

City Manager's Report

Week of November 7, 2011

The only viable alternative to obtaining water from the City of Chicago is to purchase it from the City of Evanston. They currently provide water to the Northwest Water Consortium who is comprised of the cities of Palatine, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights. Evanston has scheduled a meeting with Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Niles and Morton Grove to discuss the possibility of extending a new water transmission line through our communities that we could utilize as an alternative water source on December 13, 2011.

Attached are my notes from the second meeting with the municipalities interested in forming a consortium for bidding of the electrical power for our residents and small businesses. I have also included an Implementation Plan for joining this consortium and moving forward in this process.

The Finance and Budget COW agenda for 11/28 is swamped so we are going to conduct a survey of legal expenses using our new comparable communities and provide that information to you as a foundation for discussion of legal services when it is complete. We will then place it on a December COW-F&B agenda.

Effort has been directed to make your agenda preparation process smoother. The City Attorney will modify their hours changing from Monday and Friday mornings to Monday and Thursday mornings. This way, staff can make sure the City Attorney can review their agenda material and any necessary changes made to make sure the packets are ready in a timely fashion. Your packet is now organized from front to back as each agenda item appears chronologically.

This is from the IML legislative report this week:

CPPRT Diversion Approved: *On Thursday, November 10, the Senate concurred with House Amendments and [approved legislation to divert CPPRT revenue](#) (Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes) away from local governments in order to reinstate the salaries and benefits of regional superintendents of education. Having passed both chambers, the bill will next be sent to the Governor. **IML OPPOSES** from local governments.*

This is the type of legislation that Local Governments need to continue to lobby our legislators that we cannot support. If we allow any portion of monies now due to us by state law to be diverted to pay for State financial obligations, where will it end?

Attachments:

Electric consortium meeting notes
Implementation Plan schedule
NWMC Director's Report