

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE ON THE MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (MARCS) ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, the Cortland Police Department has identified the need to purchase equipment and operate on the multi-agency radio communications system known as MARCS for the health and safety of Cortland residents; and

WHEREAS, the current analog radio system being used by the Police Department does not work properly and has very poor infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, MARCS is administered through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and is a radio and data network that utilizes state-of-the-art trunked technology to provide statewide interoperability in digital clarity to its subscribers throughout Ohio and a 10 mile radius outside of Ohio. The MARCS system provides statewide, secure, reliable public service wireless communication for public safety and first responders; and

WHEREAS, Trumbull County is one of three counties in Ohio that have yet to transition over to MARCS; and

WHEREAS, the Trumbull County 911 System and Trumbull County Sheriff's Office is anticipating transitioning over to MARCS by the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, for the Police Department to fully operate MARCS, the Police Chief will need purchase MARCS equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has researched product lines, performed price comparisons and solicited quotations; and

WHEREAS, VASU Communications Inc. has provided a quotation for the MARCS equipment at a cost not to exceed \$51,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the MARCS equipment is an eligible purchase through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program which allows the City of Cortland to purchase new equipment at the best available price; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio administers MARCS for a monthly fee of \$20 per radio. In State Fiscal Year 2018, the cost for local government participation is reduced to a monthly fee of \$10 per radio by the general revenue subsidy provided in House Bill 49.

WHEREAS, the subsidy is reviewed every July, so there is no guarantee that the subsidy will continue every year. Therefore the City will budget for an increase to \$20/month/radio in future fiscal years.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Cortland does hereby recognize the need to purchase equipment and to operate on MARCS administered by the State of Ohio for the City of Cortland Police Department.

Section 2. The City of Cortland does hereby authorize the purchase of MARCS equipment from VASU Communications Inc., 2432 Ridgeland Dr., Avon, Ohio, 44011. The total cost for the equipment not to exceed \$51,000.00 will be paid from City Fund 2901-110-394 (Police, Police Enforcement, and Equipment).

Section 3. The City of Cortland does hereby authorize the Police Department to accept the current terms and conditions of the State of Ohio administrative and operational fee and to pay the fee of \$10.00 per radio, per month to the Treasurer, State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Columbus, Ohio, 43260 from City Fund 2901-110-300 (Police, Police Enforcement, Contractual). The

amount and payment of the administrative and operational fee will be reviewed annually subject to change through an amendment hereto.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force as early as allowed by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED W/ MAYOR _____
DATE

MAYOR

DATE APPROVED _____

ROLL CALL

FIRST READING

Edwards, aye
Fleischer, aye
Keller, absent
Moore, aye
Petrosky, aye
Piros, aye
Rowley, aye

SECOND READING

Edwards, aye
Fleischer, aye
Keller, aye
Moore, aye
Petrosky, aye
Piros, aye
Rowley, aye

THIRD READING

Edwards, aye
Fleischer, aye
Keller, aye
Moore, aye
Petrosky, aye
Piros, aye
Rowley, aye

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