

Fire Department

To: Finance Committee

From: Tanya Reynen, Fire Chief

Date: October 27, 2025

Subject: Fire & EMS Township Contract

Background

The Watertown Fire Department currently provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to portions of the four townships (Emmet, Milford, Shields, and Watertown). The current contract expires on December 31, 2025. This two-year agreement replaces the current one and will be effective from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027. The townships agree to pay an amount of \$422,298.43 each year for the two years. The department remains committed to delivering consistent, high-quality emergency medical care across all service areas while ensuring appropriate staffing, response readiness, and fiscal responsibility.

Budget Goal

Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

Financial Impact

EMS Coverage for 2026 and 2027 will continue under the attached service contract. The department anticipates moderate increases in operational costs due to rising call volumes, fuel, personnel and medical supply expenses. This is reflected in increasing the township amounts in the contract.

Recommendation

The Fire Department recommends approving this two-year contract with the townships of Emmet, Milford, Shields, and Watertown.