



GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



Meeting Date	12/04/2024	Department	Fire/Ambulance
Agenda Item	4.f) Consideration of consent to return the Ambulance/Fire wage and benefit split back to 80/20 from the current 65/35, over a 5-Year period		
Est. Cost	N/A		

Background Information

In 2014 the City Council, along with the Ambulance Advisory Board (AAB), agreed to reduce the 80/20 wage and benefit split to 65/35. This reduced what the partner communities paid into the Ambulance Service and increased the costs to Gardiner.

This was done to retain member communities due to losing Richmond which increased the burden on the remaining communities. In addition, Pittston and Farmingdale were looking at alternative services, potentially leaving the Ambulance Service in a even more financially unstable situation.

This agreement was intended to be temporary with the understanding that it would return to a more equitable split.

On November 4th we met with the AAB and discussed returning to the 80/20 model over two years. This would have added \$165,000 each of the two years to the Ambulance Service. Due to the large increase to all of the members, the AAB requested a 5-Year phased in approach, with a 3% increase each year. This will increase the Ambulance Budget by \$66,000/year and reduce the Fire Department expenses in the General Fund.

Chief Sieberg will be on hand to discuss this more in detail.

Requested Action	"I move to approve to return the Ambulance/Fire wage and benefit split back to 80/20 from the current 65/35, over a 5-Year period."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

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