REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD



ITEM NAME: Riverside Ambulance Contract Meeting

MEETING DATE: May 12th, 2025

PRESENTING COMMITTEE: NA

COMMITTEE CONTACT: David Baker

STAFF CONTACT: Fire Chief O'Brien

PREPARED BY: David Baker

ISSUE: Our current ambulance service contract with Riverside expires at the end of 2025. The Village has the option to extend the contract beyond 2025. Fire Chief O'Brien has identified issues with our current Riverside ambulance service that she believes should be addressed before extending the contract.

OBJECTIVES: Improve intergovernmental relationships while maintaining a high quality ambulance service for our Kronenwetter residents.

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS: The previous Village Board discussed a contract extension versus an RFP at the February 10, 2025 Village Board meeting. The discussion included problems with going out for RFP and the Board approved a motion 7-0 to send the matter back to CLIPP to examine how to change the current contract to address the identified issues.

As a result of subsequent discussion at CLIPP and the Board, an invitation was extended to Riverside Fire Chief Briggs to attend a Kronenwetter Village Board meeting of the new Board to discuss the identified issues and the potential contract extension. I felt that this would be most appropriately handled in a closed session, but per our attorney, there is no closed session exemption available to cover this situation.

Our attorney, Shane VanderWaal has suggested that President Baker, Fire Chief O'Brien, Riverside Fire Chief Briggs and Rothschild Village Administrator VanDeWalle meet to discuss the identified issues. Riverside Fire Chief Briggs has requested that that we meet with him and a member of the Board of the Riverside Fire District instead of the Rothschild Village Administrator because the Fire District encompasses multiple municipalities.

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ADVANTAGES:

DISADVANTAGES:

ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and approve a meeting between President Baker, Fire Chief O'Brien, Riverside Fire Chief Briggs, and a Riverside Fire District Board member in an attempt to address issues and improve the intergovernmental relationship.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:

Remaining CFY
Account Number:
Description:
Budgeted Amount:
Spent to Date:

Percentage Used:

Remaining:

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):