

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2009

7:00 PM

Village Hall

## Finance Committee

*Chairman Edward G. Schussler  
Trustees Brad S. O'Halloran and James V. Dodge, Jr.  
Village Clerk David P. Maher*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM.

**Present:** 3 - Trustee O'Halloran; Trustee Dodge and Chairman Schussler

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****2009-0058 Approval of the May 26, 2009 Finance Committee Minutes**

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Finance Committee of May 26, 2009.

**A motion was made by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, seconded by Trustee James Dodge, Jr., that this matter be APPROVED. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, and Chairman Schussler

**Nay:** 0

**ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION****2009-0310 Consulting Services - Renewal of Water Contract with the Village of Oak Lawn**

Village Manager Paul Grimes reported that the Water Supply Service Agreement between the Village of Orland Park and the Village of Oak Lawn is set to expire on October 1, 2011.

Other major users of the system, including Tinley Park, Oak Forest, Mokena and New Lenox - users accounting for over 80% of the usage - also have contracts with Oak Lawn expiring on this date. As part of the renewal process, Oak Lawn completed an engineering study that identified a number of long term infrastructure improvements. The total cost of these improvements ranged from approximately \$123,682,000 to \$186,984,000 depending on where the 2nd supply line ends.

The various municipalities previously mentioned met and determined that it would be in our best interest if we collectively approached Oak Lawn when renegotiating our contracts and offered Oak Lawn the following contract renewal options:

- Perform a cost/benefit analysis to determine the viability of converting the system to a Water Commission with group governance
- Enter into a water purchase group/authority separate from Oak Lawn
- Require a variety of changes to the current contract to establish performance standards, oversight of operations and participation in the design and construction of improvements.

If necessary, the Village will request a short extension of our contracts with Oak Lawn to provide additional negotiation time.

To assist with the decision making and negotiations, as well as to provide independent opinions and advice, it was determined by the collective group that an independent consultant should be hired. Each of the municipalities would share in the cost of this consultant on a pro-rata share basis; a municipality's pro rata share would be based on the 2030 water allocation amounts. Orland Park's pro rate share is 33%.

It was recommended that William Balling of WRB, LLC be retained to provide these services. Please see attached for a brief description of WRB, LLC related projects. Mr. Balling will submit to us a detailed scope of work outlining the services he will be providing. As Tinley Park is the largest user (when Mokena and New Lenox are included in Tinley Park usage figures), it was agreed that the contract would be administered by Tinley Park. Upon approval by each municipal Board, a written agreement would be signed by each municipality agreeing to this cost sharing scenario. At this time, and assuming negotiations run smoothly and timely, staff is estimating that that Orland Park's share will not exceed \$20,000 (approximately 33% of \$60,000).

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve entering into a cost sharing agreement with the Villages of Tinley Park, Mokena and New Lenox and the City of Oak Forest, to pay Orland Park's proportionate share of consulting services fees to WRB, LLC.

And

To authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement.

**A motion was made by Trustee James Dodge, Jr., seconded by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, and Chairman Schussler

**Nay:** 0

#### **2009-0312 Burial of Electric Services Lines - 143rd and LaGrange Road**

Village Manager Paul Grimes reported that as work advances on the 143rd/LaGrange Road intersection project, staff has discussed with Commonwealth Edison the plan for the relocation of the overhead lines that run the length of this project. Given the type of development planned for this area, including the Main Street Triangle, Orland Crossing and redevelopment along 143rd Street near Marquette Bank, the Village staff recommends an analysis of the cost to bury these service lines to reduce the visual blight. There are two substantial system lines that would need to be relocated.

Although estimates have been provided, in order to advance the analysis of

burying the Com Ed lines that run down LaGrange Road from the viaduct to 144th Street and along 143rd Street from the railroad tracks to the entrance at Orland Crossing, Village staff is requesting approval of a payment to Com Ed for engineering services. Once this design work is complete, an accurate depiction of cost for the construction will be provided.

Com Ed requires payment of 1% of the total engineers' estimate of the construction cost in order to advance the engineering component of undergrounding projects. The estimate given for this project is \$4.6 million for LaGrange Road lines and an additional \$1.5 million for the lines along 143rd Street. Com Ed could not be reached to confirm the 1% figure, so the approval figure has been slightly increased in case the figure is actually higher.

Trustee O'Halloran asked if the Village could have its own engineers design the burial of electric service.

Village Manager Grimes stated ComEd will not allow that, these are ComEd lines and their project.

Trustee O'Halloran was concerned that ComEd requires doing the engineering design.

Village Manager Grimes commented if it is the Board's wishes, the Village could hire its own engineer to give an estimate on what the cost of this work is, in order to have a comparison of what ComEd will charge.

Chairman Schussler questioned if the Village would receive a credit from ComEd on the difference it would cost ComEd to relocate the above-ground lines to placing them underground.

Village Manager Grimes stated on another project within the Village, ComEd did give the Village a credit for the difference that it would have cost them to move the wires. But for this project, they may give a credit, but nothing has been guaranteed.

Chairman Schussler stated he does not want ComEd to make a significant profit from the Village when the Board is trying to ascetically improve the appearance of the town by burying the electrical lines.

Trustee Dodge stated he does not like this, but the Village has no choice.

I move to recommend to the Village Board approval of payment to Commonwealth Edison in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the engineering design of the burial of electric service lines in the area of the 143rd and LaGrange Road intersection.

**A motion was made by Trustee James Dodge, Jr., seconded by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, and Chairman Schussler

**Nay:** 0

#### **ADJOURNMENT - 7:40 PM**

**A motion was made by Trustee James Dodge, Jr., seconded by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, and Chairman Schussler

**Nay:** 0

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APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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**David P. Maher, Village Clerk**