

# Request For Board Action

**REFERRED TO BOARD:** December 15, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** 6

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution Implementing Long Term Service and Budget Cuts Resulting from the Failed EMS Referendum

**SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

Subsequent to the failure of the referendum question for the approval of an ambulance tax on real property, the Village Board tasked staff with determining the financial impact to Village operations. The Board, at the December 1 meeting, directed the Village Administrator to devise and plan for future service and budget reductions in the event that a funding source for ambulance service does not materialize.

Staff presented its recommended cuts and service reductions for the fiscal year 2016 at the December 15, 2014 Village Board meeting where it was tabled to the January 19, 2015 Village Board Meeting.

After further discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting, the draft Plan "B" was revised to eliminate additional costs to outside organizations, and maintain special events. The revised plan "B" is presented this evening for consideration.

Staff recommends passage of the resolution as presented.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

1. Resolution
2. Plan "B"

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**Motion** to approve a resolution implementing long term service and budget cuts resulting from the failed EMS referendum.

**RESOLUTION 2015 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING LONG TERM SERVICE AND BUDGET CUTS  
RESULTING FROM THE FAILED EMS REFERENDUM**

**WHEREAS**, the Village and the First Fire District have had a long-standing arrangement to share certain responsibilities for operating the Fire Department to serve areas within the Village and in the unincorporated area of Antioch Township, and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of emergency medical services has recently become a part of the basic fire department operations, which is a significant expense, despite the revenues that are and will be collected from users of the EMS system and their insurers or other payors such as Medicare and Medicaid, currently costing the two taxing bodies a net of approximately \$1,500,000.00 annually, and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Antioch Township, and the voters within the Village have recently rejected a referendum question seeking approval for imposition of an ambulance tax on real property, causing a financial shortfall which in turn will result in the need to impose certain limitations on operational decisions, including the closure of Fire Station 3 and the Village's takeover of responsibility for additional payment of contract EMS providers for the manning of the Fire Stations, and

**WHEREAS**, the harsh economic realities have already caused the Village Board to suspend making capital expenditures in our roads, water lines, sewer lines, vehicles and equipment, which cuts will need to be carried on into the future, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Fire District and the Village have already adopted resolutions and filed the same with the County Clerk, seeking authority to impose the said tax, which issue will be on the ballot in April of 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, until such time as the voters approve a sustainable means of funding ambulance services, the Village is faced with a critical need to exercise great caution to maintain fiscal austerity while balancing the needs of public safety, which is a dauntingly difficult task, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has directed the Village Administrator and other senior staff to assemble a package of service cuts and capital expenditure reductions which have the potential for bridging the shortfall between anticipated revenues and operational expenditures over a fairly long term, anticipating the unfortunate potential for there being an extended period of time before the voters finally approve a form of sustainable funding for ambulance services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, despite knowing the hardship that some or all of the cuts and reductions will bestow on the public, both now and into the foreseeable future, finds and declares that it is essential to make these cuts and reductions in order to ensure that the safety of residents and all others within the greater Antioch area is not severely compromised, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, deliberated and decided not to impact the civic and youth sporting organizations with fees or to discontinue the parades, concerts or special events that enhance the quality of life for the community again knowing that economic hardship looms with insufficient funds to continue to provide the level of services that the community has come to expect and to provide for the maintenance of the infrastructure and equipment of the Village, at least at the present time, although such funding may need to be reconsidered in the relatively near future in the event a sustainable source of funding for ambulance services cannot be secured through the approval of the voters, and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities find and declare that the document attached as Exhibit B is a fair and reasonable delineation of long-term cuts and expenditures which must unfortunately be approved and implemented in the event the referendum fails again,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** The Administrator shall produce budgets going forward for Village Board consideration, consistent with the Illinois and Antioch Municipal Codes, which will implement the budget cuts, service reductions and capital expenditure reductions delineated on Exhibit B, at his sole discretion, commencing as soon as practical in the event of another failed referendum at the April 7, 2015 consolidated election.

**SECTION TWO:** All staff members, including particularly department heads and senior staff are directed to assist the Administrator in identification and, ultimately, implementation of these budget cuts, service reductions and capital expenditure reductions.

**SECTION THREE:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,  
ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

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LORI K. FOLBRICK, VILLAGE CLERK

**Plan B**  
**Planned Long-Term Budget Reductions**  
 May 2015- April 2016

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		<u>Impact</u>
<b>EMS</b>	<b>\$ 87,900</b>	
VOA/FFPD IGA - Station 3 cost savings		No service at station 3
<b>Senior Center</b>	<b>50,000</b>	
Pay all Senior exp. from Spiering fund	50,000	Accelerated depletion of Spiering fund from FY2022 to FY2020.
<b>Department Proposed Reductions</b>	<b>92,410</b>	
Admin	650	
	LCTA	575
Police	Over-time	50,000
Comm. Dev	LCCVB	10,000
	Gruen	25,000
	Downtown plantings	6,000
Finance	APT Dues	185
		Advertising Economic Development
		Impacts IL. Muni Treas. Assoc. cert.
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>100,000</b>	
<b>Total Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 330,310</b>	
<b>Reserves</b>		
Redirect transfer from Utility Tax to General Fund	200,000	Stagnate reserve growth
<b>Total Revenue Enhancements</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	
<b>Total Budget/Revenue Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 530,310</b>	