



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Members present: Norris, Philipbar and Beshara (Chair)

Others present: Township Trustee Don Laubacher, Finance Director Sandy Turk, Police Chief Mike Swanson, Fire Chief George Siefert and Mayor Michael Wheeler

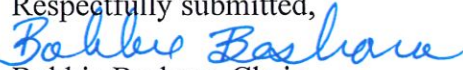
New business: Richfield Township Police and Fire contract discussion. Finance Director Sandy Turk explained the history of the contracts over the years and the cost associated with the Village servicing the township. (See attached)

Township Trustee Laubacher shared the township's revenue sheet (attached) showing what the township collects in their safety levy from the residents and the possible shortfalls based on the proposed increases, over the next three years of 6%, 3% and 3%. Sandy Turk explained that EMS estimates projected over the three-year period of the contract could be higher, helping to lessen the deficit. Trustee Laubacher also explained that in 2020, the township applied \$186,000 Covid money they received from the state to help with the deficit. Mayor Wheeler feels that this new contract will help the Village be in more parity over time. Trustee Laubacher was satisfied with the proposal and was comfortable taking it back to his fellow trustees for consideration.

Sandy Turk will prepare legislation for Council's consideration.

Other business: Mayor Wheeler was asked about the impact on the budget of Yellow Freight leaving Richfield. The mayor stated that approximately 200 jobs would be lost. Sandy Turk stated that we will not know the impact for another month. The mayor was very hopeful that those who lost their jobs would be able to find new trucking jobs in Richfield and the region.

Pat Norris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM. Sue Ann Philipbar 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Beshara, Chair