

Village of North Riverside
Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee
Meeting Date: April 9, 2018

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Flores
Trustee Sarro

Others in attendance were Trustees Bianco, Czajka and Demopoulos, Mayor Hermanek, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief Gaertner and Jason Rodgers, Executive Director of WC3.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and the following is a summary of the meeting:

Item #1: Update on WC3 Consolidation:

Jason Rodgers, Executive Director of WC3, gave an in-depth update on the consolidation of dispatching services. The anticipated cutover date is Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Director Rodgers informed the committee that the last major project awaiting completion is the live connection of the fiber optics to the member communities. He anticipates the time remaining to complete this project is 2 days.

All current telecommunicators from the founding communities of North Riverside, Riverside and Brookfield were offered first rights to employment with the WC3. The WC3 has authorized 14 full time positions, with the goal of 11 positions being filled at the time of cutover. Currently, Director Rodgers has received written confirmation of 8 current telecommunicators transferring employment to the WC3— 3 from North Riverside, 3 from Brookfield, 1 from Riverside and 1 from McCook. Any shortages in personnel at the date of cutover will be filled with part time positions.

The WC3's fiscal year runs on a calendar year basis and Director Rodgers will be going to his executive board within the next week with a formal budget recommendation for the first 7 months of operations. Once formally approved by his board of directors, he will forward a copy of the approved budget to each member community. Director Rodgers mentioned the WC3 will be applying for a state grant to help offset the costs of consolidation to the member communities. The grant application deadline is June 30, 2018. He will keep the communities updated throughout the grant process. Director Rodgers answered a number of questions from the committee and board members present.

Item #2: FY18 Financial Update:

Finance Director Scarpiniti previously distributed a preliminary and unaudited summary of projected revenues and expenditures for all Village funds as of March 31, 2018. She provided a very detailed financial overview of each fund and presented her projections for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. FY18 posed several financial challenges for the Village as a whole, as the General and Water & Sewer Funds - the two major operating funds of the Village, are expected to end the fiscal year with net operating losses of approximately \$477,000 and \$19,000 respectively. In addition, higher than expected costs for consolidation to the WC3 are expected to create an unanticipated net operating loss in the Emergency 911 Fund of approximately \$97,200. Funding of this operating loss in the 911 Fund will need to be earmarked by an operating transfer from the General Fund, and consequently, has contributed to the size of the General Fund's anticipated year end deficit.

Finance Director Scarpiniti answered numerous questions from the committee and board members present. She notified the committee that Fiscal Year 19 budget discussions will be especially tough given the confirmed loss of sales tax revenue from the closure of Toys R Us and Tony's Finer Foods, in addition to the potential treat of closure by Carson's. FY19 budget hearing are scheduled for May 30th and 31st.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni, Chairman