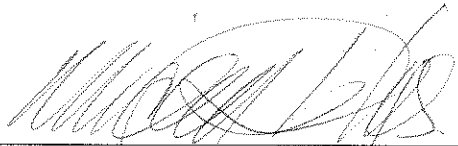
SECTION 2. As determined in Resolution 33-2016, the following general activities are hereby found and determined to be public purposes and an appropriate use of Village funds: purchases of flowers, meals, other similar items, and charitable monetary contributions, in the event of death or serious illness of current or former Village employees, officials, or volunteers or their immediate families. Such purchases shall be by the Mayor on behalf of the Village in an amount to be determined by the Mayor each year, not to exceed \$100.00 per occurrence, and not to exceed One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) total in any calendar year. "Immediate family" shall mean a person's spouse, child or grandchild, parent or

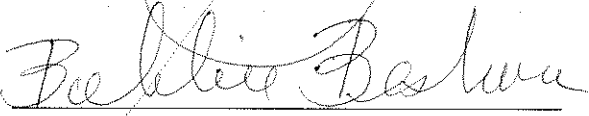
grandparent, sibling, or in-law (mother, father, brother and/or sister-in-law). A card or message shall accompany each delivery of flowers, food/meals or monetary contribution indicating that the sender is the Village of Richfield. A flower arrangement, food or meal gift, or charitable contribution may also be sent on behalf of the Village, in accordance with the foregoing and the Mayor's discretion, in connection with the death of a prominent person associated with the Village.

SECTION 3. It is 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 action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 12-18-18



President of Council


Mayor
Dated: 12-18-18

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council