

CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION- 22-05 CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Center, Porter County, Indiana (“Township”) and the City of Valparaiso (“City”) have established the Valparaiso Fire Protection Territory (“Territory”) as authorized by I.C. 36-8-19 and have each adopted an identical Ordinance/Resolution enacting the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Territory is established in accordance with I.C. 36-8-19-5 for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Fire protection, including the capability for extinguishing all fires that might be reasonably expected because of the types of improvements, personal property, and real property within the boundaries of the territory;
- (2) *Fire prevention*, including identification and elimination of all potential and actual sources of fire hazard; and
- (3) *Other purposes* or functions related to fire protection and fire prevention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and the Township have entered into an Agreement to define and clarify the reciprocal enabling Ordinance/Resolution of each in creating the Territory which is entitled “INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, AND THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CENTER TOWNSHIP, PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR THE VALPARAISO FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY” (“Agreement”) which has been duly recorded in the Office of the Porter County Recorder;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the Agreement, the City and the Township authorize, direct, ratify and affirm the establishment of the Valparaiso Fire Department (“VFD”) to provide for those services described in paragraph two (2) above and as set out in I.C. 36-8-19-5;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to I.C. 36-8-19-8.6 as well as Section 1.4(d) of the Agreement, the Township may authorize transfers of money belonging to the Township to:

- (1) The fire protection territory fund established;
- (2) The fire protection territory equipment replacement fund, or;
- (3) Both funds;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Valparaiso Fire Department ("VFD") has a need to conduct and provide educational materials and trainings to students of the Valparaiso Community School system in order educate children in their formative years on the importance of fire safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Center Township Trustee, as authorized by the Center Township Legislative Board, believe that VFD's request for this vital need is well taken;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Center Township Trustee has encountered several devastating fires which displace residents of Center Township and impose significant costs upon the families affected as well as the Trustee's Office in providing temporary housing and financial assistance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustee together with the Township Board believe the best course of action is to support fire prevention and fire prevention education in our youngest residents to help mitigate further devastating fires which may be prevented through proper fire safety education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Board wishes to provide Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in support of VFD's fire safety educational program to be paid from the Center Township General fund as authorized by I.C. 36-8-19-8.6 and Section 1.4 of the Agreement;

So Resolved this 3rd day of August, 2022.



Debra E. Fray, Center Township Board Member



Stephen R. Buck, Center Township Board Member



Todd A. Etzler, Center Township Board Member

ATTEST:



Jesse Harper
Center Township, Trustee