

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS MANAGER'S REPORT

April 14, 2017

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MEMORANDUM

To: Village President Austin and Board Trustees
From: Kevin Barr, Village Manager *ksb*
Date: April 14, 2017
Subject: Weekly Report

1. **Post Office Transfer Box Removal:** I am happy to report that the long-standing, and long unused, "transfer" mail box that was at the corner of Golf and Burlington has been removed by the Post Office. It was an eyesore and, again, was serving no purpose.
2. **Meeting with Hinsdale re: Du-Comm Funding:** Chief Leahy and I met on Wednesday with our counterparts in Hinsdale to discuss the fire department portion of Du-Comm funding. We are concerned that the long-standing formula, based on a jurisdictions EAV, may not be the most equitable way to fund the function of fire/EMS dispatch. We agreed to continue working on the concerns together.
3. **Meeting re: Transit Oriented Development:** Dan Ungerleider and I attended a meeting on Monday morning sponsored by the DMMC regarding transit oriented development (TOD). Representatives from Metra, the Metropolitan Planning Council and a group working on ride-share options made presentations. The only community presentations were from Elmhurst and, I am happy to say, Clarendon Hills. The architect for the 229 Park development spoke directly about that building. The response from those in attendance was positive.
4. **Water Billing Procedure Ordinance:** Staff met this week to discuss the status of the ordinance revision to move to bi-monthly billing and clean up other provisions. We expect to have this for review by the Board at the first meeting in May.
5. **White Paper on Pension Consolidation:** Attached is a "white paper" prepared to explain the benefits of consolidating public safety pension plans into something more similar to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) which services other municipal employees. Bottom line – it would save significant money for all of us with public safety plans without any reduction in benefits for public safety personnel. We will keep monitoring and see if it goes anywhere.
6. **Special Events/ Dancin' in the Street:** The special events committee held a meeting on Wednesday evening. Attached is a press release covering the band and food line-up for this year's concert.

7. **Planting Partners:** The beds in the downtown were planted with spring flowers this week by The English Garden. We have five beds remaining without sponsorship. A few more sponsor name plates have to be placed (waiting for the order to come in) but we are off to a great start. If you, your neighborhood, or business would like to sponsor one of the remaining beds please go to www.clarendonhills.us/plantingpartners



Thank You 2017

Planting Partners

- The Rediehs Family
- The Marquardt Family
- Donna and Darren Vilmin
- Dan Bellich & Keith Chval
- Barbara Doll
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Don Morris Architects
- Protek International, Inc.
- The Palumbo Family Foundation
- Sadie Belman
- Katie Moran

Have a Nice Weekend!



Pension Fairness *for Illinois Communities*

PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION FUND CONSOLIDATION: THE BENEFITS TO ILLINOIS TAXPAYERS

A WHITE PAPER FROM THE PENSION FAIRNESS FOR
ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES COALITION

MARCH 2017

Executive Summary

In Illinois, few constitutional options are available for providing taxpayer relief from the rising costs of public safety pensions. In May 2015, the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the pension protection clause in the 1970 Illinois Constitution which says that, once bestowed, pension benefits cannot be “diminished or impaired.” Given that ruling, state and local governments have had to examine alternatives to address these rising costs. One initiative that is both constitutional and where significant taxpayer savings can be achieved is through the consolidation of public safety pension funds.

With more than 650 individual police and firefighter pension funds currently operating in Illinois, consolidation of this inefficient system offers the greatest potential for meaningful relief within the constitutional limitations. The Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition has identified \$33 million in annual taxpayer savings and nearly \$1 billion over 30 years through implementation of a consolidated system. This White Paper will provide an overview of the shortfalls of the current system, discuss options that offer the highest potential for taxpayer relief and identify issues that must be addressed to facilitate the consolidation of public safety pension funds.

Local taxpayers can no longer afford to overlook the inefficiencies of the current system.

- Despite a four-fold increase in taxpayer contributions of police and fire pensions, funded levels continue to drop, thus threatening the long term solvency of these funds.
- The operational expenses for the 650+ individually administered pension funds greatly exceed consolidated, more efficient systems. According to the Illinois Department of Insurance, annual operating costs for each pension fund participant total \$1,434 for firefighters and \$1,369 for police officers compared to only \$368 for each municipal participant under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). With over 33,000 firefighter and police participants currently in these pension funds, *the annual cost difference is \$33 million, or nearly \$1 billion over the span of a typical 30-year public safety career.*
- Statutory limitations on investment authority for individual funds limits the ability of those funds to maximize potential investment returns. Consolidation provides for greater investment returns not achievable by smaller, individual funds.

Several distinct approaches to consolidation need to be considered, including:

- Full consolidation within an established system like the IMRF or through the creation of one or two new funds exclusively for public safety pension participants.
- Partial consolidation of investment authority under IMRF, the Illinois State Board of Investment or a new investment authority to pool on behalf of all individual funds.

Conclusion and next step

- Full consolidation addresses the investment and operational inefficiencies, while providing significant taxpayer savings. Therefore, consolidation into the IMRF under a new section or a similar structure appears to be the most practical and cost effective solution.
- A full exploration of consolidation options should begin with the identification of legal considerations and transition cost comparisons.

About this White Paper

The Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition is pleased to present this document calling for the consolidation of public safety pension funds. The intent of this white paper¹ is to provide an overview of the shortfalls of the current system of managing and investing the pension benefits of over 650 individual public safety pension funds, exploring viable options for modernizing this system and identifying constitutional solutions and actions that will ultimately provide public safety employees with greater retirement security while reducing the burden on taxpayers.

The Case for Consolidating Illinois' Public Safety Pension Funds

1. Local taxpayers need relief from rising pension costs

Municipalities and taxpayers struggle to meet the increasing cost of funding pension benefits for public safety employees. In Illinois, firefighters and police officers earn pension benefits that allow them to retire at an earlier age with specific disability and survivor benefits compared to other local government employees. Benefit enhancements enacted by the General Assembly during the 1990s and early 2000s increased the cost of funding these pensions. The financial health of local pension funds has trended negatively since that period of time as demonstrated by this comparison of pension fund levels over the 15-year period from 1997 to 2012:

- Since 1997, annual statewide taxpayer contributions to police and fire pensions have increased four-fold, growing from \$156.3 million in 1997 to \$629.2 million in 2012.
- At the same time, unfunded accrued liabilities have increased nearly five-fold for police (from \$994.4 million in 1997 to \$4.79 billion in 2012) and six-fold for fire (from \$602.4 million in 1997 to \$3.59 billion in 2012).
- Both police and fire pension funds have experienced an approximate 20% drop in funded levels since 1997 (police dropped from 74.6% to 56.3% while fire dropped from 77.9% to 55.5%).

The Illinois Supreme Court's 2015 Heaton v. Quinn decision to overturn pension reform legislation determined that pension benefits already in place for current and retired public employees are a right protected by the Illinois Constitution. In the wake of this decision, options to reduce the pension burden on local taxpayers are limited.

One area where taxpayer savings can be achieved is to reduce inefficiencies that needlessly increase the cost of providing pensions to our public safety employees.

2. Current pension management system is inefficient and costly to taxpayers

The current system of managing the retirement security for the more than 33,000 Illinois active and retired firefighters and police officers is a model of inefficiency. Unlike the consolidated pension system for all other local government employees in Illinois (the Illinois Municipal

¹ Unless otherwise noted, data in this White Paper is from Department of Insurance data used in the Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability's biennial "Report on the Financial Condition of the Downstate Police and Downstate Fire Pension Funds in Illinois" – May 2015

Retirement Fund, or IMRF), police and firefighter pensions are administered by more than 650 individual pension funds².

Having individually administered pension funds imposes significant, redundant and unnecessary costs on taxpayers. Each individual pension fund has its own set of accountants/financial consultants, actuaries, benefits managers, investment/money managers and attorneys. Multiplied by 650+ funds, the obvious lack of economies of scale prove burdensome to taxpayers.

The following comparison of the overall operational costs between firefighter, police and IMRF pension systems demonstrates how much of an additional burden the current public safety pension systems place on taxpayers. It costs on average \$1,434 per participant annually to operate the firefighter pension fund system. Similarly, it costs on average \$1,369 per participant to operate the police pension fund system. Comparing these administrative costs to the IMRF, which only costs \$368 per participant annually, reveals how much it costs Illinois taxpayers to maintain the current inefficient structure.

FY 2012 Dept. of Insurance Data	Active employees	Annuitants	Total Participants	Operational Expenses**	Oper. Exp. Per Participant
Firefighter Pension Funds*	9,176	4,521	13,697	\$ 19,645,738	\$ 1,434
Police Pension Funds*	12,978	6,519	19,497	\$ 26,697,332	\$ 1,369
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	174,771	103,929	278,700	\$ 102,619,650	\$ 368

* Downstate & Suburban (excludes Chicago)

** Administrative and investment expenses

Simply put, taxpayers can no longer afford this \$1,000 per participant difference. With over 33,000 participants, the added cost to Illinois taxpayers to maintain the administrative costs of this inefficient system amounts to over \$33 million per year. Over the projected 30-year career span of a new public safety employee, the cost to maintain the current system is about \$1 billion more than the cost to operate under a consolidated system.

A closer look at one legislatively mandated requirement, annual training for pension fund trustees, provides another example of the inefficiencies in the current system that add to the taxpayer burden.

Each pension fund has five trustees. All totaled, there are more than 3,250 police and firefighter pension fund trustees in Illinois. By law, all trustees must complete 32 hours of training within 18 months of their appointment to their individual pension board.

One provider of this training is the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA). Costs for the initial training range from \$800 for IPPFA member trustees to \$1,700 for non-members³. Just to meet that legal obligation places a nearly \$3 to \$5 million burden on Illinois taxpayers if utilizing IPPFA. In addition, each trustee is required to take 16 hours in annual training. IPPFA offers the required training at a rate of \$465 for members/\$930 for non-members. The cost to meet the annual training obligation places a nearly \$1.5 million to \$3 million burden on Illinois taxpayers, not including travel, lodging, wages and other costs to attend these training sessions.

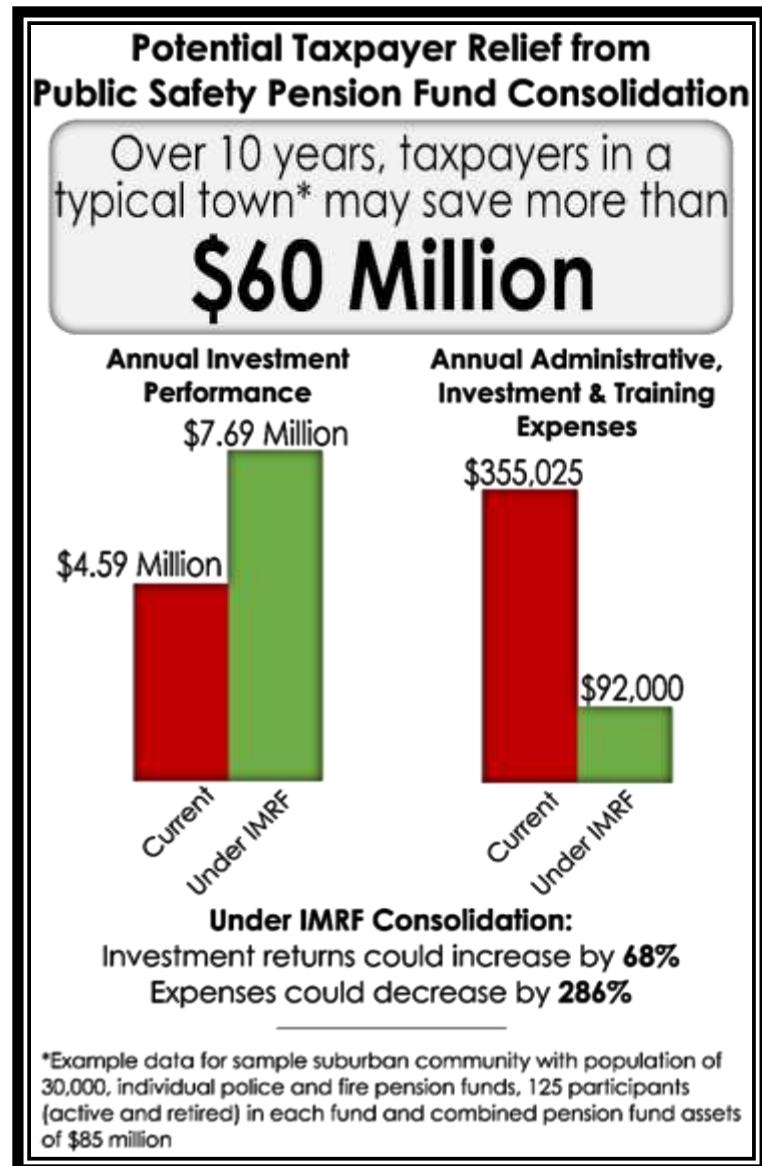
² As of 2013

³ http://www.ippfa.org/training/certified_training_program/certified_trustee_program3.htm

3. Limitations prevent maximizing potential investment returns

One of the primary responsibilities of each pension fund is the management of over \$12.2 billion in combined net present assets⁴. Even with the required training, individual pension board trustees have varying levels of professional expertise sufficient to oversee investment of \$12.2 billion.

The level of assets held by each individual fund ranges from under \$1 million to over \$100 million, with the majority of pension funds having less than \$10 million in assets. Even at the higher asset levels, these funds are subject to significant investment restrictions that limit potential investment returns. By Illinois law:



smaller pension funds.

- Public safety pension funds under \$2.5 million can only invest up to 10% of assets in equities.
- Funds under \$10 million can only invest up to 35% of assets in equities.
- Funds over \$10 million can only invest up to 55% of assets in equities.

By comparison, larger consolidated pension funds such as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) are governed by the "Prudent Man" standard and are not limited by restrictions put in place to protect the assets of smaller, more vulnerable funds. Extending the "Prudent Man" standard to smaller pension funds exposes them to significant investment and liquidity risks. Larger consolidated funds with access to top-tier investment managers, such as the IMRF, are able to manage these risks without investment restrictions and at rates lower than those available to

⁴ FY 2014 — Illinois Department of Insurance Public Pension Division – 2015 Biennial Report

4. Current system underrepresents taxpayers

Funding for public safety pensions comes from three sources: employee contributions (set by law as a percentage of their pay), taxpayer contributions (covering both the normal cost and any unfunded liabilities, as determined by an actuary) and returns on investment of fund assets. When investments fail to meet actuarial expectations for return, it is local taxpayers who must make up the difference.

Despite having this ultimate responsibility for funding any shortfalls, the current pension board structure underrepresents those taxpayers.

Each public safety pension board consists of five members: two appointed by the active employees; two appointed by the chief local elected official; and, one appointed by the fund's annuitants. The two active employees and the one annuitant, who may not even live in the municipality but comprise the majority on the pension board, have no direct financial stake in addressing the shortfall in investment revenues. That responsibility falls solely on taxpayers who, with only two representatives on the pension board, have little actual control over the pension board's decisions that impact the fiscal health of the funds.

This underrepresentation also manifests itself when making major financial decisions such as the award of benefits or disability pensions. It is difficult for a municipality to directly argue against questionable disability claims or erroneous benefit calculations because a municipality is not a "party of interest" as defined by the Pension Code⁵ and, therefore, does not have an automatic right to intervene in pensions hearings. IMRF, for example, has a full-time staff of ten disability claims examiners and, therefore, has the institutional experience to determine employee benefits and disability determinations.

Options to Consolidate Illinois' Public Safety Pension System

The reality is that local taxpayers needlessly pay a premium to maintain an inefficient public safety pension system. On one end, taxpayers are paying over \$33 million annually for redundant administrative functions and training. On the other end, they are responsible for covering lost investment return opportunities that are not currently maximized due to statutory limitations on these pension funds.

It is time for Illinois to modernize the public safety pension system by consolidating these individual funds into a more streamlined and efficient system.

Multiple consolidation approaches need to be considered

Several factors require closer study in order to fully evaluate the costs and benefits of any proposal to consolidate public safety pension systems. These factors include:

- The specific benefits to taxpayers of keeping the existing system in place compared to consolidation options

⁵ Village of Stickney v Board of Trustees of the Stickney Police Pension Fund 1st Appellate Court 2007 decision

- The costs and funding sources that will be required to consolidate under a new section of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)
- If a new entity is to be created, the costs and funding sources that will be required to launch the new system
- Mandatory versus voluntary process
- If consolidation is a voluntary process, determination of who has the authority to make that decision (pension board trustees and/or mayor/board)
- The process to transition current assets into the new structure

Several different approaches can be considered to consolidate existing funds. Each of these – full pension fund consolidation and partial consolidation of investments only – contains myriad options. A brief discussion is provided below and is based upon the assumption that the consolidation process is mandatory.

Full Pension Fund Consolidation

A full consolidation of funds could take one of several possible structures:

- Consolidate into the existing municipal pension entity, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)
- Consolidate as separate entity under management of IMRF but with a separate board of directors and decision-making structure
- Create one new entity – a consolidated police and firefighter pension fund
- Create two new entities – a consolidated police pension fund and a consolidated firefighter pension fund

Any of these options would create long-term taxpayer savings by consolidating the full administration of all pension operations under one or two entities as compared to 650+ separate entities today. Provided the same level of investment authority as IMRF, each structure would potentially produce higher investment returns than the individual funds. These options would also provide a more streamlined process to handle pension benefit awards and disability determinations.

There is some precedent for consolidating public safety pensions under a new section of the IMRF as it currently operates the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) system. One could assume that the cost to consolidate 650+ funds under IMRF would be much lower than creating new combined or individual police/firefighter funds from scratch.

The very structure of IMRF is conducive to successfully accommodating consolidation of public safety pension funds. IMRF is a standalone fund that: is independent of other Illinois pension systems; does not rely on the state for funding, operating or investing; and, is governed by its own board comprised of an equal number of appointees representing labor and management. Municipalities already utilize IMRF for their non-public safety employees' pension programs.

Each unit of government participating in IMRF has its own separate account that is specifically utilized for providing for the retirement of that government's employees. While funds are combined for investment purposes, the funds from one unit of government cannot be utilized to subsidize the funds of another unit of government. Transitioning individual public safety pension funds into new accounts under IMRF, one for each individual police and fire

department, could be efficiently accomplished in a manner to ensure that each department is responsible for its own account while avoiding an impact on other existing IMRF accounts.

If a new entity (or entities) is to be created, several factors would need to be considered including how to support the costs associated with establishing the new entity (or entities) and ensuring that the structure of combined or individual pension fund boards includes a proper balance of taxpayer representation.

Partial Consolidation – Investments only

A partial consolidation of funds would only include the handling of the investments, with all other administrative functions and decision authority continuing to reside with the 650+ individual funds. A consolidation of this nature could also take one of several structures:

- Pool all individual fund investments under IMRF authority
- Pool all individual fund investments under Illinois State Board of Investment (ISBI) authority
- Create a new investment authority to pool individual fund investments

The cost to create a new investment authority would need to be compared with the cost to consolidate funds under either IMRF or ISBI. With any newly created entity, the structure of the board of directors and extent of investment authority would need to be determined. Those concerns are not applicable to either the IMRF or ISBI options. Local governments currently have a long standing relationship with IMRF that may better facilitate the transition of assets.

No Consolidation – System remains as is

This option should also be included in this exploration as a means to better compare the long term costs and advantages/disadvantages of any consolidation options versus the current system.

Conclusion

Full consolidation, particularly under a new section of the IMRF structure (similar to SLEP), presents the strongest opportunity to provide greater security for public safety employees and reduce the burden on taxpayers

Illinois currently has the second highest number of local government pension funds in the nation⁶ due to the current public safety pension structure. This is an antiquated system that no longer best serves public safety pension fund members and Illinois taxpayers. Modernizing the system by consolidating into an existing structure or creating one or two new entities would instantly place Illinois in the one-third of states with the least number of local public safety pension funds.

Some of the widely recognized advantages of the IMRF structure option from the local government perspective include:

⁶ United States Census Bureau - 2015 Survey of Public Pensions: State- and Locally-Administered Defined Benefit Data

1. Local governments have an existing relationship with IMRF. Local officials have confidence in IMRF's 75-year history of management and investment success.
2. Consolidation under the IMRF structure would reduce a significant portion of that \$33 million in unnecessary annual costs by eliminating the duplicative investment advising, managing, accounting, legal and other support services that are required by each individual fund.
3. IMRF already has a successful track record of operating and managing pension funding for public safety personnel – the Sheriffs' Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) pension program.
4. With nearly \$35 billion in assets currently managed, IMRF not only has the “in-house” expertise to manage the police and fire pension assets but also utilizes world class investment advisors.
5. Investment returns, based upon historical data, demonstrate that IMRF produces more favorable results than the current system. An analysis of member pension funds conducted by the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)⁷ indicates that the fragmented public safety pension system has not maximized returns on employee and taxpayer contributions. Compared to IMRF investment earnings, NWMC public safety pension funds significantly underperform. Over the most recent ten-year period for which data is available, IMRF averaged 67 percent higher annual returns than the typical NWMC pension fund and outperformed *all* seventy individual funds. To illustrate the value of higher investment earnings, \$1.00 invested in the average NWMC pension fund takes 14 years to double, by which time \$1 invested in IMRF will have grown to \$3.63. When meeting pension obligations, the employer/taxpayer must make up the difference.
6. Balance between taxpayer and employee interests is already incorporated into IMRF's structure. IMRF's Board of Directors consists of eight members (four management representatives, three active employees, one annuitant). This specific governance structure, which provides full taxpayer representation, should be a required element of any consolidation model under consideration.
7. IMRF has the institutional experience in administering employee benefits and disability determinations.
8. The addition of police and firefighter pensions under IMRF would only produce an incremental increase in the size of their pool of employees. Police and firefighters would comprise about 11% of the combined active IMRF employee pool while public safety annuitants would be about 14% of the combined beneficiary IMRF pool.
9. Consolidating into IMRF eliminates the ongoing, multi-million dollar cost of training thousands of pension fund trustees.
10. Considering the current level of IMRF assets and their practice of hosting each unit of government as an individual account within their system, the transition of current individual pension fund assets into IMRF investment instruments would not place a short term burden upon the liquidity of each local government account being able to provide annuitant benefits.

Previous explorations of consolidation considered pooling individual pension fund assets for investment purposes. Unfortunately, that effort centered around a study⁸ that assumed any pooling approach would be limited by the current investment restrictions and did not take into account potential pooling of assets under an existing structure with less restrictive investment authority such as IMRF or ISBI.

⁷ Northwest Municipal Conference – “2016 Legislative Program”

⁸ Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability – “Analysis of Fee Savings and Transaction Costs due to the Potential Consolidation of the Downstate Police and Firefighters’ Pension Funds” - February 2012

Even taking into account the potential benefits (while ignoring the risks) from providing a greater authority to invest prudently, the investments only approach fails to overcome the burden imposed by having redundant administrative functionality for every single fund. This approach, while certainly viable to address a portion of the current burden, simply does not represent the comprehensive approach necessary to maximize all benefits of consolidation.

What remains are the full consolidation options which offer the highest potential for significant taxpayer savings. Creating an entirely new entity (or two if separate police and firefighter pension systems are created) would likely require significant startup costs that need to be identified and addressed while probably requiring a much longer period to get established.

Consolidation of all existing police and fire pension funds under a new section of the IMRF structure would likely have lower expected startup costs and a shorter implementation timeframe. However, without a more detailed analysis of these options (which is beyond the scope of this initial white paper), it is difficult to determine the cost difference between these four options.

Recommended Actions

Illinois taxpayers can no longer afford to be burdened by an antiquated pension system when the option of modernization through consolidation clearly provides significant short and long term benefits. In order to advance toward a more stable future for both our valued public safety employees and our taxpayers, several steps need to be undertaken.

Identification of legal considerations and transition costs

Consolidation is not something that can be done instantly. Numerous legal and financial aspects of consolidation, many of which have been raised as part of this discussion, need to be addressed. We propose that state officials work with the appropriate local and pension fund representatives to explore these issues and identify solutions.

Legislative action

Achieving consolidation and taxpayer relief requires the cooperation of all parties. We strongly urge the General Assembly and the Governor to work cooperatively to prepare legislation that will enable this transition. Legislative action undertaken in 2017 would allow the benefits of consolidation to be realized by the end of this decade.

About the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition

The Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC) coalition was formed in 2010 to work cooperatively on pension reform. Consisting of municipal leaders, regional and state councils of government and members of our communities, the group spearheaded efforts that led to the passage of Public Act 96-1495, which created the “Tier 2” public safety pension benefits that ensure retirement security for our police and firefighters hired in 2011 and beyond while reducing the long term burden on taxpayers. The PFIC serves as the voice for Illinois communities in continued efforts to pursue additional pension reform.

PFIC Members

Local Government and Business Organizations

- Barrington Area Council of Governments
- DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
- Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois City/County Management Association
- Illinois Municipal League
- Illinois Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Government Finance Officers Association
- Illinois Tooling & Manufacturing Association
- Illinois Manufacturers’ Association
- Lake County Municipal League
- Lombard Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- McHenry County Council of Governments
- Metro Counties of Illinois
- Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Metro West Council of Government
- Northwest Municipal Association
- Northwest Municipal Conference
- Schaumburg Business Association
- South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- Southwest Conference of Mayors
- Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors
- Will County Governmental League

Communities

- Village of Addison
- City of Aurora
- Village of Barrington
- City of Bellwood
- Village of Bloomingdale
- City of Blue Island
- Village of Bolingbrook
- Village of Buffalo Grove
- Village of Carpentersville
- Village of Cary
- City of Centralia
- City of Crystal Lake
- Village of Deerfield
- City of DeKalb
- City of Des Plaines
- City of Elgin
- City of Elmhurst
- City of Evanston
- Village of Fox River Grove
- City of Geneva
- Village of Glencoe
- Village of Glendale Heights
- Village of Glenview
- Village of Grayslake
- Village of Hanover Park
- City of Highland Park
- Village of Hoffman Estates
- Village of Homewood
- Village of Kenilworth
- City of Lake Forest
- Village of Lake Zurich
- Village of Libertyville
- Village of Lincolnshire
- Village of Lincolnwood
- Village of Lombard
- City of Loves Park
- Village of Mount Prospect
- City of Naperville
- Village of Niles
- Village of North Barrington
- Village of Northbrook
- Village of Northfield
- Village of Oak Brook

- City of Oakbrook Terrace
- Village of Orland Park
- City of Park Ridge
- City of Prospect Heights
- City of Rockford
- City of Rolling Meadows
- Village of Roselle
- Village of Round Lake
- Village of Round Lake Beach
- City of St. Charles
- City of Salem
- Village of Schaumburg
- Village of Skokie
- City of Springfield
- Village of Streamwood
- Village of Third Lake
- Village of Tinley Park
- Village of Vernon Hills
- Village of Villa Park
- City of Warrenville
- Village of Wauconda
- City of Waukegan
- Village of Wayne
- Village of Wheeling
- Village of Willowbrook
- Village of Wilmette
- Village of Winfield
- Village of Winnetka
- Village of Woodridge

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 13, 2017

2017 DANCIN' IN THE STREET SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Village of Clarendon Hills announced today the 2017 Dancin' in the Street schedule and band lineup. This year will mark the 17th consecutive year for the concert series in downtown Clarendon Hills.

The 2017 concert series will run Wednesdays for seven weeks beginning June 21st and ending August 2nd (there is no concert on July 5th). Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. Each week food will be provided by different vendors. The Domino's beverage tent will be manned by our Special Events Committee Volunteers serving beer and wine. Food and beverages will be available starting at 6:30 p.m. with music kicking off at 7:00 p.m.

The concert series serves as a community gathering place where families can enjoy the summer and catch up with friends and neighbors. The event, which takes place on Prospect Avenue in downtown Clarendon Hills, also showcases many of the downtown businesses to residents and visitors.

This year, Mike McCurry of Coldwell Banker and Village Veterinary Practice will serve as Primary Sponsors for the concert series. Domino's will be sponsoring the beverage tent. Daisy Dash, Lion's Club, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, and Republic Services all provide substantial support to the series as well. Without the help of these sponsors the concert series would not be possible.

The concert series is organized through the Village's Special Events Committee, which works to find high-quality bands, food vendors, and sponsors to make the concert possible. Committee members also volunteer their time each week during the concerts to ensure the event runs smoothly.

As with prior years, Prospect Avenue from Park Avenue to the BNSF railroad will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Parking is available in the Metra commuter parking lot at the corners of Prospect Avenue and Ann Street. **Please note that no private alcohol, skates, or skateboards are allowed downtown during the event.**

For additional event information, please contact the Village at (630) 286-5402 or visit www.clarendonhills.us/concerts

Fast Facts

What: Dancin' in the Street

Where: Downtown Clarendon Hills (Prospect Avenue from Park Avenue to Burlington Avenue)

When: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each Wednesday from June 21 through August 2nd (No concert July 5th);

Schedule:

- 6/21 - Heartsfield (Southern Rock), Daily Scoop
- 6/28- Scramble (Classic Rock), Village Gourmet
- 7/5 - ***NO CONCERT THIS NIGHT***
- 7/12 - Frankie B (Local singer/song writer), Talley's
- 7/19 - Spoken Four (Variety), J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious
- 7/26 - Rhythm Rockets (Jazz and Blues Swing), Toasty Cheese Food Truck
- 8/2 - Libido Funk Circus (Dance, Disco, 60's thru today), TBA

What to bring: Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and appetites.

Online: www.clarendonhills.us/concerts and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chdits

MEMORANDUM

To: Kevin Barr, Village Manager
From: Maureen B. Potempa, Finance Director
Date: April 14, 2017
Subject: Department Report

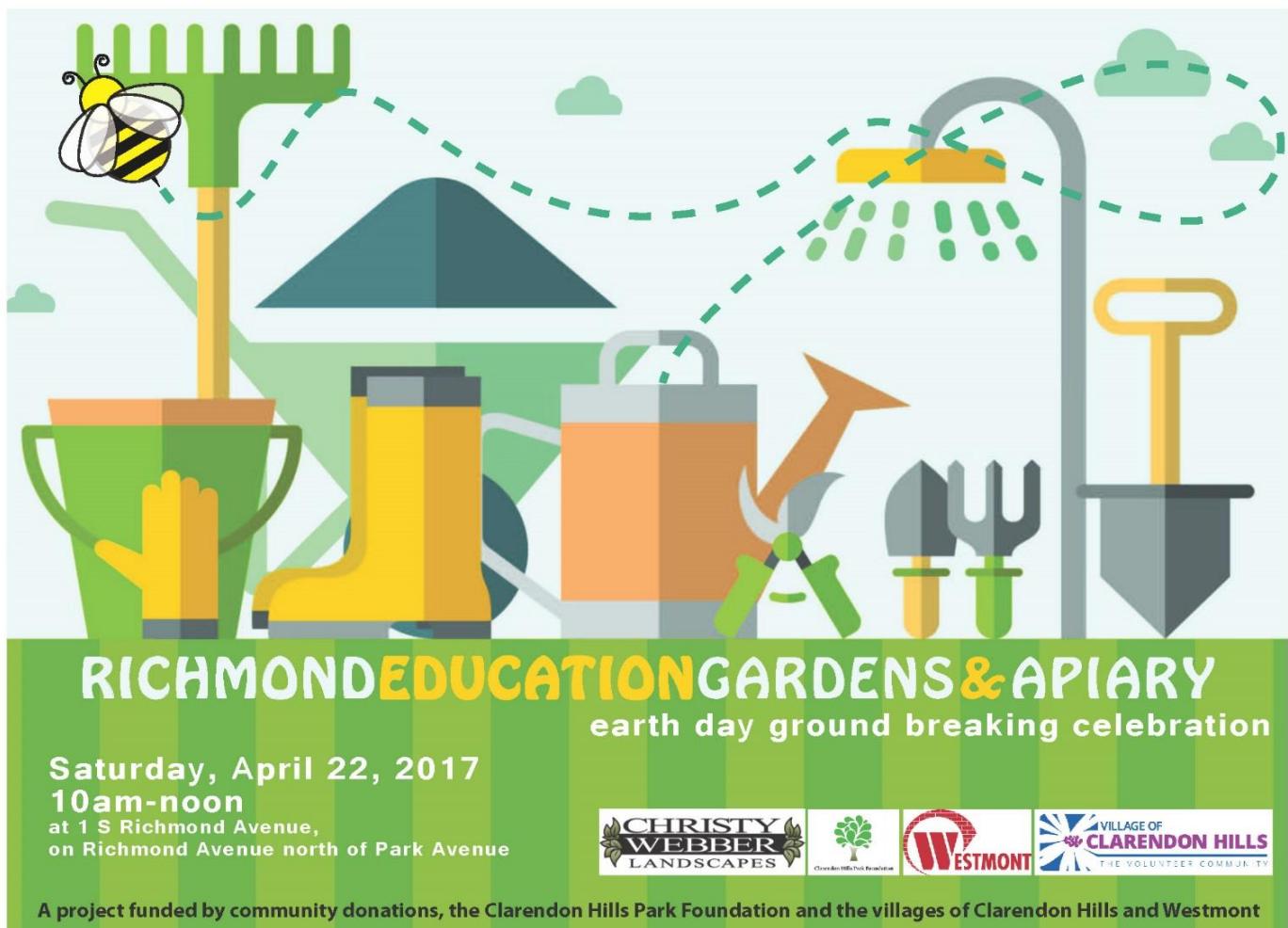
I'm pleased to announce that Kimberly M. Swiderek has accepted our offer to fill the open position of Assistant Finance Director. We are very excited to welcome Kimberly to our team, she joins us from GW & Associates, where she currently is working as a Consultant Supervisor / Auditor, she brings over 10 years of Municipal Auditing experience as well as an in depth knowledge of governmental accounting. Kimberly will begin her first day with the Village on Monday, April 24. Please feel free to stop in the Finance Office to introduce yourself and welcome Kimberly to the Village.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Barr, Village Manager
FROM: Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director
DATE: April 14, 2017
RE: Department Report

1. **34 S Prospect (Brama La Pizza) Update.** I met with the owners of the new restaurant on Tuesday. They are finalizing their contract with their general and sub-contractors. The Village is prepared to issue the building permit for the renovation of the building once the owner has paid the required permit fees and construction deposits, and all of their contractors have been licensed with the Village. The owner has reported that they plan to be open by early June 2017.
2. **229 Park Avenue Update.** The Village issued the building permit for 229 Park Avenue today, April 14, 2017. At the developer's request, the Village will be conducting a second pre-construction meeting on Monday to ensure all parties are coordinated. Although exterior work is expected to be completed by Fall 2017, completion of the entire development is planned for late winter, early spring 2018.
3. **2 S Prospect Avenue (fka Quinns) Update.** Mudgeon Quinn has notified the Village that Quinns Coffee House will not be reopening. The Village will continue working with the owner of the building in search of an appropriate tenant for the space. We wish the Quinn family nothing but the best and thank them for being such an important part of the community for the past 30 years.
4. **156 Burlington Avenue Update.** Renovation of this space has begun in preparation for a new locally owned business, Barre3. Barre3 is a fitness facility offering classes rooted in three fitness disciplines—ballet barre, pilates and yoga. According to their brochure barre3 is designed to lift, lengthen, and tone your entire body. Their signature, results-oriented three-step sequence includes an isometric hold, controlled one-inch movements, and functional large range of motion. Opening is anticipated in Early June 2017.
5. **5647 Western Ave Update.** The Village recently completed the demolition and restoration of this property in accordance with a Village-requested court order. This week we learned that the court approved the Village's demolition lien for costs incurred by the Village for this much needed work, including Village attorney fees, court costs, demolition costs and the cost of erosion control.
6. **Permits.** A copy of the March Monthly Building Permit Report is posted on the village website at www.clarendonhills.us/bp.

7. **Richmond Education Gardens.** On Earth Day, April 22nd, from 10am to noon, the Villages of Clarendon Hills and Westmont will be hosting a Groundbreaking Celebration at the future Richmond Education Gardens site. In addition to turning-dirt activities, local business partners, the Clarendon Hills Public Library and Park Foundation, and the Birches will be offering fun activities for all ages (Clarendon Hills' very own Library Director, Lori Craft, is a balloon animal maker). More information and registration for this event can be found at www.richmondgardens.org. Bring a friend.



MEMORANDUM

To: Kevin Barr, Village Manager
From: Michael D. Millette P.E., Director of Public Works
Date: April 14, 2017
Subject: Department Report

1. Spring has sprung and a young(ish) public works employees' thoughts turn to cleaning! We are in full-on spring cleaning mode both inside our building and out. The CBD planting beds were cleared and ready for planting on Wednesday (and were planted yesterday by the Planting Partnership). We will concentrate on the adjacent areas along Burlington and along Park next week. We are also continuing our tree trimming efforts throughout town. Our internal efforts have been concentrated in our sign shop.
2. Speaking of our newly improving sign shop, please come see it during our annual open house on Friday, May 19th from 2 to 6 p.m. we will have our usual equipment display, food, and gift bags for the kids. This year, we are pleased to be joined by our Police Department colleagues who will have squads on display and officers on hand to answer questions. Look for exact details on the website soon.
3. The 2017 Water Main Improvement project got underway in earnest this week. Main installation is complete on Traube and has entered the disinfection stage while pipe placement is currently underway on Oxford. Please take note of and follow the posted detour. The work area on Oxford is already narrow without any construction activity.

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



DATE: April 14, 2017

To: Village Manager Kevin Barr

From: Chief Boyd Farmer

Subject: Weekly Activity Report

Recent events:

The Police Department paid tribute to the men and women of Du-Comm Dispatch in honor of "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week".



This past week, Sgt. Porter and myself met with District 181 officials regarding a traffic flow study for CHMS and Prospect School. The study will identify traffic issues which will develop as a result of the District changing the scheduled drop off and pickup times of CHMS. Next year, they will be similar to that of Prospect School. CHMS currently runs 7:55am – 2:45pm. Prospect School runs 8:40am - 3:05pm. The new CHMS schedule will be 8:25am – 3:15pm. Staff will work with District personal to develop a plan.

Significant traffic and criminal activity during the period April 7, 2017 through April 14, 2017.

April 7, 7:45pm, an officer stopped a 17 year old Westchester male driver for speeding 86 mph in a 35 mph zone on 55th Street.

April 8, a resident came into the station to make a report of identity theft. She reported a credit card company alerted her someone had opened two credit card accounts under her name. One account had been charged \$6,900.00. The accounts were closed, no dollar loss to the victim.

April 10, an 83 year old resident, accompanied by her daughter, came into the station to report an attempted fraud. The 83 year old received a telephone call from someone who claimed he was owed money from her grandson. The caller demanded payment of \$2,000.00. The fraud was discovered and stopped by family members.

April 2017

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	<u>3</u>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	13	<u>14</u>	15
16	<u>17</u>	18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22
23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Village Calendar**Firefighters' Pension Board Regular Meeting**

April 14, 2017, 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM @ Village Hall Main Building

[More Details](#)

Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting

April 17, 2017, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room

[More Details](#)

ZBA/PC Meeting - Cancelled!

April 20, 2017, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room

Meeting rescheduled to April 27, 2017 at 7:30pm.

[More Details](#)

Special ZBA/PC Meeting

April 27, 2017, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room

[More Details](#)

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WITH US**

May 2017

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30	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	<u>25</u>	26	27
28	<u>29</u>	30	31	1	2	3

Village Calendar**Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting**

May 1, 2017, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room

[More Details](#)

Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District Mtg

May 9, 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Village Hall Main Building

[More Details](#)

Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market

May 11, 2017, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Downtown Clarendon Hills

[More Details](#)

Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting

May 15, 2017, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room

[More Details](#)

Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market

May 18, 2017, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Downtown Clarendon Hills

[More Details](#)

ZBA/PC Meeting

May 18, 2017, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room

[More Details](#)

Public Works and Police Department Open House

May 19, 2017, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ Public Works Facility

[More Details](#)

Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market

May 25, 2017, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Downtown Clarendon Hills

[More Details](#)

Village Offices Closed due to Holiday

May 29, 2017, All Day

[More Details](#)