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Agenda Item

Fire Department 2027 Proposed Preliminary Budget & Fire Contracts

Meeting Date

March 10, 2026

Prepared By

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Background

It is time to set the proposed 2027 budget (final adoption is in the fall) so that the townships can set their 2027 levies. Staff and the department have been working hard to evaluate the expenses and keep them in line with the previous years, while paying attention to what will be needed in the future. We know there is an issue with the vehicle replacement budget that will need some creative thinking to find a solution. The increase needed to cover the expenses would be a large hit to all our budgets and levies. For 2027, the budgeted expenses increase by 2.48%.

There was a discussion last year about entering into a three-year fire contract to help with the rushed process each year. Many of the figures needed are not available till mid-February, and the Township's annual meeting occurs in March. The City will still need to hold an annual meeting in February, but it will give the budget some stability for the duration of the contract. Attached is the proposed language that has been shared with the Townships. The proposed language includes increases of 3.25% in year two and 3.5% in year three.

The council also needs to set the annual meeting with the townships. The date shared with the Townships was March 12, 2026. If the Council is ok with the date, they need to approve it for the annual meeting.

Recommended Action

Approve the proposed preliminary 2027 Budget & Fire Contract.

Approve the proposed three-year contract language for the Fire Service Contracts.

Approve date for the annual meeting with townships for March 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the public safety building.

Council Action: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____

Motion to:

Voted in Favor: _____ Voted Against: _____

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Tabled: _____ No Action: _____