



Memorandum

To: Village Council

From: Nathan E. Cahall, Village Administrator

Re: Resolution Approving a Fire Protection Agreement Between the Village of Golf Mano and the Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District, and Directing the Village Administrator to Enter Into Said Agreement

SUMMARY

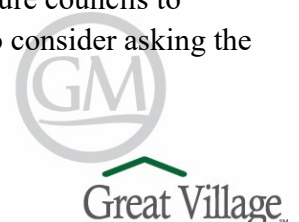
The Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District provides fire and emergency medical service (EMS) to the Village of Golf Manor through a contract between the parties. Golf Manor and the District previously originally entered into a contract in 2022 which will expire at the end of 2026. Both parties have worked together to negotiate an extension of this contractual arrangement and Council is now requested to provide final legislative approval of the new contract. The new agreement will extend services through 2031.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The new contract will create a rising fire and EMS expense for the Village as compared to the current contract cost. Over the course of the contract there is included an annual fee increase ranging from 5% to 3% that will see the Village's contract costs rise from \$583,495.00 this year to \$706,399.72 in the final year of the new contract (2031). That represents an approximate 21% increase in cost over the next five years.

As Council is aware, the Village has funded past year's contract costs with revenues generated by the fire levy along with separation payments made to the Village by LMFR. 2026 is the final year the Village will receive LMFR annual payments. There has not been a need to have the general fund subsidize contract costs to date. With the cessation of the LMFR payments, the Village will need to determine how best to fill an annual shortfall not covered by the fire levy's revenues that will go each year. The annual shortfall is estimated at around \$121,000+/- for 2027 and will grow to around \$215,000+/- by 2031.

Three funding options have been identified by staff for Council's consideration as we head into 2027 budget preparation season this year. The first option is to have the general fund fill the gap annually which will greatly reduce any future discretionary spending out of the general fund for this and future councils to address any unplanned emergencies or opportunities. A second option is for Council to consider asking the





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voters to approve additional fire levy millage to fully fund the contract. The third option is a combination of the previous two. This issue is obviously a matter that Council will wish to discuss and contemplate over the coming months. Staff has compiled more detailed information that we can share at Council's request to assist in the decision-making process.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval by Village Council of the proposal contract for fire and EMS services.

