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Golf Manor OHIO

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Press Release

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First Golf Manor Town Hall Meeting to Be Held Monday, Feb. 20 Residents Asked to Attend Fire Dept. Discussion

GOLF MANOR, OH – February 17, 2017 – The first of two Town Hall meetings being held to gather resident input on the the direction of the Village’s Fire Department will be held this Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 PM at the Golf Manor Community Hall located at 6450 Wiehe Rd.

Golf Manor Mayor Ron Hirth stated, “No decision has been made at this time about a course of action regarding the Village fire department’s direction. These important meetings are being held to engage residents about the financial state of the Village and gather input about a proposal received to merge the Golf Manor Fire Department with the Little Miami Fire District.”

The Little Miami Fire District approached Golf Manor about a potential administrative merger of the two departments back in 2015. Both fire houses would share equipment and personnel according to the proposal.

“The Village ended 2016 on positive financial standing, probably the best balance sheet we’ve seen for several years,” Hirth said. “As we evaluate this approach to managing fire services, our top concern always remains ensuring that public safety is maintained and that services are enhanced at the lowest cost. The fire department discussion is just one of many strategies we continue to evaluate.”

Residents of the Village are requested to attend one of two Town Hall meetings. The second meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 2 PM, also at the Golf Manor Community Hall.

Presentations will be made by Golf Manor Village Administrator Brian Gilligan, Fire Chief Jim Puthoff, and Village Solicitor Terry Donnellon. Mayor Hirth, Vice Mayor Greg Schwartzberg, and Finance Chair Sharon Chaney with other members of Council will be available to answer questions.

Three topics will be covered including:

- How the Village budget is formulated and the current financial health of the Village
- How we sustain the GMFD as an independent fire department and what monies will be needed to do so
- What a contract or merger with Little Miami would look like and what monies would be needed thereafter

Information will be available on the Golf Manor website at <http://golfmanoroh.gov/gmfd-sustainability/> after the Feb. 20 meeting.

The Village of Golf Manor, located in central Hamilton County, Ohio is home to 3,611 residents, comprised of 1,614 households, and 897 families according to the 2010 census. More information about the Village may be obtained at www.golfmanoroh.gov.