

**MINUTES OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER The Zimmerman City Council met as the Committee of the Whole at City Hall on Monday, December 8, 2025. Mayor Dahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Dahl, Council Members Bondhus, Earenfight, Farber, and Wells; Administrator Piasecki and Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann. Present from Livonia Township: Board Chair Hiller, Board Members Kukowski and Spencer and Town Clerk Fiedler.

AGENDA APPROVAL **The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current extension to the Fire District Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which expires on December 31, 2025. Mayor Dahl and Councilmember Wells met with Livonia Town Board Chair Hiller and Vice Chair Spencer and respective staffs on September 30 to discuss an updated Fire District JPA. At that meeting, both City and Township members agreed on most terms of the agreement, with further discussion needed related to the cost allocation for fire protection and Fire District expenses.

Town Board Member Harold Kluge Jr. was present at 7:04 p.m.

Board Chair Hiller reiterated the Township's position that the City and Township should be charged equally for fire protection services due to the 50/50 sharing of operating expenses for the District. Extensive discussion was held regarding the number of calls for service and net tax capacity for each entity, as well as the formula used to calculate cost of services provided by the District. Changing the calculation to an equal split of costs would increase the City's cost for Fire protection by approximately \$30,000 and reduce the Township's expense by the same amount.

The City Council's preference is to approve the one-year extension, with a new 10-year agreement effective January 1, 2027, which would include the new method for calculating service contract amounts as discussed. The City's preliminary 2026 budget has already been certified to Sherburne County and additional costs for fire protection cannot be factored in for 2026 without significant impacts to the General Fund Budget. The City Attorney would also like a detailed list of all equipment currently owned by the District for the Fire Department and Event Center included in a new JPA. City Staff will provide the equipment list used for the District's 2024 audit to Fire Department/Event Center staff for updating.

City Staff will have the City Attorney prepare an agreement for a one-year extension to be approved by both entities, extending the JPA through December 31, 2026. A new 10-year JPA will be drafted in 2026 for approval with an effective date of January 1, 2027.

Mayor Dahl adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of December, 2025.

s/s Kary Tillmann, City Clerk/Treasurer