

A Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board, held at the St. Louis Area Fire Department – Meeting Room, was called to order by Chair Kevin Beeson at 5:30p.m., on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Members Present: Chair Kevin Beeson, Vice-Chair Kurt Giles ,Bobbie Marr, Carmen Bajena,
Greg Mikek

Members Absent: None

Fire Chief: Bill Coty

Others in Attendance: Trevor Allen, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Minutes.

Moved by Member Bajena, supported by Member Mikek, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comment.

None

Claims and Accounts.

The Fire Board reviewed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Mikek, to approve the Claims & Accounts for August 1, 2021, to October 31, 2021, in the amount of \$117,440.39. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Statements.

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements of 10/31/2021 and placed on file.

Fire Chief's Report.

The Fire Chief's Report was reviewed, discussed, and placed on file.

Specific discussion regarding the Officer/Medical truck and the supply chain issues which has made the truck originally specified unavailable and not sure when or if it will be available and there will be a price increase. Chief Coty has found a comparable Ford but the price is \$8,000

higher than originally anticipated, for a total of \$63,247 for the fully outfitted vehicle. The Grant amount from USDA would not change but the local match would increase.

Moved by Member Giles, support by Member Bajena to purchase the available Ford F150 for \$38,485 and to increase the local share of commitment for the fully outfitted vehicle by \$8,000. All ayes carried the motion.

Policy/Guidelines added to Standard Operating Procedures.

Chief Coty presented guidelines for Mutual Aid and Water Rescue and Flood Search and Rescue Response.

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Mikek to approve the addition of “Mutual Aid” and “Water Rescue and Flood Search and Rescue Response” guidelines to the Standard Operating Guidelines of the St. Louis Area Fire Department. All ayes carried the motion.

Grant Application Approvals

Grant opportunities for equipment were discussed.

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Mikek to authorize the Fire Chief, Board Secretary, and/or Chairman to execute, and sign document related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) and commit, as a first priority, Equipment Reserves and/or private donations as the Fire Department’s share of match funds for the program to the extent needed for safety tool/equipment upgrades. Committing funds as needed (approx. \$20,820). All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Giles to authorize the Fire Chief, Board Secretary, and/or Chairman to execute, and sign document related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) and commit, as a first priority, Equipment Reserves and/or private donations as the Fire Department’s share of match funds for the program to the extent needed for replacement of Fire Engine. Committing funds as needed (approx \$344,000). All ayes carried the motion.

Radio Trade In.

Chief Coty presented options for disposing of the old VHF Radios.

Moved by Member Bajena, supported by Member Giles to approve the trade in of old VHF radios for consideration of \$4,200 towards the purchase of LED light bars costing \$4,732.50. All Ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2021-05 – MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Giles, and supported by Member Mikek:

See Attachment.

Ayes: Giles, Mikek, Bajena, Marr, Beeson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted this 9th day of November, 2021.

Public Comment.

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25p.m.

Bobbie Jo Marr, Secretary

MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement
Program Resolution



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This Resolution, together with the MERS 457(b) Supplemental Retirement Program Plan Document and the MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Participation Agreement and any Addendum thereto, constitute the entire MERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Document.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Employees Retirement Act of 1984 (the "Act"), MCL 38.1536(2)(a) (MERS Plan Document (Section 71) authorizes the Municipal Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") to "establish additional programs including but not limited to defined benefit, defined contribution, ancillary benefits, health and welfare benefits, and other postemployment benefit programs," and on November 8, 2011, the Board adopted the MERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

WHEREAS, this Uniform Resolution has been approved by the Board under the authority of Section 71, and the Board has authorized the MERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, which shall not be implemented unless in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer, a participating "municipality" (as defined in the Act; MCL 38.1502b(2); Plan Document Section 2) or participating "court" (circuit, district or probate court as defined in the Act, MCL 38.1502a(4) – (6); Plan Document Section 2) within the State of Michigan has determined that in the interest of attracting and retaining qualified employees, it wishes to offer a deferred compensation plan;

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer has also determined that it wishes to encourage employees' saving for retirement by offering salary reduction contributions;

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer has reviewed the MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program ("Plan");

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer wishes to participate in the Plan to provide certain benefits to its employees, reduce overall administrative costs, and afford attractive investment opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Participating Employer is an Employer as defined in the Plan;

WHEREAS, concurrent with this Resolution, and as a continuing obligation, this Governing Body has completed and approved, and submitted to MERS and the Board documents necessary for adoption and implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for and on behalf of the Participating Employer is authorized by law to adopt this Resolution approving the Participation Agreement on behalf of the Participating Employer. In the event any alteration of the terms or conditions stated in this Resolution is made or occurs, it is expressly recognized that MERS and the Retirement Board, as sole trustee and fiduciary of the Plan and its trust reserves, and whose authority is nondelegable, shall have no obligation or duty to continue to administer (or to have administered) the MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program for the Participating Employer.

MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body adopts the MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program as provided below.

- I. The Participating Employer adopts the Plan for its Employees.
- II. The Participating Employer hereby adopts the terms of the Participation Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution. The Participation Agreement sets forth the Employees to be covered by the Plan, the benefits to be provided by the Participating Employer under the Plan, and any conditions imposed by the Participating Employer with respect to, but not inconsistent with, the Plan. The Participating Employer reserves the right to amend its elections under the Participation Agreement, so long as the amendment is not inconsistent with the Plan or the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable law and is approved by the Board.
- III. The Participating Employer shall abide by the terms of the Plan, including amendments to the Plan made by the Board, all investment, administrative, and other service agreements of the Plan and the Trust, and all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and other applicable law.
- IV. The Participating Employer acknowledges that the Board is only responsible for the Plan and any other plans of the Employer administered by MERS and that the Board has no responsibility for other employee benefit plans maintained by the Employer that are not part of MERS.
- V. The Participating Employer accepts the administrative services to be provided by MERS and any services provided by a Service Manager as delegated by the Board. The Participating Employer acknowledges that fees will be imposed with respect to the services provided and that such fees may be deducted from the Participants' accounts.
- VI. The Participating Employer acknowledges that the Plan contains provisions for involuntary Plan termination.
- VII. The Participating Employer acknowledges that all assets held in connection with the Plan, including all contributions to the Plan, all property and rights acquired or purchased with such amounts and all income attributable to such amounts, property or rights shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries under the Plan. No part of the assets and income of the Plan shall be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries and for defraying reasonable expenses of the Plan. All amounts of compensation deferred pursuant to the Plan, all property and rights acquired or purchased with such amounts and all income attributable to such amounts, property or rights held as part of the Plan, shall be transferred to the Board to be held, managed, invested and distributed as part of the Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. All contributions to the Plan must be transferred by the Participating Employer to the Trust Fund. All benefits under the Plan shall be distributed solely from the Trust Fund pursuant to the Plan.

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VIII. This Resolution and the Participation Agreement shall be submitted to the Board for its approval. The Board shall determine whether the Resolution complies with the Plan, and, if it does, shall provide appropriate forms to the Participating Employer to implement participation in the Plan. The Board may refuse to approve a Participation Agreement by an Employer that does not possess State statutory authority to participate in the Plan. The Governing Body hereby acknowledges that it is responsible to assure that this Resolution and the Participation Agreement are adopted and executed in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: This Resolution shall have no legal effect under the Plan until a certified copy of this adopting Resolution is filed with MERS, and MERS determines that all necessary requirements under the 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Plan and Trust, the Participation Agreement, and this Resolution have been met. All dates for implementation of the Plan shall be determined by MERS from the date of filing with MERS of this Resolution in proper form and content. Upon MERS determination that all necessary documents have been submitted to MERS, MERS shall record its formal approval upon this Resolution, and return a copy to the Employer.

In the event an amendatory Resolution or other action by the municipality is required, such Resolution or action shall be deemed effective as of the date of the initial Resolution or action where concurred by this Governing Body and MERS (and a third-party administrator, if applicable and necessary). The terms and conditions of this Resolution supersede and stand in place of any prior resolution, and its terms are controlling.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted at the official meeting held on
November 9, 2021.

(Signature of authorized official)

Printed name: Kurt Giles
(Authorized Official - printed)

Position title: Vice Chairman
(Authorized Official - position)

Municipality name: Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board

Received and Approved by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan

Dated: _____, 20____
(Authorized MERS signatory)