ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PAY STIPENDS TO VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT-2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, funding has been provided by the federal government to state and local jurisdictions through the American Rescue Plan Act-2021 to mitigate the negative impact on local workers caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding authorized for distribution to local communities permits a one-time stipend to be paid to public employees; and

WHEREAS, Council does desire to authorize the Village Administrator to award such stipends consistent with the policies and regulations for distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act-2021; and

WHEREAS, to meet the schedule for payroll for Village employees, it is appropriate to grant this limited discretionary authority to the Village Administrator and to declare this Ordinance to be an emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the Village of Golf Manor, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION I.

Village employees who have worked full-time or who have worked part-time for the Village during the period of time when there was a Declaration of Emergency from the Ohio Governor which commenced on or about March 16, 2020 and concluded June 18, 2021, and who were employed either full-time or part-time by the Village on June 18, 2021, and who are currently employed by the Village, are eligible to receive a stipend to help mitigate the negative impact such employees have felt while they worked tirelessly for the Village during all or a substantial portion of the Covid-19 pandemic Declaration of Emergency.

SECTION II.

The total funding to be allocated in these discretionary stipends by the Village Administrator shall be consistent with the rules, regulations and guidelines issued as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act-2021, but the total pool of compensation may not exceed \$50,000. Full-time employees who meet the above criteria are entitled to receive a stipend of up to \$2,000.00. Part-time employees who meet the above criteria are entitled to receive a stipend of up to \$2,000.00.

SECTION III.

The stipend as awarded by the Village Administrator shall be appropriately documented and included for payment in calendar year 2021.

SECTION IV.

As it is necessary to utilize such funds during calendar year 2021, and to meet the schedule of payroll for all employees during calendar year 2021, this Ordinance is determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the public health, safety and welfare, and particularly the welfare and appreciation of Village employees, and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this ZZNA day of November, 2021.

Mayor Stefan C. Densmore

ATTEST:

Paula Burgin, Assistant Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Terrence M. Donnellon, Solicitor