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Legislative History

The Ohio Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund was established in 1961 in Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 146, which provides for payments to the spouse or child of a volunteer (including paid-on-call) firefighter who is killed in the line of duty. It is funded by assessments based on the assessed value of property in the community. Hudson's assessment is \$150 and occurs whenever the fund balance drops below a certain amount. Typically, there are two or three assessments each year. Additional federal and state benefits are available for firefighters killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Purpose & Explanation

A local board is established each year with membership from the Fire Department, City Council and the community. Its function is to prepare and submit an application upon the line of duty death of a firefighter. Membership on the 2016 VFFDFB consists of Council members Dennis Hanink and Dan Williams, Fire Department members Jay Zedak and Kevin Nelson, and citizen member Mark Brady. The Board's term is a calendar year. Barring a firefighter death or disability, the Board typically meets once a year for less than an hour.

Timing Considerations

Council must appoint two members to the Board between November 1 and December 12, 2016 (the second Monday of December). The Fire Department has elected the following two members to serve during 2017: Jay Zedak and Shane Reid. The VFFDFB must meet by December 31, 2016 to elect a citizen member.

Fiscal Impact

☒ Currently Budgeted
☐ Supplemental Appropriation Required
☐ Appropriation Not Required.

Suggested Action

Staff recommends appointment of two Council members to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependent Fund Board.

Submitted by,

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