## **RESOLUTION NO. 657**

## A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FORCES WAGES HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO MITIGATING OR RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCYAND ARE SUBSTATIALLY DIFFERENT FROM EXPECTED AND BUDGETED FUNCTIONS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY FORCES AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 601(d) AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS,** the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" in Senate Bill 310 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (S.B. 310); and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Governments dated April 22, 2020, as well as the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, CARES Act funds may be utilized to meet payroll expenses for public safety employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and substantially differ from any expected use of funds as set forth in the most recently approved budget for the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sheffield has determined that at least 15% (Fifteen Percent) of payroll expenses for public safety employees of the Village of Sheffield during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 have been substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and are substantially different from any expected use of funds as set forth in the most recently approve budget for the Village.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD, COUNTY OF LORAIN, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>: The Village of Sheffield hereby affirms that at least 15% (Fifteen Percent) of payroll expenses for public safety employees of the Village of Sheffield during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 have been substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and are substantially different from any expected use of funds as set forth in the most recently approved budget for the Village.

Section 2: The Village of Sheffield is therefore entitled to utilize CARES Act funds for reimbursement of these aforementioned public safety payroll expenses consistent with the requirements of Section 5001 of the CARES Act as described at 42 U.S.C. 601(d).

<u>Section 3</u>: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

<u>Section 4</u>: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Sheffield, the immediate emergency being the necessity of affirming that payroll expenses for public safety employees of the Village of Sheffield during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 have been substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and are substantially different from any expected use of funds as set forth in the most recently approved budget for the Village; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED \_\_\_\_\_

Timothy J. Pelcic, Fiscal Officer

John D. Hunter, Mayor

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	
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