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An Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$10,400,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B, of the Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the Village, authorizing the execution of a bond order in connection therewith, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Whereas, by virtue of its population, the Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois (the “*Village*”), is a home rule unit pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such is empowered to perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to incur debt; and

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of said Section 6, the Village has the power to incur debt payable from ad valorem property tax receipts or from any other lawful source and maturing within 40 years from the time it is incurred without prior referendum approval; and

Whereas the Village has outstanding a certain loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (the “*IEPA*”), as follows: L17-2158 loan payable of 2008 (the “*Prior Loan*”); and

Whereas, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) have heretofore and it hereby is determined that it is advisable and necessary and in the best interests of the Village that some or all of the Prior Loan (said portion of the Prior Loan selected to be refunded by the hereinafter defined Designated Officers, with the advice of the Village’s municipal advisor, and as set forth in the hereinafter defined Bond Order, being the “*Refunded Loan*”) be refunded (the “*Refunding*”) in order to achieve debt service savings for the Village; and

Whereas the estimated cost to the Village of the Refunding is an amount not to exceed \$10,400,000, plus any estimated available amounts of interest earnings on said sums prior to their expenditure; and

Whereas there are insufficient funds on hand and available to pay the costs of the Refunding, and it is necessary for that purpose that certain sums to pay such costs be borrowed at this time, and in evidence of such indebtedness, the hereinafter defined Bonds of the Village be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,400,000, and that such indebtedness be incurred in accordance with the Act as hereinafter defined, and without submitting the question of incurring such indebtedness to the electors of the Village for their approval; and

Whereas, the expenses and contingencies related to the issuance of the Bonds include legal, financial, accounting services related to the accomplishment of the Refunding, bond registrar, paying agent, escrow agent, and other and similar banking fees, printing and publication costs, and other miscellaneous costs, and such costs and contingencies may be paid from proceeds of the Bonds or from cash on hand and lawfully available therefor:

Now Therefore Be It Ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to such other words and terms used and defined in this Ordinance, the following words and terms used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings, unless, in either case, the context or use clearly indicates another or different meaning is intended:

A. The following words and terms are as defined in the preambles hereto.

Corporate Authorities

IEPA

Prior Loan

Refunded Loan

Refunding

Village

B. The following words and terms are defined as set forth.

“*Act*” means the Illinois Municipal Code, as supplemented and amended, and particularly as supplemented and amended by the Local Government Debt Reform Act, as amended, and the other Omnibus Bond Acts, as amended, and as further supplemented, and where necessary, superseded, by Section 6 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois.

“*Bond*” or “*Bonds*” means, collectively, one or more, as applicable, of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B, authorized to be issued by this Ordinance.

“*Bond Counsel*” means Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

“*Bond Fund*” means the Bond Fund established and defined in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

“*Bond Moneys*” means the Pledged Taxes, any other moneys deposited into the Bond Fund, and investment income earned in the Bond Fund.

“*Bond Order*” means the Bond Order and Notification of Sale to be executed by the Designated Officers as hereinafter provided and setting out final details of the Bonds as hereinafter provided.

“*Bond Register*” means the books of the Village kept by the Bond Registrar to evidence the registration and transfer of the Bonds.

“*Bond Registrar*” means Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, duly authorized to do business as a bond registrar as herein required, or successors or assigns.

“*Book Entry Form*” means the form of Bonds in which they are delivered to a depository and held

solely by a depository, or its nominee, as record owner, transfers of beneficial ownership for such Bonds being made by book entries in accordance with the procedures of such depository.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“*County Clerk*” means the County Clerk of The County of Will, Illinois.

“*Designated Officers*” means the President, Village Clerk, Finance Director or Village Manager of the Village, or successors or assigns, or any of them acting together.

“*DTC*” means The Depository Trust Company, a New York limited trust company, its successors, or a successor depository qualified to clear securities under applicable state and federal laws.

“*Insurer*” means the entity, if any, described in the Bond Order as the issuer of a financial guaranty insurance policy for the Bonds.

“*Interest Payment Date*” means a Stated Maturity of interest on the Bonds.

“*Ordinance*” means this Ordinance, numbered as set forth on the title page hereof, and passed by the Corporate Authorities on the 1st day of September, 2021.

“*Outstanding*” or “*outstanding*” refers to Bonds which are outstanding and unpaid; *provided, however*, such term shall not include Bonds (i) which have matured and for which moneys are on deposit with proper paying agents, or are otherwise properly available, sufficient to pay all principal thereof and interest thereon, or (ii) the provision for payment of which has been made by the Village by the deposit in an irrevocable trust or escrow of funds or direct, full faith and credit obligations of the United States of America, the principal of and interest on which will be sufficient to pay at maturity or as called for redemption all the principal of and interest on such Bonds.

“*Paying Agent*” means Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, duly authorized to do business as a paying agent as herein required, or successors or assigns.

“*Pledged Taxes*” means a direct annual tax levied upon all of the taxable property within the Village, in the years for which any of the Bonds are outstanding, sufficient for the purpose of providing funds required to pay the interest on the Bonds promptly when and as the same falls due, and to pay and discharge the principal

thereof at maturity, as further set forth in Section 11 of this Ordinance.

“*Purchase Contract*” means the contract for the purchase and sale of the Bonds with the Purchaser, by and between the Purchaser and the Village, as evidenced by the Official Notice of Sale and the executed Official Bid Form.

“*Purchase Price*” means the price to be paid for each series the Bonds, as set forth in the Bond Order, which shall be not less than 98.0% of the par amount of such series of Bonds (without regard to original issue discount, if any, or original issue premium, if any).

“*Purchaser*” means, for any series of Bonds issued hereunder, (a) in a negotiated underwriting, Bernardi Securities, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, or (b) in a private placement with Bernardi Securities, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, serving as placement agent, (i) a bank or financial institution authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, (ii) a governmental unit as defined in the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, or (iii) an “accredited investor” as defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended; provided, as set forth in a Bond Order.

“*Record Date*” means the fifteenth day of the month in which any regular Interest Payment Date occurs on the 30th day of that month or fifteen days prior to any Interest Payment Date occasioned by a redemption of Bonds on other than a regularly scheduled Interest Payment Date.

“*Representation Letter*” means any letter or agreement to be executed among the Bond Registrar, the Village and DTC and necessary to effectuate a book entry system for the Bonds.

“*Stated Maturity*” when used with respect to any Bond or any interest thereon means the date specified in such Bond as the fixed date on which the principal of, or interest on, such Bond is due and payable, whether by maturity, mandatory redemption or otherwise.

“*Tax-exempt*” means, with respect to the Bonds, the status of interest paid and received thereon as excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and as not included as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals and corporations under the Code, but as taken into account in computing an adjustment used in determining the federal alternative

minimum tax for certain corporations.

“*Term Bonds*” means Bonds which are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by operation of the Bond Fund, as hereinafter provided.

“*Treasurer*” means the Village Treasurer, or designee, or successors or assigns.

C. For all purposes of this Ordinance, except as otherwise expressly provided herein or unless the context otherwise requires:

1. The terms defined in this Section or elsewhere in this Ordinance have the meanings assigned to them and include the plural as well as the singular (or vice-versa).
2. All accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them, and all computations herein provided for shall be made, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for municipal enterprise funds.
3. All references in this Ordinance to designated “Sections” and other subdivisions are to the designated Sections and other subdivisions of this Ordinance as originally adopted.
4. The words “herein,” “hereof” and “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Ordinance as a whole and not to any particular Section or other subdivision.

Section 2. Incorporation of Preambles. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and do incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 3. Determination To Issue Bonds. It is necessary and in the best interests of the Village to undertake the Refunding and to pay all necessary costs thereof, to pay all related costs and expenses incidental thereto, and to borrow money and issue the Bonds for such purposes. It is hereby found and determined that such borrowing of money is for a proper public purpose and is in the public interest, and is authorized pursuant to the Act; and these findings and determinations shall be deemed conclusive.

Section 4. Bond Details. For the purposes aforesaid, there shall be issued and sold the Bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,400,000. The Bonds shall each be designated “*General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2021B*” (or such other title or series designation as the Designated Officers may find necessary and advisable and as so provided in the relevant Bond Order); be dated the date of delivery thereof, or such earlier date, but not later than March 15, 2022, as shall be provided in the relevant Bond Order (any such date being the “*Dated Date*”); and shall also bear the date of authentication thereof. The Bonds shall be fully registered and in Book Entry Form, shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof (but no single Bond shall represent principal maturing on more than one date), and shall be numbered consecutively in such fashion as shall be determined by the Bond Registrar.

The Bonds of each series shall become due and payable serially or be subject to mandatory redemption (without option of prior redemption) on December 30 (unless otherwise set forth in the respective Bond Order) of each of the years (not later than 2027), in the amounts (not exceeding \$1,600,000 per year) and bearing

interest at the rates (not exceeding 5.00% per annum) as set forth in the respective Bond Order.

Each Bond shall bear interest from the later of its Dated Date as herein provided or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of such Bond is paid or duly provided for, such interest (computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) being payable on June 30 and December 30 of each year, commencing on such June 30 or December 30 as shall be provided in the Bond Order. Interest on each Bond shall be paid by check or draft of the Paying Agent, payable upon presentation thereof in lawful money of the United States of America, to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the applicable Record Date, and mailed to the registered owner of the Bond as shown in the Bond Registrar or at such other address furnished in writing by such Registered Owner, or as otherwise may be agreed with DTC. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation thereof at the principal office maintained for the purpose by the Paying Agent or at successor Paying Agent and locality (the "*Principal Office*").

Section 5. Book Entry Provisions. The Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the series and maturities of the Bonds, and the provisions of this Section shall apply. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each such Bond shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of "*Cede & Co.*", or any successor thereto, as nominee of DTC. All of the outstanding Bonds from time to time shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Treasurer, as representative of the Village, and the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Village, and as such agent for the Village, such letters to or agreements with DTC as shall be necessary to effectuate such book-entry system (any such letter or agreement being referred to herein as the "*Representation Letter*"). Without limiting the generality of the authority given with respect to entering into such Representation Letter, it may contain provisions relating to (a) payment procedures, (b) transfers of the Bonds or of beneficial interests therein, (c) redemption notices and procedures unique to DTC, (d) additional notices or communications, and (e) amendment from time to time to conform with changing customs and practices with respect to securities industry transfer and payment practices.

With respect to Bonds registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, none of the Village, the Treasurer, the Paying Agent or the Bond Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Bonds from time to time as securities depository (each such broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution being referred to herein as a "*Depository Participant*") or to any person on behalf of whom such a Depository Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the meaning of the immediately preceding sentence, the Village, the

Treasurer, the Paying Agent and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (a) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co., or any Depository Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (b) the delivery to any Depository Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (c) the payment to any Depository Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Bonds. No person other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register shall receive a Bond certificate with respect to any Bond. Upon delivery by DTC to the Bond Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions hereof with respect to the payment of interest to the registered owners of Bonds at the close of business on the applicable record date, the name “Cede & Co.” in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

In the event that (a) the Village determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the Representation Letter, (b) the agreement among the Village, the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar, and DTC evidenced by the Representation Letter shall be terminated for any reason or (c) the Village determines that it is in the best interests of the Village or of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, the Village shall notify DTC and DTC shall notify DTC Participants of the availability of Bond certificates, and the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Village may determine that the Bonds shall be registered in the name of and deposited with a successor depository operating a book-entry system, as may be acceptable to the Village, or such depository’s agent or designee, but if the Village does not select such alternate book-entry system, then the Bonds shall be registered in whatever name or names registered owners of Bonds transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 6. Execution; Authentication. The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the Village by the manual or duly authorized facsimile signature of its President and attested by the manual or duly authorized facsimile signature of its Village Clerk, as they may determine, and shall have impressed or imprinted thereon the corporate seal or facsimile thereof of the Village. In case any such officer whose signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery. All Bonds

shall have thereon a certificate of authentication, substantially in the form hereinafter set forth, duly executed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent of the Village and showing the date of authentication. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this Ordinance unless and until such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Bond Registrar by manual signature, and such certificate of authentication upon any such Bond shall be conclusive evidence that such Bond has been authenticated and delivered under this Ordinance.

Section 7. Redemption; Redemption Procedure. A. Mandatory Redemption. If so provided in the Bond Order, any Bonds may be issued as Term Bonds and be subject to mandatory redemption by operation of the Bond Fund at a price of par, without premium, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, on December 30 of the years and in the amounts as shall be set forth in the Bond Order.

On or prior to the 60th day preceding any mandatory redemption date, the Bond Registrar may, and if directed by the Corporate Authorities shall, purchase Bonds required to be retired on such mandatory redemption date. Any such Bonds so purchased shall be cancelled and the principal amount thereof shall be credited against the mandatory redemption required on such next mandatory redemption date.

The Bonds shall be redeemed only in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. For purposes of any redemption of less than all of the outstanding Bonds of a single maturity, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Bond Registrar from the Bonds of such maturity by such method of lottery as the Bond Registrar shall deem fair and appropriate; *provided* that such lottery shall provide for the selection for redemption of Bonds or portions thereof so that any \$5,000 Bond or \$5,000 portion of a Bond shall be as likely to be called for redemption as any other such \$5,000 Bond or \$5,000 portion. The Bond Registrar shall make such selection upon the earlier of the irrevocable deposit of funds with an escrow agent sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds to be redeemed or the time of the giving of official notice of redemption.

The Bond Registrar shall promptly notify the Village in writing of the Bonds or portions of Bonds selected for redemption and, in the case of any Bond selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

B. Redemption Procedure. Unless waived by any holder of Bonds to be redeemed, notice of the call for any such redemption shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the Village by mailing the redemption notice by first class mail at least thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the

Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by such registered owner to the Bond Registrar.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the redemption date,
- (2) the redemption price,
- (3) if less than all outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed,
- (4) that on the redemption date the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date,
- (5) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price, which place of payment shall be the Principal Office of the Bond Registrar, and
- (6) such other information then required by custom, practice or industry standard.

Prior to any redemption date, the Village shall deposit with the Paying Agent an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed on that date.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, and notwithstanding the failure to receive such notice, the Bonds or portions of Bonds so to be redeemed shall, on the redemption date, become due and payable at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the Village shall default in the payment of the redemption price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Bonds shall be paid by the Paying Agent at the redemption price. Installments of interest due on or prior to the redemption date shall be payable as herein provided for payment of interest. Upon surrender for any partial redemption of any Bond, there shall be prepared for the registered holder a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity in the amount of the unpaid principal.

If any Bond or portion of Bond called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for

redemption, the principal shall, until paid, bear interest from the redemption date at the rate borne by the Bond or portion of Bond so called for redemption. All Bonds which have been redeemed shall be cancelled and destroyed by the Bond Registrar and shall not be reissued.

Section 8. Registration and Exchange or Transfer of Bonds; Persons Treated as Owners. The Village shall cause the Bond Register to be kept at the principal office maintained for the purpose by Bond Registrar, which is hereby constituted and appointed the registrar of the Village for the Bonds. The Village is authorized to prepare, and the Bond Registrar or such other agent as the Village may designate shall keep custody of, multiple Bond blanks executed by the Village for use in the transfer and exchange of Bonds.

Any Bond may be transferred or exchanged, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations, and upon payment of the charges as set forth in this Ordinance. Upon surrender for transfer or exchange of any Bond at the principal office maintained for the purpose by Bond Registrar, duly endorsed by or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or exchange in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and duly executed by the registered owner or an attorney for such owner duly authorized in writing, the Village shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, date and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees or, in the case of an exchange, the registered owner, a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of like tenor, of the same series and maturity, bearing the same interest rate, of authorized denominations, for a like aggregate principal amount.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period from the close of business on the Record Date for an interest payment to the opening of business on such interest payment date, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after notice calling such Bond for redemption has been mailed, nor during a period of fifteen (15) days next preceding mailing of a notice of redemption of any Bonds.

The execution by the Village of any fully registered Bond shall constitute full and due authorization of such Bond, and the Bond Registrar shall thereby be authorized to authenticate, date and deliver such Bond; *provided, however,* that the principal amount of Bonds of each series and maturity authenticated by the Bond Registrar shall not at any one time exceed the authorized principal amount of Bonds for such series and maturity less the amount of such Bonds which have been paid.

The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute

owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or its legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Bonds, but the Village or the Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds except in the case of the issuance of a Bond or Bonds for the unredeemed portion of a Bond surrendered for redemption.

Section 9. Form of Bond. The Bonds shall be in substantially the form hereinafter set forth; *provided, however,* that if the text of the Bonds is to be printed in its entirety on the front side of the Bonds, then the second paragraph on the front side and the legend “See Reverse Side for Additional Provisions” shall be omitted and the text of paragraphs set forth for the reverse side shall be inserted immediately after the first paragraph.