

RESOLUTION 04-2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LA VALLE TO DIRECT CHARGE PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of La Valle, Sauk County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") owns and operates the Village Water Utility (the "Utility") as a public utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality provides fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety and well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility is authorized by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to recover the cost of providing and maintaining fire hydrants used for public protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality has included the annual public fire protection charge due to the water utility on the Village's property tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin State Statute Section 196.03(3)(b) allows the Village to collect the public fire protection through the tax levy or as a direct charge on the water utility bills or a combination of both;

**WHEREAS**, to provide greater equity for the cost, the Village Board desires to place Fifty Percent (50%) of the public fire protection charge on the utility bills as a direct charge for all General Customer users; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to use the equivalent meter method for calculating the direct charge;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Village does request PSC approval to place the entire Public Fire Protection charge as a direct charge on the utility bill using the equivalent meter method and the remaining balance to continue being placed on the tax roll; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Village staff are authorized to work with PSC staff in implementing this request and that this change shall be effective upon review and approval by the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin.

Adopted and approved by the Village Board on this August 17, 2022.