



Milton Fire Department 2021 Budget Discussion

MILTON FIRE COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020



Background

- On July 30, 2020, Fire Department Leadership met to preliminarily to put together a preliminary 2021 budget that included wage increases for the paid on premise members that were more commensurate with the marketplace
 - Chief Rhodes
 - Deputy Chief Mory
 - Deputy Chief Lukas
 - Deputy Chief Parker
 - City of Milton Finance Director Nelson



Background

- On September 14, 2020, Fire Department Leadership met to refine the previously discussed 2021 budget including the proposal for the funding allocation via equalized value.
 - Chief Rhodes
 - Deputy Chief Lukas
 - Deputy Chief Parker
 - City of Milton Finance Director Nelson



Background

- Only examined the operating budget, capital budget was not discussed
- Most critical component right now is making sure the men and women of the department are compensated for the type of work the community expects from them
- Understanding this is a complete change in funding methodologies
- Contributions over the last 5 years (2016-2020)
 - City & Town of Milton - \$97,294 (33%) increase over that period
 - Contracted townships - \$14,671 (11%) increase over that period
 - Current cost sharing methodology is unknown



2021 Proposed Staffing Schedule & Compensation

- 1x FT Paramedic @ 15.75/hour
- 1x paid on call Paramedic @ \$18/hour
- 2x paid on call Firefighter @ \$15/hour
- 1x paid on call Firefighter @ \$15/hour (weekend only)
- “Points” compensation remains at \$3,500/month
- Lieutenant stipend for 6 people at \$1,250/month (\$208/person/month)

- 2021 Proposed wages/benefits = \$1,010,214 (\$182,276 increase from 2020) and represents 75% of the budgeted expenditures



2021 Proposed Budget Summary

◦ Wages and Benefits	= \$ 1,010,214
◦ Payment to Janesville	= \$ 52,080
◦ Insurance	= \$ 64,855
◦ Other administrative costs	= \$ 54,344
◦ Personal safety equipment	= \$ 30,500
◦ Vehicle maintenance/fuel	= \$ 55,000
◦ Building maintenance/utilities	= \$ 34,700
◦ Other operations	= \$ 48,750
◦ Total Operating Budget	= \$ 1,350,443
◦ EMS collections/revenues	= \$ 252,346
◦ Net "Levy" required	= \$ 1,098,097



City & Town of Milton contributions

- No legal way to increase each municipality's levy by approx. \$85,000 in 2020 (2021 budget year)
- Not realistic to do a short-term borrowing for operations
- Have been contributing more than the "fair" share for a long time
- At this point, no discussion on cost sharing of capital equipment



2021 Cost Methodologies that were explored

- **Option #1 – Cost Sharing based strictly on 2020 equalized value**
 - As discussed previously, allocation is exactly how the School District, County, and Tech schools allocate their levy over multiple municipalities
 - Changes every August by DOR
 - Milton Fire Commission felt allocation was appropriate as long-term solution to stabilize financial issues



2021 Cost Methodologies that were explored

- **Option #2 – Maintain equal percentage contributions for Town & City of Milton. Remaining balance split by equalized value**
 - Eliminates concern of “ownership” percentages changing at this time
 - Lowers the impact for 2021 on the contracted towns
 - Starts to share costs on a commonly used methodology in Wisconsin



Option #1 – Cost sharing based on 2020 equalized value

- Cost sharing of the \$1,098,097 levy for proposed 2021 Fire operations

	2020		Proposed 2021	Proposed 2021	Increase (Decrease)	Dollar
	Contribution	Allocation	% Allocation	Contribution	over 2020	Percentage Change
City of Milton	\$ 391,592	43.18%	37.94%	\$ 416,581	\$ 24,989	6.38%
Town of Milton	\$ 391,592	43.18%	30.64%	\$ 336,474	\$ (55,118)	-14.08%
Town of Harmony	\$ 72,920	8.04%	20.50%	\$ 225,158	\$ 152,238	208.77%
Town of Lima	\$ 15,025	1.66%	3.69%	\$ 40,506	\$ 25,481	169.59%
Town of Koshkonong	\$ 8,178	0.90%	1.80%	\$ 19,820	\$ 11,642	142.36%
Town of Johnstown	\$ 27,676	3.05%	5.42%	\$ 59,560	\$ 31,884	115.20%
	<u>\$ 906,983</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 1,098,099</u>	<u>\$ 191,116</u>	



Option #2 – City & Town of Milton equal contributions

- Cost sharing of the \$1,098,097 levy for proposed 2021 Fire operations

	2020		Proposed	Proposed	Increase	Dollar
	Contribution	Allocation	2021	2021	(Decrease)	Percentage
			% Allocation	Contribution	over 2020	Change
City of Milton	\$ 391,592	43.18%	36.12%	\$ 396,581	\$ 4,989	1.27%
Town of Milton	\$ 391,592	43.18%	36.12%	\$ 396,581	\$ 4,989	1.27%
Town of Harmony	\$ 72,920	8.04%	18.12%	\$ 198,985	\$ 126,065	172.88%
Town of Lima	\$ 15,025	1.66%	3.26%	\$ 35,797	\$ 20,772	138.25%
Town of Koshkonong	\$ 8,178	0.90%	1.60%	\$ 17,516	\$ 9,338	114.18%
Town of Johnstown	\$ 27,676	3.05%	4.79%	\$ 52,637	\$ 24,961	90.19%
	\$ 906,983	100.00%	100.00%	\$ 1,098,097	\$ 191,114	