

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDS TO COVER POLICE PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other through respiratory droplets and various other means;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D in order to protect the welfare of citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) which, in part, established the coronavirus relief fund under 42 U.S.C. §801 and appropriated 150 billion dollars of direct payments to states, tribal governments, and units of local government;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed into law House Bill 481 which authorized the distribution of federal coronavirus relief fund money to eligible counties, townships, and municipal corporations in Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Village of Put-in-Bay (“Village”) is a recipient of federal coronavirus relief fund money;

WHEREAS, the CARES Act and H.B. 481 require that recipients of federal coronavirus relief funds use the relief funds to cover only those costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19, were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the unit of government, and were incurred during the period between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, personnel from the Village’s police department provide vital police and community services to the Village’s residents;

WHEREAS, since March 1, 2020, Village police have responded to calls from residents in connection with the spread and transmission of COVID-19 within the community, and have been called to duty in connection with the enforcement of COVID-19-related public health orders;

WHEREAS, Village police also have spent additional time during the course and scope of their employment to sanitize, disinfect, and clean shared spaces, vehicle interiors and other high-touch areas in order to curb the transmission of COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, due to the spread of COVID-19 in the community, the Village has also needed to request mutual aid from the county sheriff’s department in order to supplement the Village’s police presence in cases where Village police personnel and resources were not sufficient due to absences in the Village police force and other COVID-19 related reasons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. This Council determines that Village police officers are employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 2. This Council further determines that it has expended a total of \$35,583.33 in police departmental costs since March 1, 2020, such costs being necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 because Village police personnel have performed various duties in response to the spread of COVID-19 within the community and because the Village has needed to call in additional mutual aid support for its police personnel to supplement the Village's police force due to absences and other reasons relating to Covid-19.

SECTION 3. This Council further determines that all expenditures authorized in this Ordinance to be made with CARES Act funds were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, and the costs will be incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

SECTION 4. The Fiscal Officer is authorized to cause the transfer from the Village's local coronavirus relief fund to the Village's police operating fund an amount not to exceed \$35,583.33.

SECTION 5. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 6. This ordinance is deemed an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and for the further reason that House Bill 614 passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine requires that the Village return the unencumbered balance of CARES Act funds within its local coronavirus relief fund on or before November 20, 2020. Wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor

Passed: _____, 2020

Attest: _____

Fiscal Officer

Approved _____, 2020 _____

Jessica Cuffman-Dress, Mayor

