



## **VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**January 19, 2018**

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Village President Austin and Board Trustees  
From: Kevin Barr, Village Manager *KB*  
Date: January 19, 2018  
Subject: Weekly Report

1. **Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** Peter Nickell and I attended the meeting on Wednesday morning. Many items were discussed. The Chamber announced that the Farmers Market is coming back. The plan is to start on May 17<sup>th</sup> and hold it at the same location as last year. The Chamber's assessment is that local business did not mind losing the parking for the period of the event, and appreciated the foot traffic.
2. **Water Tower Antennae Lease Update:** On Wednesday we held a conference call with MSA, the company programmed to install an antennae on the Burlington Tower, and the Village Attorney regarding the terms of the agreement. A legal notice is required because the agreement includes leasing public property. It appears we will be ready to post the notice in the next week, with the timing allowing formal consideration by the Village Board at the February 20 meeting.
3. **Staff Response to BNSF Issues:** The Police Department weekly report includes details regarding two (2) incidents along the BNSF tracks. Police personnel acted quickly, with key support from the Public Works and Fire Departments, to resolve the problems without injury or property damage. I would like to thank them for their quick action.
4. **Meeting with Finance Advisors:** Finance Director Potempa arranged a meeting this past Monday with Speer Financial, our bond advisors, to discuss finance related items especially related to the Water Fund. Another meeting is taking place next week with our auditors to continue the Water Fund discussion. This is all part of our plan to eventually bring forward a plan for moving forward with the Water Fund.
5. **DMMC Annual Legislative Dinner:** President Austin and I attended this event on Wednesday night. About a dozen State legislators attended, including our representative Patti Bellock. The DMMC presented a list of major legislative concerns, including revenue, pension and other local control issues. A copy of the Legislative Action Plan is attached.
6. **Du-Comm Meeting:** I attended the Du-Comm Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday morning along with Chief Leahy. Regular business was discussed. Talks continue to review the funding formula for fire department dispatch. We continue to hope that we can move towards lower fees in the future as we

currently believe the fee structure is skewed because it is based solely on EAV in the community/jurisdiction.

**Have a nice weekend!**





# Serving Residents of DuPage and Illinois

## DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

### 2018 Legislative Action Program

Representing more than one million residents by advocating for sound public policy initiatives, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) strives to promote municipal government, foster intergovernmental cooperation, and find innovative solutions to make local government work more effectively for DuPage residents and ultimately all citizens of Illinois. DMMC's legislative priorities for 2018 include:



#### Ensuring Sustainable Municipal Budgets

Making sure that revenue generated by local residents and businesses stays local is crucial to preserving vital municipal services like police and fire protection, garbage pick-up, road maintenance, and snow removal. DMMC communities, as well as those throughout the state, rely on these revenue streams—including Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) dollars—that are collected by the state and returned to municipal governments to pay for essential services. By **protecting all state-collected local revenue streams**, legislators help ensure municipalities can deliver basic services and necessary staffing to residents.

LGDF has been an essential component of local operating budgets for 50 years, especially as municipalities have been making sacrifices to reduce expenditures.

Cities, villages and counties rely on more than \$1 billion per year to provide essential services, including public safety, that preserve residents' quality of life.

Reducing LGDF dollars would shift the state's financial burden onto municipalities, forcing service cuts, police and fire layoffs and local property tax increases.



#### Supporting Financially Sustainable Public Safety Pension System

DMMC is part of a statewide coalition advocating for reforms aimed at preserving public safety pensions for local police officers and firefighters while reducing the burden on municipalities and taxpayers. Without cutting benefits, **consolidating the 663 municipal public safety pension funds** into a single multiple-employer pension system would expand investment opportunities and lower operational expenses for those who serve our communities. In addition, DMMC supports repealing or amending a law that was passed in 2011 and that requires municipalities to fund pensions to a level of 90 percent, amortized to 2040, or risk having local revenue withheld by the state. Without these reforms and more, the costs of public safety pensions will continue to rise, further shifting the financial burden onto municipalities and forcing cuts in basic services or increases in local property taxes.

A consolidated structure would resemble the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, which serves more than 420,000 members and retirees and nearly 3,000 local units of government.

Consolidation should pass constitutional muster, reduce the unfunded pension liability and help prevent municipalities from having to raise property taxes to cover escalating pension costs.

Municipal public safety pension systems are unsustainable. The challenges faced by municipalities are compounded by the passage of pension sweeteners as well as changes to the mortality table and other actuarial standards.



## Preserving Local Authority

The ability for municipalities to govern themselves and make decisions at the local level is the most effective way they can fully serve the unique needs of their residents and communities. Issues such as franchising, zoning, permitting and licensing, local code enforcement and regulating business activities are the fundamental responsibilities of local governments. The ability to make decisions to raise and expend municipal funds is **vital for government to provide for and protect the health, safety, and welfare of local residents**. Policies limiting that decision-making authority make for less efficient and costlier government and services.

Locally elected leaders are best equipped to set local policy because they live in the communities they represent and have daily interaction with the constituents they serve.

In some cases, legislation and mandates can restrict a local government's ability to do what's right for residents and businesses.

Local government is closest to the people. Illinois cities and villages should operate independently with local elected officials representing the best interests of their constituents and answering to their needs.



## Empowering Local Taxpayers Regardless of Population

Municipalities should have the ability to respond to constituent needs and govern themselves, regardless of their population. **Removing the distinction between home rule and non-home rule communities** would eliminate the barriers of non-home rule authority, giving all municipalities crucial local control and decision-making ability. This reform would also provide access to restricted dollars to fund critical services like police and fire protection, infrastructure repairs and economic development. Non-home rule communities make up approximately half of the municipalities in DuPage and approximately 83 percent of those in Illinois. Expanding the limited authority of citizens in non-home rule municipalities would allow local governments to provide solutions to their individual issues without requiring additional state attention or resources.

Removing the home-rule distinction for communities with fewer than 25,000 residents would allow greater ability to implement policies that include state funding alternatives and economic development incentives.

Home rule municipalities have the ability to access existing tax revenue from hotel/motel stays, sales transactions, car rentals, natural gas utilities and other sources, which can be spent on local priorities.

This reform would also enable all communities to license landlords and implement inspection of dwellings, which home rule municipalities employ to protect the health, safety and welfare of local residents.



## Reforming the Workers' Compensation Act to Prevent Abuse

Workers' compensation reforms would create economic opportunity and jobs to make Illinois more competitive with surrounding states. **Adopting common-sense changes** would lead to more reasonable settlements without harming employees who have legitimate claims. Modest reforms would better protect workers and enable employers to expand, relocate and grow their businesses.

Establishing standards to ensure that an injury or illness is directly linked to the work or the workplace would be fair to workers and businesses.

Lower costs brought about by these reforms would save significant taxpayer dollars.

The workers' compensation system must be fixed to ensure local government benefits continue to be available for those employees who have legitimate claims.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Village President Austin and Board Trustees  
**From:** Maureen B. Potempa, Finance Director  
**Date:** January 19, 2018  
**Subject:** Weekly Report

**Government Finance Officers Association:** On Wednesday I received notification from the GFOA that the Village of Clarendon Hills received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2016 stub year end comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kevin Barr, Village Manager  
**From:** Michael D. Millette P.E., Director of Public Works  
**Date:** January 19, 2018  
**Subject:** Department Report

2018 has definitely come in with a bang!

1. Sunday through Monday we chased a lot of small, fluffy snowflakes that just wouldn't quit! The two biggest challenges were the lightness of the snow which always makes plowing a challenge (wet snow clumps and moves off of plow blades in an efficient and consistent manner), and the low temperatures limited the effectiveness of salt, even with the use of the calcium chloride additive. We were able to make headway starting Monday afternoon when the temps rose just a little bit and the sun started peeking out of the clouds. Part of Tuesday was spent hauling snow from the CDB as well. We utilized a bit over 80 tons of salt during this event. We have since taken delivery of 100 tons and are again fully stocked.
2. The second challenge of the week occurred on Wednesday when the Police Department called for an assist in removing an automobile from the BNSF tracks. Dave Pendill was able to use our end loader to straighten the car over one rail and, I believe, Chief Dalen drove it (in reverse) back from near the locksmith's store back to Prospect.
3. Our third big challenge occurred yesterday with a... water main break! The break occurred on Indian and was right next to a service tap. The work was extremely difficult owing to the proximity of the service, which, in the end, had to be partially replaced as well. This also extended the time necessary and the work required 6 hours to complete.
4. In between these events, we also completed repairs on the Holiday wreaths, the water plant, barricades, etc.
5. Our new Peterbilt has arrived on schedule! It will still require a week of upfitting though.

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Kevin Barr, Village Manager  
FROM: Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director  
DATE: January 19, 2018  
RE: Department Report

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

1. **Real Estate Program Planned.** On Wednesday afternoon I met with Don Price, EDC Chair, to organize and plan for Real Estate Panel Discussion that will be hosted by the EDC in Late-February/Early-March. The panel participants will be asked to discuss existing real estate market conditions affecting investment in Clarendon Hills. Tentatively the program planned for early morning at Village Hall. Detailed information will be made available by early February. The last time the Village hosted a similar event was in summer 2010. Stay tuned.
2. **ZBA/PC Meeting - 1/18/2018**
  - a. **Western Reserve Subdivision (5621 Western Avenue).** Greenscape Homes requested approval for the Western Reserve Subdivision, a plat of subdivision subdividing one single family residential lot into a two lot single family residential subdivision. The ZBA/PC will be forwarding the recommendation for approval to the Village Board for consideration and approval in February.
  - b. **Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project.** Staff presented the Technical Review and Approaches Report to the ZBA/PC. The report and related presentation slideshow are posted on the [project website](#). The report identifies key issues, inconsistencies, omissions, and gaps between regulations and policies regulated by the Village Zoning Ordinance. The ZBA/PC members were encouraged to provide staff written feedback and comments by the end of January. The project website can be found at [www.clarendonhills.us/zomp](http://www.clarendonhills.us/zomp).
3. **Richmond Education Gardens.** On Wednesday morning I met with Jill Ziegler and representatives from [DIRTT](#). They have been working with us to design and develop construction plans for the outdoor class room in the Gardens site. The finished structure will provide a covered outdoor class room conducive for sustainability lessons, grad 1-12. Les. We continue to meet with various materials and labor contractors in preparation for a spring 2018 ground breaking.

Don't forget to stop by Village Hall to pick up your bottle before they are all gone.

More information about the Gardens is posted at [www.richmondgardens.org](http://www.richmondgardens.org) and [www.facebook.com/richmondeducationgardens](https://www.facebook.com/richmondeducationgardens) (be sure to like our page!)
4. **Permits.** So far in January the Village has issued three (3) permits having a reported combined construction value of \$1,291,395. The Annual Permit Report for 2017 is posted at [www.clarendonhills.us/bp](http://www.clarendonhills.us/bp).

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## VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT



DATE: January 19, 2018

To: Village Manager Kevin Barr

From: Chief Paul Dalen

Subject: Weekly Activity Report

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### **Recent events and training.**

- Detective Robak attended a Reid Interview and Interrogation Class
- Sgt. Porter attended an IVC and DUI legal update class
- Officer Storino attended a class on Crime Scene Processing: Footwear
- Online Courses were completed by several officers on new laws of 2018 and Driving under the influence.
- Officers took part in mental health training put on by “Serve and Protect”.
- For the past several days, officers have been out at the railroad crossing because the gates have been malfunctioning. BNSF officials have been working with ComEd officials and are trying to rectify the situation.
- Sgt. Finfrock and Officers’ Pacella and Calderon were sworn in at the Board meeting on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Significant traffic and criminal activity during the period January 12, 2018 through January 18, 2018.**

- On January 12, 9:24am, officers responded to the 10 block of Iroquois for an ambulance assist. The resident on Iroquois made statements to officers that led officers to believe he needed to be assessed by medical personnel. The resident was transported to the hospital.
- On January 12, 4:23pm, officers spoke with a resident from the 100blk of Hiawatha in reference to a deceptive practice complaint. The elderly victim related he wired \$2,500 to a subject purporting to be his grandson. Investigation continues.
- On January 13, 6:28pm, officers responded to the 400blk of Burlington for a complaint of electronic harassment. Investigation continues
- On January 14, 4:06am, officers responded to 10 block of N. Prospect for the theft report. The victim advised that while sleeping at the PADS site, an unknown subject stole his jacket. The jacket was located later that day.
- On January 14, 8:28am, officers responded the Jewel Foods store for an unresponsive subject. Jewel management found the subject laying on the bathroom floor next to an empty vodka bottle. Upon arrival, management was walking the intoxicated subject towards the front of the store. While walking, the subject began to act in a threatening manner toward officers and management. Officers were able to defuse the situation and get the subject a ride home. Management did not want to sign complaints.
- On January 14, 9:01pm, officers responded to the 5700blk of Concord for the domestic trouble report. Upon arrival, officers were able to deescalate the situation. The parties were separated for the night.
- On January 16, 8:38pm, officers responded to the 200blk of Jackson for a residential burglary. The resident advised she returned home, after being gone for 6 days, and found her home ransacked by unknown subjects. Officers found forced entry. The scene was processed by evidence technicians and the area canvassed. Pending.
- On January 17, 12:03pm, officers were crossing the railroad tracks and saw a women standing on the grade crossing, facing a westbound freight train. At the same time, officers saw a vehicle stuck on the tracks, approximately ¼ mile west of the crossing. Officer Pasteris was able to flag down the freight and get it to stop. It was determined that the elderly Westmont resident was confused and turn onto the tracks, thinking it was a roadway. Officers and Public Works were able to get vehicle off the tracks without further incident.

- On January 18, 1:13pm, Comcast employees reported an unknown subject climbed a utility pole in the 5700blk of Holmes and stole 6 large system back-up batteries. Apparently this type of theft has occurred in neighboring jurisdictions. Pending.
- On January 18, 1:33pm, officers responded to the 5700blk of Concord for the report of an assault that just occurred. Upon arrival, the victim related a subject, who lived in another apartment building, attempted to push her way into the building. The victim was hurt in the process. The offending subject agreed to meet officers at the station. She was cited under local ordinance and released.
- On January 18, 8:18pm, officers responded to the train station for a report of a suicidal subject. Burlington Northern employees advised that while approaching the station, a subject almost stepped in front of the train. Officers were able to find the subject and have her transported to the hospital for assessment.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kevin Barr, Village Manager  
**From:** Brian Leahy, Fire Chief  
**Date:** January 19, 2018  
**Subject:** Weekly Department Report 2018-03

1. Fire Prevention Bureau Activity during the past week.
  - This week Lt. Godek was preparing the 2018 Fire/Life Safety Inspection schedules.
  - Several fire alarm issues in various buildings were corrected.
2. Training Report:
  - Wednesday evening, twenty six (6) firefighters attended fire suppression training. This training session involved various firefighters performing classroom training on several different subjects.
3. Emergency Medical Services Report:
  - No report.
4. Clarendon Hills/Hinsdale FD sharing of services report:
  - Yesterday representatives of Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Western Springs Fire Departments met again to work on the SCBA grant project. All of have submitted many documents to our grant writer. We also listened to a presentation from two (2) MSA representatives showing us all of the features of the SCBA units that are on the market today. I would like to thank Captain Bill Claybrook of the Hinsdale Fire Department for taking the lead on this shared project and coordinating everything with the grant writer.
5. Emergency Management Report:
  - No report.
6. Du-Comm Report:
  - On Tuesday you and I attended the quarterly meeting of the Du-Comm Board of Directors.
  - On Tuesday I attended the monthly meeting of the Du-Comm Executive Committee.
  - On Thursday I attended the January meeting of the Du-Comm Fire Chiefs Sub Committee.
7. Incidents of Interest:
  - On Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 PM. Medic 86 responded for a person that attempted to jump in front of a train at the BNSF station. Paramedics and Police Officers located the subject and it was determined that the patient did try to jump in front of a train but was blocked by a fence. The patient was transported to a local hospital.

8. Mutual Aid Calls:

- Clarendon Hills ambulance responded to assist the Hinsdale Fire Department 1 time.
- Clarendon Hills ambulance responded to assist the Westmont Fire Department 1 time.
- Hinsdale ambulance responded to assist the Clarendon Hills Fire Department 3 times.
- Tri State ambulance responded to assist the Clarendon Hills Fire Department 1 time.

9. Fire/Rescue/EMS calls:

- The Hinsdale Fire Department responded Automatic Aid to Clarendon Hills three (3) times.
- The Clarendon Hills Fire Department responded Automatic Aid to Hinsdale two (2) times.
- During the past week, the fire department responded to twenty four (24) emergency calls.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.



January2018

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Village Calendar

**Police Pension Fund Special Board Meeting**  
January 22, 2018, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Board Room  
[More Details](#)

**Special Events Committee Meeting**  
January 23, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Board Room  
[More Details](#)

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**February 2018**

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25	26	27	28	1	2	3

**Village Calendar****Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting****February 5, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Police Pension Regular Board Meeting****February 12, 2018, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Clarendon Hills Police Department Training Room**[More Details](#)**Metra - Open House****February 15, 2018, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**ZBA/PC Meeting****February 15, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Village Office Closed in observance of Presidents' Day****February 19, 2018, All Day**[More Details](#)**SSA 31 Public Hearing****February 20, 2018, 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM**[More Details](#)**Village Board Rescheduled Meeting****February 20, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Chamber of Commerce Meeting****February 21, 2018, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)