

Village of North Riverside

Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee

Meeting Date: August 24, 2017

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Flores
Trustee Sarro

Others in attendance were Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Bianco and Czajka and Administrator Belmonte
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. and the following is a summary of the meeting.

Item #1: Presentation by the Cook County Health & Hospital System: Four representatives from the Cook County Health and Hospital System gave a presentation on their plans for a Primary Care Facility at the property which formally housed Sports Authority. Those present were Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO of CCHHS, Letty Close, Executive Director of Government Affairs, Andrea Gibson, Director of Project Management & Operational Excellence and Scott Borstein, Attorney. Dr. Shannon gave an in-depth presentation explaining they have outgrown their facility in Cicero and need to find a bigger location. CCHHS is looking to lease roughly 21,000 sq. ft. of the property; he explained their facility takes all patients, those with regular insurance, government insurance and those without insurance. Most patients make appointments but they also take walk-ins for those who wake up in the morning and don't feel good, he said most of their patients will come from a 2-mile radius of the facility. CCHHS likes this location because of its closeness to public transportation. Dr. Shannon said they would have 30-exam rooms and 6-dental chairs in the facility with 8-11 doctors on staff along with support staff, in total about 50-60 employees with about 20-25 there at one time. The hours for the facility would be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4-days a week, one day until 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dr. Shannon explained they would have security inside the facility during business hours and said they have never had a problem at any of their Primary Care Facilities throughout the County. CCHHS is looking to sign a 10-year lease with the property owner and must get approval from the Cook County Hospital Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Dr. Shannon said he does not see this as a problem and everything should be approved by the Commissioners at the Cook County Board meeting in September. If everything gets approved Dr. Shannon said he would estimate that the facility would be open to see patients by the Fall of 2018. Dr. Shannon answered a number of questions from the board members and thanked the committee, board members and Mayor for the opportunity to address them. Once the representatives from CCHHS left the committee and board members had a discussion on the presentation, there was concern about this facility not being retail any longer but also how this would be good for all residents in the area and that this property has been vacant for roughly 9-months with no interest from retail companies. Trustee Flores motioned and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve the 10-year lease of this facility by the Cook County Health and Hospital System. Committee members Trustee Mengoni, Flores and Sarro voted yes to approve the motion; Trustee Mengoni polled the other officials present with Trustee Czajka and Mayor Hermenek in favor, Trustee Bianco said he would not comment. At this time I would like to make the following motion;

To approve the 10-year lease of the property located at 1800 S. Harlem Avenue by the Cook County Health and Hospital System and for the CCHHS to come before the Village board before any extension to the lease of this property.

Item #2: Discussion on Elected Officials Stipend: Trustee Mengoni mentioned that this subject was discussed at a previous finance committee meeting and was informed by the Administrator that though this was not budgeted Finance Director Scarpiniti said if it is approved to reinstate the stipend there would be no problem finding the money within the budgeted dollars approved. Trustee Mengoni said he would like to see a \$100 per month stipend reinstated, though many of the events and meetings which are attended by the elected officials

come out of Village money there is still expenses for the officials for gas, parking and other things at these events. Trustee Mengoni said if the stipend is reinstated in October it would cost the Village \$4,800 this fiscal year. After a discussion on the subject Trustee Sarro motioned and Trustee Flores seconded to reinstate the Village official stipend of \$100 per month starting October 2017. The motion passed committee with a 3-0 yes vote, Trustee Mengoni polled the other Village officials present with Trustee Bianco and the Mayor in favor and Trustee Czajka opposed. At this time I would like to make the following motion.

To reinstate a \$100 per month stipend to the 8-village officials starting October 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni, Chairman