



CITY OF HARTFORD

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 28, 2023
Department: Administration
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Agenda Title: Hartford Township Building Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I had the opportunity to have a very productive and informative conversation with Ron Sefcik, Hartford Township's Supervisor. Ron plans to attend our 8/28/23 Council meeting to share additional information, but I want to ensure that Council has background information ahead of time.

As the Council is aware, Van Buren Emergency Medical Services (VBEMS) now services our City and Hartford Township. To provide the quickest response to Hartford Township residents (as well as City residents), Hartford Township has hired Abonmarche to design a building partially for use as a living quarters and garage for the ambulance. Hartford Township's full plan also includes a bay for the Van Buren County Sheriff Deputies that service the Township.

Several months ago, Ron Sefcik approached the prior City Manager about utilizing the property immediately west of the current fire station to house this building project. The former City Manager denied the request. As such, the building will now be housed on the Township's 13-acre parcel south of town that currently houses the Township Hall.

Hartford Township is fully funding this project. There is no request for funds from neither the Joint Fire Department nor the City of Hartford. Hartford Township does have a request that the City waive the permit fees for hooking up to the City's system. To be clear, this is not a request to bypass any usage fees, just the permit fee for hook up.

The project is still in its infancy with no formal plans created at this time. There is no decision that must be made at the 8/28/23 meeting, however given the great advantage of response time for City residents,

I would recommend that Council review, and approve this request when the time arises.