

Village of North Riverside
Police – Fire – License Committee
Meeting Date: June 6, 2016

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Decosola
Trustee Wilt

Others in attendance were Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Bianco, Czajka and Demopoulos, Administrator Belmonte, Police Chief Niemann and Fire Chief Basek.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. and the following is a summary of the meeting.

Item #1: Discussion on Telecommunication Merger: Chief Niemann briefed the committee on the telecommunication merger between North Riverside, Riverside and Brookfield. He explained the reason for merging was to meet the State's new requirements which allow dispatch centers for municipalities of 25,000 or more residents. Those under 25,000 would have to join the State's dispatch system or merge with other communities to meet the 25,000 requirement. The deadline to submit the IGA to the State is July 1, 2016 and implantation is July 1, 2017. There have been numerous meetings between with the Administration, Police and Fire personnel from each community. The name of the new consolidated joint emergency dispatch system will be known as the West Central Consolidated Communications (WC3). It has been determined that cost would be shared equally, 1/3 by each community and the group has hired a consultant who is helping with preparing and submitting the application to the State. Chief Niemann stated the communication center will be in our dispatch center and it is not anticipated any full-time telecommunicator from the three communities will lose their job. North Riverside will continue to have a 24/7 department and we will house all prisoners; each community will process their own paperwork. The Chief said there seemed to be fewer problems on the police side than the fire side. Chief Basek mentioned the concerns with the three fire departments are they are not on a digital system but a VHS system which is the main system used by most fire departments to communicate with fire departments. Both Chiefs were very confident the logistics will get done by the July 1, 2017 deadline. When WC3 is operational a Director will need to be hired and all full-time telecommunicators will become employees of WC3. During the next year the communities will continue to meet to resolve any problem that may arise and the Administrator will keep everyone updated on what's happening. We will call committee meetings when needed to discuss certain matters.

Item #2: Discussion on Armory Meeting: The Mayor and Chief Basek informed the committee about the meeting they had with Armory personnel. They were updated on the laws if an employee is deployed by any of the armed forces, the Village currently has a police officer who is active in the reserves and could get deployed. Armory personnel also informed them of new guidelines the National Guard has that would allow us to contact them directly in the case of an emergency or natural disaster. In past years we would have to contact the State or Federal offices to request help, now we have a direct line to additional resources in the case of an emergency such as a tornado, flooding or other disasters.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni, Chairman