

Village of Romeoville

1050 W Romeo Rd



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

6:00 PM

Village Hall Board Room

1050 W. Romeo Rd.

Village Board - Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER-Roll Call

Present 6 - Jose Chavez, Ken Griffin, Dave Richards, Brian A. Clancy Sr., John Noak, and Trustee Lourdes Aguirre

Absent 1 - Linda Palmiter

2. POSTING OF COLORS-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[19-2592](#)

Public Works Facility Improvements Presentation

Mr Bjork reported that at the September 19, 2018 Board meeting, a resolution was passed to enter into a contract with Robert Juris Associates for architectural design services for Public Works facility enhancements. In addition to a new administrative building, the enhancements include a new maintenance garage facility which will provide access for work on larger trucks and equipment. Other enhancements include the renovation of the existing main building which will include the creation of an employee computer work area to keep up with digitalization needs and trends, sign room, locker room, meeting room, lunch room and other improvements. The architects are nearing completion of the preparation of the plans and bid documents and are targeting a March 6, 2019 bid letting so that bid results can be obtained and a recommendation can be obtained by the second week of April. Construction could begin this spring upon approval of the construction contract at a future Board meeting. The estimated total cost is \$7,408,000.

Mayor Noak stated that we have been looking to do this for quite some time. This has been on the docket for a while. This is one of the bigger redevelopment projects remaining.

Trustee Chavez asked about the upstairs on one of the plans. Mr Bjork stated that we currently have an upper level for storage and it will remain as storage.

Trustee Richards stated that this is a very necessary project. This is not the Public Works Department of 50 years ago and should not be the building of 50 years ago either. Overall, the plan makes sense. Mayor Noak agreed.

Trustee Aguirre stated that Public Works is the heart of the Village with regards to infrastructure.

Mr Gulden added that we are in a good position as we own the land. Because we have done a good job of putting money aside, 40% of the project is fully funded. The other 50/60% will come from the sewer bond

issue.

Mr Bjork thanked the architect for staying with us through all of the iterations of the project. There have been many changes to get to this point.

[RES19-2646](#) **A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller Regarding Access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program**

Mr Openchowski reported that the Local Debt Recovery Program (LDRP) offers units of local government the opportunity to collect unpaid debt such as parking tickets, water and sewer bills, traffic fines, ordinance violations and other fines and fees. The IOC assists local governmental units by collecting these amounts from tax refunds, lottery payouts or payroll checks. The LDRP operates at no charge to the local government. To participate, units of local government enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the IOC. Debtors must be given due process prior to a debt being submitted. The Village will send letters informing debtors of the debt and a time period to pay or otherwise resolve the issue before the matter is turned over to the LDRP program. Debtors are given 60 day notice to protest the deduction and if no protest is made, the amount owed is transferred to the unit of local government.

Mayor Noak stated that when a water/sewer bill is not paid, the costs are still there. It is important that people/businesses pay their share.

Trustee Chavez added that there are no fees charged to the local municipality.

Mr Gulden stated that we do work with residents to help with payment of water bills. This program is mostly designed for code enforcement fines, absentee landlords and people who are trying to "scam" the system. Mayor Noak agreed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clancy, seconded by Aguirre, that this Meeting be Adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chavez, Griffin, Richards, Clancy, and Aguirre

Absent: 1 - Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Noak