



VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS MANAGER'S REPORT

November 30, 2018

A. Management Reports

1. **Manager's Notes - See weekly report**
2. **Finance Department - No weekly report**
3. **Public Works Department - No weekly report**
4. **Community Development Department – No weekly report**
5. **Police Department - See weekly report**
6. **Fire Department - No weekly report**

B. Calendar

MEMORANDUM

To: Village President Austin and Board Trustees
From: Kevin Barr, Village Manager *KB*
Date: November 30, 2018
Subject: Weekly Report

1. **Water Fund Information** – A recent communication was mailed to many individuals in the community regarding the Water Fund. A response regarding some of the issues included is attached.
2. **2019 Road Program Potential Additions** – Staff and Burke Engineering are looking at two (2) potential additions to the road program for 2019. The first is including public roadway portions of the potential private drainage improvement adjacent to 400 Ridge. The intent would be to provide a less expensive and better coordinated improvement than could be done by a separate contractor hired by the residents. This would be pending approval and reimbursement by the residents. The second is the potential addition of sidewalk in front of 435 Norfolk. This could not be included in the recently completed road program for logistical reasons. In both case, these additions will need to be reviewed and authorized by the Village Board prior to implementation.
3. **13 N. Prospect Road Patch Repair** – You have noticed a long-standing “plate” over Prospect Avenue. This was caused by a private sanitary sewer emergency repair. We are pleased to report that this has been fixed by the Village, with reimbursement by the property owner.
4. **Yard Waste Pickup** – The last yard waste pickup for the year is this Tuesday, December 4th. Yard waste needs a sticker as always, but leaf pickup is free as it was all of October and November.
5. **Todd Helms Retirement** – After 18 years with the Village, we are wishing Officer Todd Helms a happy retirement. He has accepted a position with a State agency (not as an officer!) and while we are sad to see him go, we are excited for him as he enters the next step of his life. Good luck Todd!
6. **Sterigenics in Willowbrook** – Assistant to the Village Manager Peter Nickell attended the EPA’s Town Hall Meeting Thursday night in Willowbrook on the topic. The front page of the Village’s website has been updated to include information on the topic. We will continue to monitor the situation.
7. **ComEd Notice re Storm Follow-Up** – Attached is a notice from ComEd regarding storm follow-up. We have had limited problems compared to some other communities, but please be aware that there are possibilities of “spot” outages.

8. **Recruitment Efforts** - The Village is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of Maintenance Worker I with the Public Works Department and part-time position of Police Assistant for the Police Department. For more information on both positions and to learn how to apply, visit www.Clairendonhills.us/employment.
9. **Christmas Walk** – Mark your calendars - The Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Walk is Friday, December 7th starting at 6 pm with the tree lighting in front of Village Hall. Hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the weekend.



MEMORANDUM

To: Village President Austin and Board of Trustees
From: Kevin Barr, Village Manager *KS*
Date: November 29, 2018
Subject: Water Fund Communication Response

An electronic communication was recently distributed in town that raised questions regarding the Village's Water Fund. Many of the alleged issues have been raised and addressed before, so this is not intended to respond to all of them. However, there are several outright wrong and/or misleading comments that we believe deserve a response, as follows:

- The communication states that the Village had \$4.7 million in cash in the Water Fund as of 9/30/18.

This is correct. However, the communication ignores easily available data from the proposed budget that shows the "net position available" (funds available) drops below \$680,000 by the end of 2019. This is driven by the substantial capital spending included in the budget. The 10-year plan for the Water Fund shows a variance in net position available that the Board determined met our fund balance policy, while at the same time does not show the Village having an excessive fund balance. Additionally, this year the Village Board took the step to reduce the Water Fund's fund balance policy from 105% of expenses to 50% of expenses.

- The communication states "Trustees chose oddly to rubber stamp the Village Manager recommendation to increase water rates".

This is false. I became the Village Manager in February 2015 and have never recommended an increase in water rates. During this period the Village Board has never recommended or approved an increase in water rates. No current member of the Village Board has ever voted for an increase in water rates. The last ordinance increasing water rates was approved in 2011. The ordinance had built in increases for a five year period to match Chicago's increased rates. The last of these increases was implemented in 2016. The 2019 budget does NOT include a water rate increase. The 10 year plan for the Water Fund does NOT include an increase.

- The communication suggests that "normally" 20-year bonds would be issued for capital projects, in part to lower current water rates.

Borrowing for maintenance costs can occur, but I do not believe this is “normal”. Further, issuing debt to be paid by future water customers specifically to provide reduced rates for current customers is not standard practice. The Village’s auditors concurred with this opinion.

- Finally, the communication suggests that an “outside expert” (i.e. –consultant) or “expert committee” or “oversight by persons with financial and operational skill” be brought in because there are “no water fund experts on the Board or staff.”

Speaking for staff, I believe we have the necessary skills and experience to effectively evaluate the condition and make appropriate recommendations in regards to the Water Fund. We are willing to seek and/or ask for outside help if we feel it is needed. Additionally, the Village auditor also provides oversight on the budget and fund balance issues. Bringing in consultants to look at the Water Fund is an expensive proposition and only adds to the Water Funds expenses. In regards to the Board, at the risk of sounding flattering, I believe the members are as capable of evaluating the Water Fund, and asking appropriate questions, as any other elected Board in the State.

Please feel free to contact Maureen Potempa or me if you have any questions.



News Release

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312-394-3500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Crews Complete Restoration of ComEd Customers Affected by Blizzard *ComEd prepared to answer this weekend's winter weather*

CHICAGO (Nov. 29, 2018) – Following Sunday's severe snow and ice storm, which knocked out power to more than 340,000 customers across ComEd's 11,000-square-mile service area, ComEd has now restored power to all customers initially impacted by the storm. In addition, crews will be working all weekend, ready to respond to new forecasted storms and any subsequent interruptions.

Sunday's storm was unusual both in terms of intensity and reach. As it neared northern Illinois, the storm intensified beyond initial forecasts. The result was up to 13 inches of wet, heavy snow and ice that took down poles and wires, and toppled trees and branches onto ComEd equipment. Meanwhile the entire territory experienced wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour Sunday night into Monday morning.

This weekend, a new storm is expected to approach the area, bringing increased winds and rain starting Saturday that could turn to snow Sunday night. Additional crews are already being assigned and will be available in the coming days should there be additional outages caused by this weekend's storm.

Today, the last of customers initially impacted by Sunday's storm were returned to service, thanks in part to the nearly 1,200 employees of ComEd and 1,500 additional crews from its East Coast sister utilities and surrounding states, including Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Kentucky.

As a result of these efforts, ComEd restored service to over 250,000 families and businesses within 24 hours of losing their power.

"This was the fastest we have restored service for a storm with this combination of heavy snow, ice and high winds," said Terence R. Donnelly, president and chief operating officer, ComEd. "I am proud of the men and women who battled through the freezing temperatures to restore power. However, I am disappointed that our computer system experienced delays that prevented our customers from getting timely information on the restoration effort. While power was restored quickly, our customers need to know the status of our restoration efforts and are rightfully frustrated when our systems don't provide that information. I want to thank our customers for their patience, and I commit that we will work with our IT vendors to fix what went wrong so that it never happens again."

When restoring customers, ComEd focuses first on critical services, such as first responders, hospitals and senior centers. The company then prioritizes work that will restore the greatest number of customers at a time.

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ComEd is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), a Fortune 100 energy company with approximately 10 million electricity and natural gas customers – the largest number of customers in the U.S. ComEd powers the lives of more than 4 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population. For more information visit ComEd.com and connect with the company on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
POLICE DEPARTMENT



DATE: November 30, 2018
To: Village Manager Kevin Barr
From: Chief P. Dalen
Subject: Weekly Activity Report

Recent events and training:

- Officers have been completing crisis intervention on line training.
- Sergeant Shirley is conducting roll call training on orders of protection.
- I attended the monthly DuPage Chiefs meeting where members from the DuPage Mental Health division spoke.

Significant traffic and criminal activity during the period November 22, 2018 through November 29, 2018.

On November 22, 1:45am, a Plainfield resident was stopped on Rte. 83 for speeding. The driver displayed indicia of intoxication and subsequently failed field sobriety tests. He was taken into custody for DUI and transported to the station for processing. His vehicle was administratively towed.

On November 25, 1:27am, a Bellwood resident was taken into custody for driving on a suspended driver's license after being stopped on Rte. 83. The subject posted bond and was released.

On November 25, 7:21am, officers responded to the Starbuck's for a Hanover Park resident overdosing on heroin. The subject was transported to the hospital.

On November 26, 9:28pm, officers responded to an apartment on Carlysle for a residential burglary complaint. Pending.

On November 27, 8:47pm, officers stopped a Joliet resident on Coe Rd. for violating a traffic control device. The driver, who did not have a valid driver's license, was taken into custody. The subject's vehicle was administratively towed.

On November 28, 12:44pm, a resident on the 400 block of Colfax reported that he witnessed a subject in an orange or red jacket run from his porch with a package that

was delivered to his residence earlier in the day. The subject fled in a two door BMW or Toyota. Pending.

On November 29, 2:57pm, officers responded back to an apartment on Chase for a domestic trouble call. Officers were able to quell the situation.

On November 29, 5:24pm, officers responded to a crash on Rte. 83. One of the drivers involved had a suspended driver's license and was subsequently taken into custody. The Darien resident posted bond at the station. The vehicle was administratively towed.

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Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Village Calendar

Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting**December 3, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Christmas Walk sponsored by Chamber of Commerce****December 7, 2018, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Village Hall Main Building**

Tree lighting, Santa visit, and Carolers.

[More Details](#)**Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District Meeting****December 11, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Village Hall Main Building**[More Details](#)**Village Board Regular Scheduled Meeting****December 17, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**ZBA/PC Meeting-Cancelled****December 20, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Board Room**[More Details](#)**Village Offices Closed in observance of Christmas****December 24, 2018 - December 25, 2018**[More Details](#)

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