

Summary of Contracts

	Village of Put-in-Bay - NEW	Ottawa County Sheriff
Initial Cost	55% of Unknown (Estimated \$900,000.00)	Not to exceed \$750000.00
Yearly Increase	Up to 10% per year.	No increase.
Housing	Twp to provide housing on MBI for 2 Officers	Twp to provide housing on MBI for 2 Officers and 5 Officers on PIB
Vehicles	Twp to pay 50% of new Police Vehicle - to be owned by Village.	Twp to purchase 2 Police Vehicles and 2 Side by Sides Sheriff to provide vehicle for MBI (All Twp purchased vehicles are assets of the Twp.)
Insurance	Twp to pay up to \$2,000,000.00 for all claims against Village Police Dept.	Sheriff provides the insurance and will only hold Twp liable if the claim directly relates to the Twp.
Term Length	3 Years	3 Years
Middle Bass Coverage	Not guaranteed.	Guaranteed.

Several factors played into the decision to go with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. One of the main reasons was coverage for Middle Bass, which is a part of Put-in-Bay Township. For the past two years, Middle Bass has barely had any police coverage during the times outlined in the contract with the Village of Put-in-Bay. The Village was made aware of these issues and they were not rectified. At one point this fall, a council member told the Township that they were fully aware in February 2022 that they could not cover Middle Bass, however, the Township was never notified. Lastly, the Village's Chief of Police as well as a council member told the Township that did not feel that they would be able to cover Middle Bass even if the Township went with the Village again.

Another issue was the 55% of the Village budget. According to police call records, about 39% of all police calls are in the Township so we as a board felt that 55% was excessive. In addition, that amount was not a concrete number. During negotiations, the total Village Police budget kept increasing. We had asked for a detailed explanation of where the money was spent in the past but never received this information.

The insurance part of the contract was a major concern for the Trustees. The fact that the village wanted the Township to pay a percentage of their total police budget, made it very difficult for us to get coverage. Our insurance representative advised us that going with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office would definitely lower our insurance rates because it's a set amount and the Sheriff's Office isn't as much of a liability as the Village is. We've all seen the lawsuits, etc. in the papers. The biggest issue with

the insurance was the clause that the Township would be liable for up to \$2,000,000.00 of all claims against the Village. This could bankrupt the Township and we as a board were not willing to take that risk.

Is the Village contract less money on paper, possibly. It's difficult to say with possible increases and insurance liabilities. The Sheriff's contract is a set dollar amount that includes startup costs. There is a provision for 100,000 in vehicles. We have already cut this drastically by sourcing 2 good condition used Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUVs for about 10,000 each. We have also secured housing for about half of what we expected to pay.

There are other items that are not a part of the dollar amount listed. For the past 3 years, the Township has provide the Village Chief of Police free housing. The Township has also provided the use of the Township boat and captains for police transportation. This includes all of the fuel costs associated with this. Last year, the usage of the boat was approximately 87% for police use.

Now, is there a feud between the Village and the Township? Absolutely not. In fact, we have met with the Village and the Sheriff to discuss how this new arrangement will work. Currently, the Village is covering police calls in the Township until the Sheriff gets officers hired and moved here. (Estimated March of 2023) The Village is also providing a vehicle on Middle Bass until the boats run. The Township will continue to provide a boat for police transportation for both the Sheriff and the Village. The Village will provide the holding cells for both the Sheriff and the Village. All police dispatch will be handled by the Sheriff at no additional cost to the Village. Some Villages pay upwards of \$70,000 a year for this service. The Sheriff plans on bringing a K-9 unit to the island as well as trained criminal investigators that will be available to the Village as needed.

Basically, the Board of Trustees did not feel that the Village could provide the protection needed even though their contract was slightly less. Past experience made us believe that we would still have a shortfall in coverage for areas of Put-in-Bay Township. The Ottawa County Sheriff is able to provide the necessary coverage the Township requires and their presence will benefit the entire island, not just the Township.