



VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
MANAGER'S REPORT
January 22, 2016

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Village of Clarendon Hills Village Manager's Report

To: Village President Austin & Board of Trustees

From: Kevin Barr, Village Manager *KS*

Date: January 22, 2016

1. Village President Austin and I attended the DuPage Mayors and Managers (DMMC) Meeting on Wednesday night. The DMMC presented and approved its 2016 Legislative Action Program (attached) and we heard comments and reports from about a dozen State Legislators, including our State Representative Patti Bellock. The program is similar to previous years including urging the maintenance of existing municipal revenues and reducing potential cost burdens in several personnel related areas such as worker's compensation. For your information.
2. The 318 Park property closing is currently scheduled for next Wednesday. We are continuing to evaluate existing parking patterns and will bring a proposal to the Board in the near future for regulating parking in the Lot.
3. I attended the Du-Comm Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday morning. Though we are not yet being dispatched, we are already including as voting members. As reported earlier, the Du-Comm Board approved a budget with lower dues than originally estimated. This is largely the result of our joining along with Willowbrook and Burr Ridge which allows the whole organization to enjoy the benefits of economy of scale. All appears to be on schedule for the transition. Chief Leahy, and possibly myself, are planning to attend the Tri-State Fire Protection Board Meeting next Monday to discuss the benefits of joining Du-Comm with them.

Enjoy the weekend.

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2016 LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

At the start of each legislative session, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference focuses our efforts by selecting key legislative priorities which have significant and immediate impacts on municipalities and their residents. The Conference is pleased to share these six priorities with you in our *2016 Legislative Action Program*.

We greatly value this opportunity to give a municipal voice to the more than 1,000,000 residents of our 34 member communities. The topics selected for this year's *Legislative Action Program* reflect the needs and values of municipalities as they strive to maintain economic viability and a healthy sense of community, which are necessary to promote safe, livable, and sustainable communities. It is the Conference's desire to foster a collaborative partnership between local and state governments while working with legislators to serve our common constituents as we address these legislative priorities.

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is a coalition of 34 cities and villages in DuPage County, providing a municipal voice on regional, state, and national issues.

Legislative Priorities are those specific, immediate issues that the Conference pursues through initiating legislation, strong advocacy, and cooperation with partner organizations. Legislative Priorities are our primary legislative focus as we commence the second year of the 99th General Assembly.

REVENUE AND TAXATION

Protect Local Revenue

Municipalities have made difficult decisions in order to keep balanced budgets despite skyrocketing public safety pension costs, the continued impacts of the Great Recession, and the state's budget uncertainties of 2015. The state must refrain from withholding, freezing, diverting, delaying, or reducing any state-collected local revenue streams. If local revenue is withheld in any way, municipalities will be forced to cut basic essential services, raise property taxes, or layoff critical staff to cover this loss, all to the detriment of the taxpaying residents and businesses throughout the state.

Reform Municipal Public Safety Pensions

In 2015, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled the 2013 state pension reform was unconstitutional, compounding the growing municipal public safety pension crisis. It is vital that the legislature acknowledge this crisis and act to mitigate the burden on taxpayers while ensuring sustainable pension systems. Of critical and immediate importance, police and fire pension boards should be allowed to consolidate funds. Consolidation saves on administrative costs and results in better returns. In addition, the compliance and penalty provisions of Public Act 96-1495 must be amended. This law requires municipalities to fund pensions to a level of 90%, amortized to 2040, or risk having local revenue withheld by the state. If the high cost of current pensions is not addressed, this provision will require some municipalities to immediately increase pension funding to a point that cripples their ability to provide basic services. Municipalities cannot withstand this burden without necessary cost-saving pension reforms.

PERSONNEL AND LABOR

Amend the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA)

PSEBA was originally created to supply health insurance benefits to public safety employees who suffer catastrophic injuries in the line of duty. However, the system is frequently used to provide duplicative benefits at the expense of taxpayers, even when recipients are able to secure alternative, gainful employment with health insurance benefits. The federal definition of "catastrophic injury" must be adopted to ensure that taxpayers are no longer needlessly overcharged.

Amend the Workers' Compensation Act (Act)

Incremental changes to the Illinois Workers' Compensation system have increased the burden on taxpayers to a level that is both unfair and unsustainable. Five specific reforms are sought at this time:

- Remove the Burden of Proof for the Cause of Firefighter Injuries from Municipalities

Statutory rebuttable presumption provisions put the burden of proof on the employer to prove that an injury arose from a cause outside of employment. In certain situations this presumption unfairly shifts the burden to the taxpayer to prove causation, particularly in cases where the public agency does not have access to records from an employee's secondary employer. The Act should be changed to place the same burden of proof on firefighters as is placed on other employees.

- Require Arbitrators to Adhere to the American Medical Association (AMA) Disability Rating Guidelines

The AMA provides guidelines for rating the level of permanent impairment due to injury. However, arbitrators may give little or no consideration to the AMA ratings when provided at hearings, instead awarding greater loss of use at the expense of taxpayers. State statute should require arbitrators to adhere to the AMA guidelines.

- Return the Length of Time Compensated to Pre-2006 Levels
The Act specifies the number of weeks of salary an employee shall receive in compensation for each specific injury. As of February 1, 2006, the number of weeks of compensation was increased by approximately 7%, resulting in additional taxpayer costs. Compensation levels should be returned to those granted through 2005.

- Overturn the Workers' Compensation Commission Case Regarding Shoulder Injuries

The Commission has ruled that a permanent shoulder injury is viewed as "man as a whole," doubling the cost of compensation and also providing duplicative compensation for previous arm injuries. The Act should be amended to overturn the ruling and equate permanent loss of the shoulder to loss of use of the arm, which is limited to a total of 253 weeks including previous compensation.

- Enforce the Medical Fee Schedule for Workers' Compensation Claims

2011 reforms established fees that medical providers may charge for treating patients with Workers' Compensation claims. However, medical providers bill at non-approved, higher rates and place the burden on the employer to calculate fee schedule reductions. Medical providers should be required to issue bills pursuant to the fee schedule.



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Remove Barriers of Non-Home Rule Authority

The distinction between home rule and non-home rule communities should be removed to recognize the ability of all municipalities to govern themselves, regardless of population.

- Allow Greater Flexibility with Regulations and Expenditures
Allow non-home rule municipalities to employ policies such as state and local funding alternatives and economic development incentives. Legislation should also allow non-home rule municipalities to assess and expend—for any government purpose—tax revenue from hotel/motel stays, sales tax, car rentals, gasoline, and natural gas utilities.
- Allow Crime Free Housing Regulations
Home rule municipalities are permitted to license landlords and require periodic inspection of dwellings. Legislation should allow non-home rule communities to use this program as well.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS

Support True Western Access

As the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway expansion project plans are finalized, the state must consider the project's impact on local residents and businesses. The state should approve a resolution supporting maximum project benefits by ensuring the new access route is a true western entrance to the airport. True western access means a direct route to the terminal, which would increase multi-modal mobility around the airport, improve quality of life for residents and businesses, and provide economic development opportunities and increased job growth in the region west of the airport.

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Village of Clarendon Hills
Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2016
TO: Kevin Barr, Village Manager
FROM: Michael D. Millette, P.E., Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Department Notes

1. We are prepared to tackle today's weather should we get more than the 'dusting' that is predicted.
2. We have been pothole patching this week. Next week, Hinsdale has requested to borrow our hot patching trailer.
3. Today we are assisting with the installation of the replacement heating unit at Heritage Hall. This work may extend into next week.
4. Bids were opened for the 2016 Road Improvement Program on Tuesday. Eight bids were received with the apparent low bidder being Orange Crush at \$2,222,000, which is about \$100,000 under the budgeted amount. Contract award is tentatively scheduled for the April 18th Board meeting which would be after the end of the second 60 day SSA notice.
5. Design work remains on schedule for the 2016 water main replacement program. A bid opening is scheduled for February 9th.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Barr, Village Manager
FROM: Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director
DATE: January 22, 2016
RE: **Department Report**

1. **Annual Business License Renewal** - Businesses and Contractors operating in the Village are required to obtain a yearly Business License. Please visit the Village Business License Portal on the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us. Please contact the Community Development Department at 630-286-5410 if you have any questions.
2. **227-231 Burlington Ave** - On Monday, January 18, Mr. John Schiess, the architect and developer representing the owner of the property, presented a revised concept plan for the development of their before the Village Board. The developer presented plans for a private garage condominium for storage and display of classic, collector and exotic vehicles. During that meeting the Village Board provide the developer with informal feedback about the development. This discussion can be heard via podcast on the Village's website at www.clarendonhills.us/agendacenter.
3. **201-211 Burlington Ave** - On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, Mr. Pisani and his design team appeared before the Downtown Design Review Commission seeking approval for a plaza, kiosk, outdoor dining area and existing exterior building renovations at the southwest corner of Burlington and Prospect Avenues. At the conclusion of the meeting the DTDRC unanimously recommended Level 1 Downtown Design Review approval for their project. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Village Board for final consideration in February. The agenda for the January 19, 2016 DTDRC meeting is posted on the village website at www.clarendonhills.us.
4. **Chamber of Commerce Meeting** - On Wednesday morning, January 20, 2016, Kevin Barr, Chief Leahy, Zach Creer and I attended the regular Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce meeting in the Village Hall board room. During that meeting the Chamber reviewed the success of Christmas Walk and discussed upcoming events (visit www.clarendonhillschamber.com for more information). It's hard to believe they are already planning for Daisy Days. During the meeting we reviewed potential developments projects in the downtown, new businesses (Little Creperie, Vintage Fresh, and Sue's Cakery), and presented the new Village website.
5. **Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary Update** - On Thursday, January 21, 2016, former trustee Mary Williams, representing the Clarendon Hills Park Foundation, and I met with representatives from the Village of Westmont staff and Environmental Commission to continue coordination of both communities' effort in fundraising and developing the proposed education gardens between our two communities. More information about the garden can be found at www.clarendonhills.us/sustainability.
6. **9-23 Walker Ave Development** - On Thursday, January 21, 2016, Mr. Smith and his design team again appeared before the ZBA/PC seeking approval for a comprehensive plan amendment and special use permit approval for a preliminary planned unit development for a mixed use development consisting of a single building containing first floor

commercial, thirty-five (35) one and two bedroom apartments units and seven (7) “live/work” apartment units with assigned parking. This meeting was a continuation of a public hearing held on October 15 and December 17, 2015. After receiving addition developer and public testimony, the ZBA/PC approved a motion by a vote of 4-1 to recommend approval of the project as presented. The ZBA/PC’s recommendation is scheduled for Village Board consideration at the February 16, 2016, Village Board meeting. The agenda and podcast from the January 21, 2016 ZBA/PC meeting is posted on the village website at www.clarenondonhills.us/agendacenter.

January

2016

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Community Events

Village Offices Closed due to Holiday**January 1, All Day**[More Details](#)**Chamber of Commerce Meeting****January 20, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM @ Village Hall**[More Details](#)

Meeting Calendar

Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting**January 4, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting****January 18, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Downtown Design Review Commission Meeting****January 19, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**ZBA/PC Meeting****January 21, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Special Events Committee Meeting****January 26, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)

February**2016**

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28	29	1	2	3	4	5

Community Events

Village Offices Closed due to Holiday**February 15, All Day**

Presidents Day

[More Details](#)

Chamber of Commerce Meeting**February 17, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM @ Village Hall**[More Details](#)

Meeting Calendar

Police Pension Fund Meeting**February 1, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM @ Village Hall Main Building**

Lower Level Conference Room

[More Details](#)

Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting**February 1, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)

Village Board Rescheduled Meeting**February 16, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**

Rescheduled due to the Observance of Presidents Day 2/15/16

[More Details](#)

ZBA/PC Meeting**February 18, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)

Special Events Committee Meeting**February 23, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)
