

## Report to Village Board

**Agenda Item:**

**Meeting Date: October 14, 2024**

**Referring Body:** Trustees Charneski and Eiden

**Committee Contact:**

**Staff Contact:**

**Report Prepared by:** Ken Charneski

**AGENDA ITEM:** Contract with Riverside Ambulance Service

**OBJECTIVE(S):** Lock in favorable rates for Ambulance Service

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:** On August 23, Trustees Eiden, and Charneski, along with Fire Chief Obrien, met with Riverside officials to obtain a reliable basic idea of what the costs to the Village would be if Kronenwetter was to renew the current contract for ambulance service to the Village.

The attached drafts show that the current contract could be extended as is, with a 2% annual cost increase. This would amount to **about \$80,000 per year, or a \$9 per capita cost to the Village** for top notch ambulance service.

This information was reported to the Village Board at the August 26 meeting, and while some trustees found this proposal to be very favorable to the Village, others expressed skepticism that the proposed figures would actually be approved in a contract. The item was an informational report and no action was taken at that time.

Trustees Charneski and Eiden believe that if the Village Board is not pro-active NOW in taking advantage an extremely cost effective solution offered by Riverside, **the opportunity may be lost** if the new Safer/Riverside organization becomes a reality.

This agenda item proposes to overcome the speculative skepticism of some that Riverside may not honor the numbers in their draft proposal, by actually taking them up on the offer.

**Offering to engage in a 3 or 5 year contract can only benefit the Village.**

- Either Riverside will agree to their preliminary proposal and we will have a favorable agreement, or
- They will come back with some counter offer which will provide the factual basis to tell us exactly where we stand in terms of cost, and thus allow for a responsible decision-making process to take place.

Either way, if Riverside realizes that Kronenwetter is considering and willing to contract for further services, that may head off the possible merger, and Kronenwetter would be able to enjoy the balance of low costs and excellent service, while Riverside can maintain the separate entity and financial balance that they had counted on before Kronenwetter indicated a non-renewal of the contract.

This effort is separate and apart from the ambulance ad-hoc committee's work. They will not be delayed and can continue their efforts while we await the response from Riverside.

Obtaining Riverside's response can only aid the Village in the ongoing decision-making process.

**PROPOSAL:** Submit an offer to Riverside to continue the the current contract for either 3 or 5 years as proposed in the draft from Riverside.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Submit an offer to Riverside to continue the the current contract according to the costs as proposed in the draft from Riverside.

**FINANCIAL**

**Financial Consideration/Action:**

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A until future year budgets

Account Number/Title:	#
Current Adopted Budget:	\$
Spent to Date:	\$
Remaining Budget:	\$
Requested Amount:	\$
Remainder of Budgeted Amount, if approved:	

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft proposals from Riverside, Current contract with Riverside