

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town of Victor, the Fishers Fire District, and the Village of Victor have been discussing the creation of a Joint Fire District, the territorial bounds of which would coincide with the geographical boundaries of the Town of Victor;

WHEREAS, many of the issues involving the structure and operation of the new fire district have been agreed-upon in principle among the parties;

WHEREAS, the Village of Victor has been assured that the budget for the first year of such Joint Fire District will result in a tax burden to the residents of the Village of two dollars per thousand of real property value or less;

WHEREAS, although this tax burden would constitute a substantial increase over the present cost of fire service, the Village Board has determined that the benefits of the formation of a new Joint Fire District could justify this additional cost;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the current treasurer of the Fishers Fire District, Chauncy Young, shall be appointed as the treasurer of the Joint Fire District;

WHEREAS, Mr. Young is in the process of compiling a proposed budget for the first year of the Joint Fire District;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the Town of Victor shall appoint Maureen Bills, Chuck Herb, John McConnell, Joe Murphy and Karen Simonds as commissioners of the Joint Fire District;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the Village shall retain ownership of the Village fire hall, but shall lease the fire hall to the Joint Fire District upon terms, such that the lease payments fully cover any and all present and future expenses related to such structure including, without limitation, debt service, insurance, maintenance, repairs and taxes, that the Village shall retain the right to rent "space" on the power of the fire hall for cellular or other purposes and retain all of the rental income therefrom, that the Village shall retain the right of reversion such that all right, title and interest in the fire hall will be returned to the Village in the event the fire hall is no longer used as a fire hall for the protection of Village residents and shall indemnify the Village from any liability in connection with the use of the fire hall by the Joint Fire District;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the Village shall retain ownership of Village fire equipment currently subject to outstanding loan obligations, shall lease the equipment to the Joint Fire District upon terms such that the lease payments fully cover any and all present and future expenses related to such equipment, including, without limitation, debt service, insurance, maintenance and repairs and shall indemnify the Village from any liability in connection with the use of the equipment by the Joint Fire District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Village Board hereby supports the establishment of a Joint Fire District and shall proceed with all resolutions necessary to create such district, following:

1. Presentation, review and approval of the budget for the first year of the Joint Fire District which provides for tax burden not to exceed two dollars per thousand dollars of real property value for Village residents,
2. Presentation, review and approval of acceptable leases for the fire hall and for fire equipment currently subject to outstanding loan obligations,

And provided further that the formation of the Joint Fire District shall be conditioned upon the amendment of the approval previously granted by the Town of Victor for the formation of the Joint Fire District to incorporate in the authorizing resolution the Town's agreement that the Joint Fire District shall be formed and operated in accordance with the agreed-upon recommendations of the Public Safety/Emergency Services Committee, that the Town shall appoint Maureen Bills, Chuck Herb, John McConnell, Joe Murphy and Karen Simonds as initial commissioners of the Joint Fire District, that the Town shall appoint Chauncy Young as treasurer of the Joint Fire District and the Town's acceptance and approval of the budget,

And provided further that the formation of the Joint Fire District shall be conditioned upon the dissolution of the Fishers Fire District, together with incorporation in the authorizing resolution of the Fishers Fire District their agreement that the Joint Fire District shall be formed and operated in accordance with the agreed-upon recommendations of the Public Safety/Emergency Services Committee, the appointment of Maureen Bills, Chuck Herb, John McConnell, Joe Murphy and Karen Simonds as commissioners of the Joint Fire District, the appointment of Chauncy Young as treasurer of the Joint Fire District and the Fire District's approval of the budget.