

Memo

Date: February 17, 2021

To: Ad Hoc Finance & Personnel Committee

From: Brad Lange

Re: Green Bay Metro Fire Contract Extension and Advisory Group Member

The Village of Allouez had entered into a 15 year agreement with the City of Green Bay for the merger of the two Fire Departments. The contract, as it stands today, is set to expire at the end of 2027. The Village of Bellevue recently joined the Green Bay Metro Fire Department and their contract mirrors our contract with a couple of exceptions:

1. The agreement with Bellevue calls for an Advisory Board to be put in place. The Advisory Board consists of six (6) members including two (2) members each from the three (3) municipalities; Green Bay, Allouez and Bellevue. The Advisory Group shall be established to receive regular reports and updates as agreed upon by the Fire Chief and Village Administrators regarding operation of the Green Bay Metro Fire Department.
2. The agreement with Bellevue also includes paying a portion of overtime. If we were to extend the contract, this overtime provision would not be applied to us until January 1, 2028 and would lock the overtime rate at 5% of salaries as it is with Bellevue.
3. With the extension, the contract for service would expire on 12/31/36 for both Allouez and Bellevue.

Staff had a meeting with Chief Litton to discuss whether or not Allouez would like to extend our contract to expire the same time as Bellevue or simply amend the current agreement to include an appointment to the Advisory Board. If we were to extend the contract there would be additional financial impacts to Allouez beginning in 2028 (paying for a portion of overtime).

Staff recommendation would be to amend the contract and recommend to the Village Board two (2) members to be appointed to serve on the Advisory Board and continue to have discussion on extension of the contract to 12/31/2036.