# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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# **Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 6, 2025 6:30 PM

Village Hall

# **Committee of the Whole**

Village President Keith Pekau Village Clerk Brian L. Gaspardo Trustees, William R. Healy, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, Michael R. Milani, Sean Kampas, Brian Riordan and Joni Radaszewski

## CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - President Pekau; Trustee Healy; Trustee Nelson Katsenes; Trustee Milani; Trustee Kampas; Trustee Riordan and Trustee Radaszewski

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

# 2025-0002 Approval of the December 16, 2024, Committee of the Whole Minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of December 16, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, seconded by Trustee Milani, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Milani, Trustee Kampas, Trustee Riordan, and Trustee Radaszewski

**Nay:** 0

### ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

# 2025-0008 Data Backup, Ransomware Protection and Disaster Recovery Managed Services

In 2021 the Village signed a three year contract with Thinkgard for backup, ransmoware protection and data recovery services. ThinkGard uniquely offers a single vendor solution that includes ransomware protection, as well as services that regularly monitor and test these backups, develop and maintain a technology disaster recovery plan and the capability to spin up Village servers in its cloud data centers, enabling the Village to recover quickly from disasters that disable the Village's on premise data centers. ThinkGard's platform and services relieves DoIT staff from the daily management of backups, so these resources can be allocated to work on other Village priorities. Other vendors who provide ransomware protection require the Village to separately contract, procure, install, manage and support the software, backup appliances, and cloud storage services. This is one of two contracts the Village has with Thinkgard, the other providing backup and disaster recovery for the Village cloud IT services. The IT department has been happy with the services provided and would like to extend this contract for an additional three years at a cost of \$50,181.60 per year or a total three year cost of \$150,544.80.

President Pekau had comments. (refer to audio)

IT Director Tad Spencer provided information regarding this matter. (refer to audio)

I move to approve the waiver of the competitive bid process in lieu of participation in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Purchasing Cooperative contract for

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Consulting and Other Related Services #200601 with software and services provided by ThinkGard, for three years with an annual contract not to exceed \$50,181.60 and the total value of the three year contract not to exceed cost of \$150,544.80;

And,

To authorize the Village Manager to execute all related contracts, subject to Village Attorney review.

A motion was made by Trustee Milani, seconded by Trustee Kampas, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Milani,

Trustee Kampas, Trustee Riordan, and Trustee Radaszewski

**Nay:** 0

# 2025-0018 Village of Orland Park Municipal Basin Phase II Stewardship

The existing Municipal Basin wetland is located on the west side of Ravinia Avenue at 156th Street (across from Public Works), and is located in a regulatory floodplain and floodway. The basin was constructed in the 1970s, and was designed as "online" storage on Marley Creek. Historically, the Village has contracted ecological stewards to manage the growth of invasive and woody vegetation on the property using means of herbicide and controlled burns.

In 2023, the Village contracted Davey Resource Group of Elmhurst, Illinois, to begin the first phase of a greater restoration effort to bring the wetland's vegetation under control. Phase I (FY23-24) included selective herbicide applications to the phragmites, selective dead and woody vegetation removal, and a mass mowing of the basin, followed by a controlled burn in the fall of 2023. An additional controlled burn is planned for spring of 2025 to conclude Phase I activities.

Phase II will be more in line with the Village's current stewardship projects. Phase II (FY25-27) will be a three (3) year stewardship with the option to extend for two (2) additional years (FY28-29), consisting of five (5) visits per year handling native seeding, plant plug installations, and post-seeding management.

A request for proposals for Phase II was sent to pre-qualified ecological stewards on November 12, 2024, with a submission deadline of December 4, 2024. A summary of proposals is below:

Davey Resource Group

Year 1 Stewardship (2025): \$17,960.00 Year 2 Stewardship (2026): \$18,480.00

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Year 3 Stewardship (2027): \$16,400.00

Seeding: \$79,365.00 Plug Planting: \$358,201.80

Year 4 Stewardship (2028): \$16,800.00 (optional) Year 5 Stewardship (2029): \$17,280.00 (optional)

TOTAL: \$524,486.80

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Year 1 Stewardship (2025): \$19,625.00 Year 2 Stewardship (2026): \$19,625.00 Year 3 Stewardship (2027): \$19,625.00

Seeding: \$47,500.00 Plug Planting: \$529,164.54

Year 4 Stewardship (2028): \$20,750.00 (optional) Year 5 Stewardship (2029): \$21,875.00 (optional)

TOTAL: \$678,164.54

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Year 1 Stewardship (2025): \$66,865.00 Year 2 Stewardship (2026): \$66,865.00 Year 3 Stewardship (2027): \$66,865.00

Seeding: \$61,053.75

Plug Planting: \$332,137.68

Year 4 Stewardship (2028): \$45,200.00 (optional) Year 5 Stewardship (2029): \$45,200.00 (optional)

TOTAL: \$684,186.43

Stantec - Responded via email declining to submit a proposal.

Staff recommends Davey Resource Group to be selected for Phase II.

It should be noted that, while Davey's proposal suggests native seed installation and native plant plug installation to take place in 2025, due to budget constraints, those installations will be spread out over two (2) years.

President Pekau had questions and comments. (refer to audio)

Director of Public Works Joel Van Essen responded to President Pekau. (refer to audio)

Trustee Kampas had a question. (refer to audio)

Director Van Essen responded to Trustee Kampas. (refer to audio)

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve and authorize the execution of a Service Agreement between the Village of Orland Park and Davey Resource

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Group as the lowest qualified responsive proposal for the Municipal Basin Phase II Stewardship for three (3) years 2025-2027, at a cost of \$236,743.40 in FY 2025, \$237,263.40 in FY 2026, and \$16,400.00 in FY 2027, for a total cost of \$490,406.80, with the option to extend for two (2) additional years (2028-2029) at a cost of \$16,800.00 for FY 2028 and \$17,280.00 for FY 2029, for a total not-to-exceed contract price of \$524,486.80.

A motion was made by Trustee Kampas, seconded by Trustee Radaszewski, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Milani, Trustee Kampas, Trustee Riordan, and Trustee Radaszewski

**Nay:** 0

# 2025-0025 Employee Length of Service Award Recognition - 2024

Interim Village Manager Jim Culotta recognized those employees who earned length of service milestones in the year 2024. (refer to audio)

President Pekau had comments. (refer to audio)

Interim Village Manager Jim Culotta had additional comments. (refer to audio)

# NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS RELEVANT TO VILLAGE BUSINESS

Katie Szafranski of Custom Massage Works addressed the Board regarding the number of massage licenses available. (refer to audio)

President Pekau had comments. (refer to audio)

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

President Pekau had comments. (refer to audio)

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# **ADJOURNMENT: 6:59 P.M.**

A motion was made by Trustee Kampas, seconded by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Milani,

Trustee Kampas, Trustee Riordan, and Trustee Radaszewski

**Nay:** 0

2025-0064 Audio Recording for the January 6, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting

**NO ACTION** 

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APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian L. Gaspardo, Village Clerk

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