



MEETING AGENDA

Village Council

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters

Village Clerk Marie Arrigoni

Commissioner G. Darryl Reed

Commissioner Dan Polk

Commissioner Mike Wade

Commissioner Rebecca Petan

REVISED 1/23/2026

Monday, January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Kaptur Administrative Center

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council meeting of January 12, 2026

5) RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

6) HEARINGS

7) CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are routine or have been brought forward at the direction of the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted with one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately

A. To adopt Ordinance 2026-02 titled "An Ordinance Abating Taxes Levied the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois." The Ordinance informs the Cook County Clerk's office to not levy property taxes for the tax levy year 2025 relating to the payment of principal and interest due on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds series 2021A and General Obligation Bonds series 2022A collectible in calendar year 2026

B. To acknowledge the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record for the marketing and promotion of the tourism industry

C. To approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated January 26, 2026 in the amount of \$153,680.67

8) OLD BUSINESS

9) BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. To consider ZBA 2025-05; regarding variance requests to increase the maximum fence height from four and one-half feet to six feet, and decrease the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension from 70% to zero; regarding the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the property commonly known as 38 McCord Trace

10) INFORMATION & UPDATES

- A. Public Works and Streets, Recreation Report
 - 1. To approve payment of Estimate No. 1 for the Forest Glen Addition to the 2025 paving project to Lindahl Brothers in the amount of \$64,512.08

- B. Building and Public Property Report
 - 1. Building Department Report

- C. Public Health and Safety Report
 - 1. Police Activity Report

- D. Accounts and Finances Report
 - 1. To approve the contract between the Village of Palos Park and Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for financial audit services covering the fiscal years ending 2026 through 2028

- E. Mayor's Report

- F. Clerk's Report

- G. Manager's Report
 - 1. To approve Resolution 2026-R-01 "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Palos Park and the Palos Park Public Library for a Short-Term Loan for Library Operations and Programs." The Resolution states that the Village finds it in its best interests to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and authorize the Loan in accordance with the terms set forth in the IGA

11) ANNOUNCEMENTS

12) CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD

13) ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026. Mayor Milovich Walters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Answering roll call were Commissioners, Petan, Wade, Reed, Polk and Mayor Milovich-Walters.

Also in attendance were Richard Boehm, Village Manager; Howard Jablecki, Village Attorney; Alison Brothen, Finance Director; Mark Herman, Community Development Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; Stephen DeFalco, Recreation Director; Kathie May, Community Development Coordinator and Lisa Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2025:
Commissioner Petan moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 8, 2025, as presented.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -5- Commissioners Petan, Wade, Reed, Polk and Mayor Milovich Walters
NAYS: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Mayor Milovich Walters introduced Riley Martin, the representative from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP who presented a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 audit as well as the annual financial report.

HEARINGS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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Commissioner Petan moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to:

A. ratify payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated December 22, 2025 in the amount of \$83,961.11

B. approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated January 12, 2026 in the amount of \$136,254.61

C. approve the Supplemental Warrant List dated January 12, 2026 for manual checks, payroll, and recurring wire transfers in the amount of \$509,841.97

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -5- Commissioners Petan, Wade, Reed, Polk and Mayor Milovich Walters
NAYS: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

ORDINANCE 2026-01 – VARIANCE EXTENSION: Commissioner Wade presented Ordinance 2026-01. An Ordinance Providing An Extension of the Time Limits applicable to the Variations Previously Approved Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2025-02, Adopted January 27, 2025, Entitled "An Ordinance approving Certain Front Yard And Rear Yard Setback Variations (12441 Elm Street)" Commissioner Wade stated that the applicant is just asking for an extension to a variance that was already approved by the Village Council on January 27, 2025 granting front and rear yard variations to construction an attached garage and three-seasons room. Commissioner Wade stated that the applicant has gone through all the proper channels for the extension and asked the Council if there were any questions. No one responded.

Commissioner Wade moved, seconded by Commissioner Petan approve Ordinance 2026-01 for a Variance extension. An Ordinance Providing An Extension of the Time Limits applicable to the Variations Previously Approved Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2025-02, Adopted January 27, 2025, Entitled "An Ordinance approving Certain Front Yard And Rear Yard Setback Variations (12441 Elm Street)"

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -5- Commissioners Wade, Petan, Reed, Polk and Mayor Milovich Walters

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS/RECREATION & PARKS, REBECCA PETAN:

Commissioner Petan did not have a formal report this evening. Commissioner Petan made the following announcements - the Recreation Building's Gym has a newly refinished floor, new paint and lights. Check out the recreation department's brochure for programming. The Public Works wood chip delivery sign up is underway and if leaving your home for a winter holiday – please consider water shut off service from the Public Works department to ensure water pipes don't freeze and bust.

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, MIKE WADE:

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION: Commissioner Wade informed residents that all Village of Palos Park Contractor Registrations expired on December 31, 2025. If you have any contractors completing work in your residence, please confirm they are current with their registration. The current registration forms can be found online at www.palospark.org.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Commissioner Wade reported that the Building Department processed seven (7) permits from December 2, 2025 to January 9, 2026 resulting in \$1,742.60 in permit fees for a total of \$72,647.25 in permit fees for the Fiscal Year Ending 2026. Twenty (20) inspections were completed during this time.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: Commissioner Polk reported that the Police Department received 2288 calls for service/CAD Events from December 29, 2025 through January 11, 2026. Palos Park Police also issued 19 citizen assist calls, 16 case reports, 8 accident reports, 1 adult arrests, 0 juvenile arrests, 0 police impounds, 88 traffic stops, 18 moving violations, 22 adjudication tickets, and 59 speeding tickets.

POLICE FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS: Commissioner Polk thanked an anonymous doner for their donation of \$10,000. The money that is donated and raised ensures officers have the best training, equipment and programs to perform at their highest level. Right now, license plate holders are for sale at the Police Department for \$10 and benefit the Palos Park Police Foundation.

JAIL CASH BOND SCAM: Commissioner Polk warned residents of a cash bond scam. The scammer asks for money saying the victim's boss/relative/friend is in jail and needs a cash bond immediately. Red flags to watch for are demands that are urgent, no paperwork or receipts, too good to be true, requests gift cards, crypto or peer to peer apps. Protect yourself by verifying arrests, don't rush, never share personal info or send money unless you initiate contact, ask for documentation.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS: Commissioner Polk expressed gratitude to all the volunteers and community partners that assist the Palos Park Police Department: Volunteers in Police Service, CERT, Palos Park Police foundation, The Center, Citizens on Patrol Service, PPPD Cadets, Religious Leaders ecumenical partnership to serve others in need, The Plush Horse and Cog Hill Country Club who serve as hosts for our community outreach Policing forums and coffees.

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, G. DARRYL REED: Commissioner Reed did not have a formal report this evening but thanked Finance Director, Alison Brothen for her work on the Audit.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Milovich Walters did not have a formal report this evening.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk's department did not have a formal report this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

IRMA ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION: Manager Boehm presented the 2026 IRMA annual contribution. IRMA has calculated the Village's 2026 annual contribution at \$156,320. Last year the contribution was \$114,488; this is an increase of \$41,832 or 36.54% from the 2025 contribution. Part of the reason for the increase in 2026 is the Village's claim in 2022 for the sprinkler pipe break and the 2024 roof damage claims and a 2024 worker's compensation claim. Overall, the Village's annual payments for non-health related insurance coverage through IRMA have remained consistent since January 2011. For the 2026 calendar year, staff recommend that the Council use \$116,320 of the IRMA surplus credit reserve amount and leave \$166,862 on reserve to cover any needed deductibles during the year and help offset future IRMA annual contributions. The Village will not need to budget for deductibles in the FY27 budget.

Commissioner Petan moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the 2026 IRMA annual contribution of \$156,320 and that surplus credit reserve funds in IRMA of \$116,320, and \$40,000 in Village funds be used to pay the insurance premium.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -5- Commissioners Petan, Wade, Reed, Polk and Mayor Milovich Walters

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Milovich Walters made an announcement that after 16 years of service to the Village, our Village Manager, Rick Boehm, has announced his retirement; Rick let us know last year of his

intention to retire. We're grateful to him for his leadership and the many contributions he's made to Palos Park over the years. At the same time, the Village has begun the process of seeking a new Village Manager, and the position is currently posted. Rick is expected to retire in April or May, and as we get closer, we'll share more details and take time to formally recognize his service.

CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD: None

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: There being no further business, Commissioner Petan moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -5- Commissioners Petan, Wade, Reed, Polk, and Mayor Milovich Walters

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk



Village Council
Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters
Village Clerk Marie Arrigoni
Commissioner G. Darryl Reed
Commissioner Dan Polk
Commissioner Mike Wade
Commissioner Rebecca Petan

Meeting of: January 26, 2026	6:30 PM	Kaptur Administrative Center
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AGENDA MATTER:

Adopt an ordinance abating the property tax levied for the tax levy year 2025 to pay principal and interest on both the 2021A General Obligation Refunding Bonds as well as the 2022A General Obligation Bonds of the Village of Palos Park.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Village issued \$1,000,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in 2021 (2021A bonds) to fully refund the General Obligation Bonds series 2010A in order to save on interest rate costs in a lower interest rate environment. The original 2010A General Obligation Bonds were issued to provide funding for the construction of an underground water reservoir.

The issuance of series 2021A bonds were finalized on February 2, 2021. The bonds were issued as alternate revenue source bonds, with the specific revenue source tied to water sale receipts. This specific revenue source has proven more than adequate to allow the Village to make scheduled principal and interest payments on the bonds.

The Village issued \$3,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in 2022 (2022A bonds) for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and improving Village roads and roadway drainage systems and other related capital projects.

The issuance of series 2022A bonds were finalized on April 12, 2022. The bonds were issued as alternate revenue source bonds, with the specific revenue source tied to both non-home rule sales tax and the Village's local 3¢ gas tax. These specific revenue sources have proven more than adequate to allow the Village to make scheduled principal and interest payments on the bonds.

Ordinance 2026-02 informs the Cook County Clerk's office to not levy property taxes for tax levy year 2025 relating to the payment of principal and interest due on these bonds in calendar year 2026. Without this abatement ordinance, the Cook County Clerk's office will automatically levy a property tax sufficient to pay bond principal and interest. Principal and interest due on the 2021A General Obligation Refunding Bonds in calendar year 2026 totals \$117,287.50. Principal and interest due on the 2022A General Obligation Bonds in calendar year 2026 totals \$210,525.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the adoption of the ordinance to abate the property tax levied for General Obligation Refunding Bonds series 2021A and General Obligation Bonds series 2022A.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move to approve Ordinance 2026-02, titled "An Ordinance Abating Taxes Levied the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois."

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE ABATING TAXES LEVIED THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois (the "Village"), is a duly organized and existing municipality operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, and under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village (the "Council") did adopt an ordinance (the "2021 Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A (the "2022 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Council did adopt an ordinance (the "2020 Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A (the "2021 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Ordinance and 2020 Ordinance were in full force and effect upon passage, approval and publication, and thereafter a certified copy thereof was duly filed in the Office of the County Clerk in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Ordinance authorized the issuance of the 2022 Bonds, and provides for the levy of ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the Village without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the 2022 Bonds when due; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Ordinance authorized the issuance of the 2021 Bonds, and provides for the levy of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within the Village in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the 2021 Bonds when due; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that it is advisable and necessary to provide for abatement tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 (collectible in 2026) for the 2022 Bonds;

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that it is advisable and necessary to provide for abatement of tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 (collectible in 2026) for the 2021 Bonds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

2022 Abatement. It is further found and determined that the Council deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Village to provide for abatement of the taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the 2021 Ordinance as follows:

Levy for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022

FOR THE LEVY YEAR	TAX LEVY
2025	\$210,525

Section 1.

2021 Abatement. It is further found and determined that the Council deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Village to provide for abatement of the taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the 2020 Ordinance as follows:

Levy for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021

FOR THE LEVY YEAR	TAX LEVY
2025	\$117,287.50

Section 2. Filing. A copy of this ordinance, duly certified by the Village Clerk, which certificate shall recite that this ordinance has been adopted by the Council of the Village and is in

full force and effect, shall be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, and shall constitute authority for the County Clerk to abate the levy for both the 2022 Bonds and the 2021 Bonds for the levy year 2025.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Publication. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this ordinance and to file copies thereof for public inspection in his/her office.

Section 5. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances, resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Headings. The headings or titles of the several sections shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: -0-

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

APPROVED by me this 26th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

Nicole Milovich-Walters, Mayor,
Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois

Village Clerk
Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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COUNTY OF COOK

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CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois (the "Village"), and as such official am the keeper of the official journal of proceedings, books, records, minutes and files of the President and Village Council (the "Council").

I further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on January 26, 2026, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-02 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ABATING TAXES LEVIED THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

a true, correct and complete copy of which said ordinance as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said regular public meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Council on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Village has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and with all of the procedural rules of the Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and seal of said Village, this 26th day of January, 2026.

Village Clerk

Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois

(SEAL)



VILLAGE OF
PALOS PARK

Village Council

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters

Village Clerk Marie Arrigoni

Commissioner G. Darryl Reed

Commissioner Dan Polk

Commissioner Mike Wade

Commissioner Rebecca Petan

Meeting of: January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Kaptur Administrative Center

AGENDA MATTER:

Acknowledgement letter for the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

As part of the Fiscal Year 2026 state certification process, Chicago Southland is required to submit a letter from participating municipalities designating the Chicago Southland as their Convention & Visitors Bureau agency of record. Funding primarily comes from the Local Tourism Convention Bureau Grant Program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), along with other sources. State grant dollars are used for marketing and promoting tourism in our area, bringing outside dollars into the Village of Palos Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To acknowledge Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record for the marketing and promotion of the tourism industry.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To acknowledge Chicago Southland as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record for the marketing and promotion of the tourism industry



Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters
Village of Palos Park
8999 West 123rd Street
Palos Park, IL 60464

To: State of Illinois
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Local Tourism and Convention Bureau Grant Program
Greg Mihalich, Tourism Grants Manager

From: Village of Palos Park
Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters

Be it resolved that:

The **Village of Palos Park** hereby acknowledges the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record for the marketing and promotion of the tourism industry.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please Return By 2/28/2026 Via One of the Below Options:

(MAIL) Visit Chicago Southland – 4801 Southwick Drive Suite 225 | Matteson, IL 60443

(EMAIL) Mary Patchin, President & CEO: mary@visitchicagosouthland.com

(EMAIL) Mike Hoffman, Director of Finance & Administration: mike@visitchicagosouthland.com

(FAX) 708-895-8288

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VisitChicagoSouthland.com

January 5, 2026

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters
Village of Palos Park
8999 West 123rd Street
Palos Park, IL 60464



4801 Southwick Drive – Suite 225
Matteson, IL 60443
708-895-8200

Dear Mayor Milovich-Walters,

Visit Chicago Southland (VCS) is the official organization dedicated to promoting the south and southwest suburbs of Chicago as a premier destination for meetings, group tours, sporting events, and leisure travelers. Communities that partner with VCS gain access to significant marketing and promotional benefits—at **no cost**—including national sales and marketing exposure, enhanced community visibility across websites, social media, and publications, and opportunities to participate in key tourism programs, initiatives, and events.

Our work is primarily funded through the **Local Tourism Convention Bureau (LTCB) Grant Program**, available exclusively to designated Convention and Visitors Bureaus (CVBs) by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), along with additional funding sources. State grant funds from DCEO support our national sales and marketing efforts, driving tourism growth that directly benefits your community and the region. These efforts create jobs, raise tourism awareness, and increase sales and hotel tax revenue.

To secure our LTCB Grant Certification for **FY2027**, we are requesting your signature on the enclosed form, officially designating Visit Chicago Southland as the CVB responsible for marketing and promoting tourism in your community. By signing—as you have in the past—the Village of Palos Park will continue to receive tourism benefits at **no cost**. If the form is not signed and returned, the LTCB funds designated for our CVB will be redirected to another Illinois CVB, as these funds are specifically reserved for certified bureaus.

Action Requested: Please sign and return the enclosed acknowledgment form by **February 28, 2026**. Do **not** send it directly to DCEO; please use the provided envelope to return it to us or email to Mary Patchin (mary@visitchicagosouthland.com).

For questions, please contact **Mary Patchin**, President & CEO (mary@visitchicagosouthland.com) or **Michael Hoffman**, Director of Finance & Administration (mike@visitchicagosouthland.com). Also, here is a short video that highlights the benefits of partnering with Visit Chicago Southland: <https://youtu.be/a3nUATznPDk>.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to advancing tourism together in your community and the Chicago Southland Region!

Sincerely,
Visit Chicago Southland Board of Directors

Village of Alsip

John Ryan, Mayor
Richard Brink
DoubleTree by Hilton

Village of Bedford Park

David Brady, President
Joe Ronovsky
Chief Business Officer

Village of Bridgeview

Steven Landek, Mayor

Village of Burbank

Roy Patel
Best Western Inn & Suites
Midway Airport

City of Calumet City

Deanne Jaffrey
Chief of Staff/City
Administrator

City of Chicago Heights

David Gonzalez, Mayor

Village of Crestwood

Brian Skala, Trustee

Village of East Hazel Crest

Maureen Forte, Trustee

Village of Homewood

Jodi Kennedy, La Banque Hotel

Village of Lansing

Dr. Maureen Grady-Perovich, Trustee
Aemish Patel
Holiday Inn Express & Suites:
Chicago South - Lansing

City of Markham

Derrick Champion
Village Administrator

Village of Matteson

Keith Chambers
Deputy Village Administrator
Annette Witherspoon
Hampton Inn

Village of Monee

Edward Gross, Trustee

City of Oak Forest

Paul Ruane
Assistant Director of Community
and Economic Development

Village of Orland Hills

Conrad Kiebles
Municipal Appointment

Village of Orland Park

Ed Lelo
Economic Development Manager

Village of Peotone

Nick Palmer
Village Administrator

Village of South Holland

Travis Bandstra
Community Development Director

South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association

Rick Reinbold, Mayor
Village of Richton Park

Southwest Conference of Mayors

Vicky Smith
Executive Director

Will County Governmental League

Jada Porter
Transportation Planning Liaison

Arts and Culture Appointment

Jeff Stevenson
Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at
Governors State University

College/University Appointment

Dr. Michael Anthony
Prairie State College

Exhibition Appointment

Michael Bennett
Chicago Gaelic Park

General Membership Appointment

Cathy Mein
Orland Square Mall

Transportation Appointment

LaVern Murphy
Village of Hazel Crest

**THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT
FOR JANUARY 26, 2026**

**THE MAYOR AND THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK
APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT AS STATED
BELOW, AND AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO FORWARD PAYMENT.**

MAYOR NICOLE MILOVICH-WALTERS SIGNATURE

ATTEST:

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE ARRIGONI SIGNATURE

INVOICE DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK
 EXP CHECK RUN DATES 01/12/2026 - 01/26/2026

PAID - CHECK TYPE: PAPER CHECK
 POSTED

GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor Name	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Due Date	Amount	Check Number
Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND							
Department: 00							
01-00-0408	CAFETERIA PLAN 2026 HUGHES	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES		CAFETERIA PLAN 2026		846.20	190050
01-00-0504	VSP ILLINOIS - VISION COVERAGE -	VSP OF ILLINOIS, NFP	VISION COVERAGE - JAN 2026	824235365		324.59	190092
01-00-9999	MUST CHANGE DESCRIPTION DUMMY AP	BS&A SOFTWARE		165838		2,994.00	190046
				Total Department 00		4,164.79	
Department: 02 POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE							
01-02-2301	DEC COLLECTIONS - PPLORD	MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS	DEC COLLECTIONS - PPLORD	72321		121.46	190073
			Total Department 02 POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE			121.46	
Department: 20 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT							
01-20-6540	LEGAL FEES DEC2025	KLEIN, THORPE, AND JENK		DECEMBER2025		2,052.00	190069
01-20-6570	RECORDING FEES	COOK COUNTY CLERK	CTY RECORDING SVCS PER INVOICE	29112312025		88.00	190056
01-20-6580	ORDINANCE CODIFICATION	AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHI	CODIFY ORDS	48138		9.75	190041
01-20-6580	ORDINANCE CODIFICATION	AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHI	CODIFY ORDS DECEMBER 2025 S-36	48228		90.00	190041
01-20-7010	WINDOW ENVELOPES - 2000	B ALLAN GRAPHICS		104127		160.00	190042
01-20-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		213.26	190079
01-20-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		767.09	190079
01-20-7210	ADMIN. CELL	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		39.39	190090
			Total Department 20 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT			3,419.49	
Department: 21 PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT							
01-21-7990	COUNCIL	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		108.03	190090
			Total Department 21 PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT			108.03	
Department: 22 POLICE DEPARTMENT							
01-22-6000	IRMA CONTRIBUTIONS - NOV2025 DEDU	INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK	NOVEMBER 2025 DEDUCTIBLE	301567		7,702.81	190066
01-22-6340	JANUARY 2026 ADJ HEARING	TOSCAS LAW GROUP	CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS	260108		450.00	190085
01-22-6540	LEGAL FEES DEC2025	KLEIN, THORPE, AND JENK		DECEMBER2025		975.00	190069
01-22-6700	MIRROR SWITCH 262	JOE RIZZA	262 MIRROR SWITCH	455445		190.91	190067
01-22-6700	REAR WIPER ARM AND BLADE 263	JOE RIZZA	263 REAR WIPER ARM & BLADE	455420		61.49	190067
01-22-6700	RETURN GASKET KIT 266	BETTENHAUSEN		CMI25571DOW		(171.75)	190043
01-22-6700	CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND CLAMP 266	BETTENHAUSEN	CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND CLAMP 2	130444DOW		2,134.66	190043
01-22-6700	COOLANT HOSE AND CONVERTER BOLTS	BETTENHAUSEN	COOLANT HOSE AND CONVERTER BOLT	130301DOW		73.55	190043
01-22-6810	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES	MID-STATES ORGANIZED CR	MOCIC MEMBERSHIP 2026	2601617-IN		150.00	190072
01-22-6990	MONTHLY SHREDDING	SHARK SHREDDING, INC		77530		49.50	190081
01-22-7010	WINDOW ENVELOPES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		1RQ3-CMM4-TJ1D		55.08	190040
01-22-7010	KEY MADE	PALOS ACE HARDWARE		217835		5.99	190078
01-22-7010	COPY PAPER AND STAMPER INK REFILL	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		11P6-N3ND-GM44		141.15	190040
01-22-7110	RED DOT MOUNT AND GUN LIGHT RAIL	STREICHER'S		11804128		189.99	190083
01-22-7110	9MM AMMO AND .45MM AMMO	STREICHER'S		11804138		737.50	190083
01-22-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		166.61	190079
01-22-7210	POLICE DEPT.	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		340.99	190090
			Total Department 22 POLICE DEPARTMENT			13,253.48	
Department: 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT							
01-24-6420	STREET LIGHTING	COM ED		260110		1,589.52	190053
01-24-6700	#1 AXLE GASKET/GENR OIL	SUBURBAN TRUCK PARTS	#1 DUMP TRUCK AXLE GASKET/GENR	222758		80.84	190084
01-24-6708	TAF #1203 LEAF BLOWER & CHAINSAW	BI RENTAL	TAF #1203 LEAF BLOWER & CHAINSA	152566-1		92.15	190045
01-24-6708	#33 GENERATOR PARTS	SUBURBAN TRUCK PARTS	#33 GENERATOR PARTS	222064		190.95	190084
01-24-6708	CHAINSAW BAR & CHAIN LUBE	PALOS ACE HARDWARE	CHAINSAW BAR & CHAIN LUBE	217921		48.58	190078
01-24-6708	TOOK \$20.00 CREDIT TWICE	G & H IMPORT AUTO PARTS	TOOK \$20.00 CREDIT TWICE	888588A		20.00	190063

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01-24-6990	SHOP MATS/TOWELS	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS, SHOP MATS/TOWELS	4256219372		53.98	190051
01-24-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		79.97	190079
01-24-7210	PUBLIC WORKS	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		316.40	190090
01-24-7300	PPE OVERALL BIBS	NORTHERN SAFETY CO., IN	EYEWASH STATION CARTRIDGES & PP	907350231		92.40	190076
01-24-7300	UNIFORMS PW	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS, SHOP MATS/TOWELS	4256219372		58.31	190051
01-24-7300	PPE GLOVES	1ST AYD CORPORATION	PPE GLOVES	PSI843090		66.29	190037
01-24-7300	PW UNIFORMS	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS	4256877107		58.31	190051
01-24-7510	OPERATING EQUIPMENT CHAINSAW ON P	BI RENTAL	CHAINSAW ON POLE	152567-1		639.99	190045
01-24-7510	LED FLASHLIGHTS	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVI	LED FLASHLIGHTS	4424603		185.97	190065
01-24-7510	PPE GLOVES	1ST AYD CORPORATION	PPE GLOVES	PSI844158		50.54	190037
01-24-7990	NICK COLTON CDL PERMIT REIMBURSEM	NICK COLTON CDL PERMIT REIMBURS	NICK COLTON CDL PERMIT REIMB	CDL PERMIT REIMB		50.00	190074
			Total Department 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			4,126.70	
Department: 25 BUILDING DEPARTMENT							
01-25-6540	LEGAL FEES DEC2025	KLEIN, THORPE, AND JENK		DECEMBER2025		2,064.50	190069
01-25-6625	DEC PROF SERVICES -UPDATE DEV REG	CAMIROS, LTD	DEC PROF SERVICES -UPDATE DEV R	0022313-IN		4,340.00	190048
01-25-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		53.32	190079
01-25-7210	BUILDING DEPT.	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		150.80	190090
			Total Department 25 BUILDING DEPARTMENT			6,608.62	
Department: 26 RECREATION DEPARTMENT							
01-26-6991	TAI CHI 12/10/25-3/4/26	DENNIS NEWPORT	TAI CHI 12/10/25-3/4/26	WINTER2026		637.50	190059
01-26-6991	WINTER SOCCER	SOCCER SHOTS	WINTER SOCCER	WINTER 2025		1,001.00	190082
01-26-6991	WINTER CHAIR YOGA 1/4/26-3/4/26	VANESSA JEZIORSKI	WINTER CHAIR YOGA 1/4/26-3/4/26	2601		400.00	190089
01-26-7040	POSTAGE F/WINTER MAILER	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE FOR WINTER MAILER	260116		1,000.00	190086
01-26-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		26.66	190079
01-26-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		81.02	190079
01-26-7210	RECREATION DEPT.	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		39.39	190090
01-26-7400	REFUND CHAIR YOGA 1/13/26	BETTYANN WARD	REFUND CHAIR YOGA 1/13/26	2004979.002		60.00	190044
01-26-7520	BACKBOARD PADDING	BSN SPORTS INC	BACKBOARD PADDING	932866945		399.98	190047
			Total Department 26 RECREATION DEPARTMENT			3,645.55	
Department: 29 FINANCE DEPARTMENT							
01-29-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		26.66	190079
01-29-7210	FINANCE DEPT.	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		36.01	190090
			Total Department 29 FINANCE DEPARTMENT			62.67	
Department: 30 SLUITS PROPERTY							
01-30-6410	12309 90TH 260102	NICOR GAS	12309 90TH 260102	12309 90TH 260102		247.79	190075
			Total Department 30 SLUITS PROPERTY			247.79	
Department: 86 CAPITAL-RECREATION							
01-86-8110	REC CENTER - FLOOR WORK COMPLETED	FLOORS INCORPORATED	REC CENTER - FLOOR WORK COMPLET	10391		18,390.00	190061
01-86-8110	GYM LIGHT REPLACEMENTS	DAV-COM ELECTRIC, INC	GYM LIGHT REPLACEMENTS	206889		4,450.00	190058
			Total Department 86 CAPITAL-RECREATION			22,840.00	
Department: 91 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - KAPTUR CENTER							
01-91-6710	KAPTUR FLOOR MATS SERVICE	ROSCOE	MATS/KAC	1920611		232.16	190080
01-91-6710	FLOOR MATS SERVICE - KAPTUR	ROSCOE	MATS/KAC	1922419		232.16	190080
01-91-6711	MEDICINE CABINET REFILLS	CINTAS	MEDICINE CABINET REFILLS	5311653306		18.58	190052

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01-91-6780	PUBLIC GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPPLI CONSERV FS, INC		SIDEWALK SALT	6447193		190.00	190055
			Total Department 91 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - KAPTUR CENTER			672.90	
Department: 92 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - RECREATION CENTER							
01-92-6710	BUILDING MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS ROSCOE		MATS/KAC	1922418		41.30	190080
01-92-6780	PUBLIC GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPPLI CONSERV FS, INC		SIDEWALK SALT	6447193		400.00	190055
			Total Department 92 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - RECREATION CENTER			441.30	
Department: 93 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - PUBLIC WORKS GARAG							
01-93-6711	EYEWASH STATION CARTRIDGES	NORTHERN SAFETY CO., IN	EYEWASH STATION CARTRIDGES & PP	907350231		257.91	190076
01-93-6711	HAND SANITIZER	1ST AYD CORPORATION	HAND SANITIZER	PSI843230		33.00	190037
			Total Department 93 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - PUBLIC WORKS GARAG			290.91	
Department: 97 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - VILLAGE GREEN							
01-97-6780	PUBLIC GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPPLI CONSERV FS, INC		SIDEWALK SALT	6447193		409.00	190055
			Total Department 97 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - VILLAGE GREEN			409.00	
			Total Fund 01 GENERAL FUND			60,412.69	
Fund: 23 1/2% SALES TAX FUND							
Department: 28 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT							
23-28-8060	2025 STREET RESURFACING-FOREST GL LINDAHL BROTHERS, INC		2025 STREET RESURFACING-FOREST	PROJECT#25045		64,512.08	190070
			Total Department 28 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT			64,512.08	
			Total Fund 23 1/2% SALES TAX FUND			64,512.08	
Fund: 24 MFT FUND							
Department: 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT							
24-24-7700	STREET/SHOULDER STONE REPAIRS	VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MTL	STREET/SHOULDER STONE REPAIRS	5470687		576.51	190093
			Total Department 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			576.51	
			Total Fund 24 MFT FUND			576.51	
Fund: 51 SEWER FUND							
Department: 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT							
51-24-6400	12701 KINVARRA/11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		177.37	190060
51-24-6400	68 OLD CREEK/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		114.42	190060
51-24-6400	135 FOREST EDGE/ 12-1 TO 12-31-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		145.46	190060
51-24-6400	12410 91ST AVE/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		143.97	190060
51-24-6400	9 PARTRIDGE/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		156.08	190060
51-24-6400	12222 WILL CK LIFT/ 11-26 TO 12-3		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		278.04	190060
51-24-6400	40 RAMSGATE/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		418.66	190060
51-24-6400	9301 123RD ST/11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		81.89	190060
51-24-6400	12355 WOLF RD/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		30.46	190060
51-24-6400	8201 RT 83/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25		DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		160.92	190060
51-24-6410	133 FOREST EDGE/ 12-3 TO 1-3-26	NICOR GAS	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		56.59	190060
51-24-6410	12222 WILL COOK/12-3 TO 1-3-26	NICOR GAS	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		68.32	190075
51-24-6410	40 RAMSGATE/ 12-3 TO 1-3-26	NICOR GAS	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		185.53	190075
51-24-6410	12410 S 91ST/ 12-2 TO 1-2-26	NICOR GAS	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		69.12	190075
51-24-6410	8201 RT 83/ 12-11 TO 1-12-26	NICOR GAS	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	NOV-260090058528507		65.97	190075
			Total Department 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			65.10	190075

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Department: 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT							
51-24-6708	REPLACE BURNT OUT HEATER	FLOW-TECHNICS	REPLACE BURNT OUT HEATER	INV26-000004		800.80	190062
51-24-6708	91ST GENERATOR REPAIR	CG PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	91ST GENERATOR REPAIR	20603		667.38	190049
51-24-6740	JETTING SEWER 64 NORTH WOODLAND T	AIRY'S INC.	JETTING SEWER 64 NORTH WOODLAND	51974		1,430.84	190038
51-24-6990	JULIE YEARLY FEE 1/2	JULIE, INC.	LOCATE NOTIFICATION ANNUAL FEE	2026-1436		880.25	190068
51-24-6990	METRA CLOUD MONTHLY DEAL	METROPOLITAN INDUSTRIES	LOCATE NOTIFICATION ANNUAL FEE	INV080474		195.00	190071
51-24-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		26.66	190079
51-24-7210	SEWER DEPT.	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		128.63	190090
51-24-7300	UNIFORMS UTILITY	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS, SHOP MATS/TOWELS	4256219372		21.60	190051
51-24-7300	UTILITY UNIFORMS	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS	4256877107		21.60	190051
Total department 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT						6,492.76	
Total Fund 51 SEWER FUND						6,492.76	

Fund: 52 WATER FUND							
Department: 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT							
52-24-6400	12101 SW HWY/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRIC VARIOUS LOCATIONS NOV-	260090058528507		2,643.90	190060
52-24-6400	9540 123RD ST/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRIC VARIOUS LOCATIONS NOV-	260090058528507		174.50	190060
52-24-6400	10101 125TH/ 11-21 TO 12-22-25	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRIC VARIOUS LOCATIONS NOV-	260090058528507		692.64	190060
52-24-6410	10057 W 125TH/ 12-4 TO 1-5-26	NICOR GAS	10057 W. 125TH/12-4 TO 1-5-26	10057 125TH		187.43	190075
52-24-6410	12157 ST/ 12-1 TO 12-30-25	NICOR GAS		SS 12157 251230		315.08	190075
52-24-6620	SCHOOL/DAYCARE LEAD/COPPER SAMPLE	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICE	SCHOOL/DAYCARE LEAD AND COPPER	267200464		35.00	190077
52-24-6620	SCHOOL/DAYCARE LEAD AND COPPER SA	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICE	SCHOOL/DAYCARE LEAD AND COPPER	267200468		35.00	190077
52-24-6713	NEW DOOR CLOSER AT PUMP HOUSE	GOLDY LOCKS, INC	NEW DOOR CLOSER AT PUMP HOUSE	97479324		703.00	190064
52-24-6713	WATER TOWER SUEZ MAINT PAYMENT	UTILITY SERVICE CO., IN		640508		10,437.38	190088
52-24-6750	BACKFILL STONE	VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MTL	BACKFILL STONE	5470681		2,478.79	190093
52-24-6990	JULIE YEARLY FEE 1/2	JULIE, INC.	LOCATE NOTIFICATION ANNUAL FEE	2026-1436		880.25	190068
52-24-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		81.02	190079
52-24-7200	PHONE EXPENSE	PEERLESS NETWORK, INC		89654		73.31	190079
52-24-7210	WATER DEPT.	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132371611		128.62	190090
52-24-7210	DAN FOSTER/ SENSU	VERIZON WIRELESS		6132976267		95.79	190091
52-24-7300	UNIFORMS UTILITY	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS, SHOP MATS/TOWELS	4256219372		21.61	190051
52-24-7300	UTILITY UNIFORMS	CINTAS	PW UNIFORMS	4256877107		21.61	190051
52-24-7510	HACH REAGENTS	USA BLUEBOOK	EYE WASH STATION/HACH REAGENTS	INV00937904		99.40	190087
52-24-7510	FREE CHLRN SML TST PKCT F/HNDHLD	USA BLUEBOOK	CHLORINE SAMPLE TEST PACKET FOR	INV00938638		68.89	190087
52-24-7920	EYE WASH STATION	USA BLUEBOOK	EYE WASH STATION/HACH REAGENTS	INV00937904		308.44	190087
52-24-7990	BOOSTER STATION EMERGENCY REPAIR	ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOLU	BOOSTER STATION EMERGENCY REPAIR	7980		1,138.00	190039
Total department 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT						20,619.66	
Total Fund 52 WATER FUND						20,619.66	

Fund: 53 COMMUTER LOT FUND							
Department: 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT							
53-24-6400	COMED AT METRA 12/3 - 1/6	COM ED		12100 82ND 260106		140.11	190054
53-24-6400	12100 S 82ND / 12-3 TO 1-6-26	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRIC VARIOUS LOCATIONS NOV-	260090058528507		389.30	190060
53-24-6400	12100 82ND CONCESSIONS/ 12-3 TO 1	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRIC VARIOUS LOCATIONS NOV-	260090058528507		57.27	190060
53-24-6410	METRA NICOR 12/1/25 - 12/30/25	NICOR GAS	12100 82ND AVE 251230	1920609		244.19	190075
53-24-6710	METRA FLOOR MATS SERVICE	ROSCOE	MATS/METRA	6132371611		120.92	190080
53-24-6710	METRA STATION	VERIZON WIRELESS		1922417		36.01	190090
53-24-6710	FLOOR MATS SERVICE - METRA	ROSCOE	MATS/KAC			79.17	190080
Total department 24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT						1,066.97	

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Fund: 53 COMMUTER LOT FUND

Total Fund 53 COMMUTER LOT FUND 1,066.97

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23			1/2% SALES TAX FUND			64,512.08	
24			MFT FUND			576.51	
51			SEWER FUND			6,492.76	
52			WATER FUND			20,619.66	
53			COMMUTER LOT FUND			1,066.97	
Total For All Funds:						<u>153,680.67</u>	

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VILLAGE OF
PALOS PARK

Village Council

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters

Village Clerk Marie Arrigoni

Commissioner G. Darryl Reed

Commissioner Dan Polk

Commissioner Mike Wade

Commissioner Rebecca Petan

Meeting of: January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Kaptur Administrative Center

AGENDA MATTER:

ZBA CASE 2025-05 (McCord Place Townhome Fence Variances): An application has been filed requesting variations from the requirements of Chapter 1464.01(b), Fences in Residential Districts. Where the maximum fence height is four and one-half feet, the applicant is proposing a fence height of 6 feet; and where the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension is 70%, the applicant is proposing zero. This is to allow for the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the subject property along LaGrange Road. The subject property is commonly known as 38 McCord Trace, Palos Park, IL 60464.

BACKGROUND:

The subject property is the common area (Lot 38) of the McCord Place Townhomes. The applicant, Roger Jensen on behalf of the McCord Place Townhome Homeowners Association has submitted an application for variances to allow construction of a 6' privacy fence along the easterly portion of Lot 38, along LaGrange Road. The request for variances is to allow a 6' privacy fence for purposes of mitigating undesirable noise and visual impact from LaGrange Road.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing regarding the request on November 12, 2025. The ZBA recommended to **deny** the request 3-1 (with 3 absent) of the requested variation. The Village Council considered the application at their December 8, 2025 meeting. Due to new information provided by the applicant, the Village Council unanimously voted to remand this matter back to the ZBA for further consideration pursuant to Council's authority found in 1264.08 of the Code. The ZBA considered the request on January 14, 2026. The ZBA made a motion to recommend approval; this motion failed by a vote of two (2) yes, four (4) no, with one (1) absent on the request. As such, the recommendation from the ZBA is to **deny** the request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff has reviewed the application and recommended approval of the requested variance.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Section 1264.08 of the Code states that the Village Council "may approve the variance, deny the variance or refer it back to the Board for further consideration" and that "any proposed variance which fails to

receive a positive recommendation from the Board [Zoning Board of Appeals] shall not be approved by Council except by a favorable vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of all the Commissioners.”

- I move to **deny** ZBA 2025-05; regarding variance requests to increase the maximum fence height from four and one-half feet to six feet, and decrease the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension from 70% to zero; regarding the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the property commonly known as 38 McCord Trace.

OR

- I move to **approve** ZBA 2025-05; regarding variance requests to increase the maximum fence height from four and one-half feet to six feet, and decrease the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension from 70% to zero; regarding the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the property commonly known as 38 McCord Trace; and to direct the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

Attachments:

Transmittal of Recommendation

Staff Report to the Village of Palos Park Zoning Board of Appeals (January 14, 2026)



TO: Mike Wade, Building Commissioner
MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm
FROM: John Marsh, Chair
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation

PROJECT TITLE

ZBA CASE 2025-05: An application has been filed requesting variations from the requirements of Chapter 1464.01(b), Fences in Residential Districts. Where the maximum fence height is four and one-half feet, the applicant is proposing a fence height of 6 feet; and where the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension is 70%, the applicant is proposing zero. This is to allow for the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the subject property along LaGrange Road.

The subject property is commonly known as 38 McCord Trace, Palos Park, IL 60464.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a Public Hearing regarding application ZBA 2025 – 05 on January 14, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

The ZBA made motion on a recommendation that the Village Council approve a variation from the requirements of Chapter 1464.01(b), Fences in Residential Districts regarding maximum fence height and minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension. This motion failed by a vote of two (2) yes, four (4) no, with one (1) absent on the request. **As such, the recommendation from the ZBA is to DENY the request.**

The ZBA found that the applicant did not demonstrate a unique hardship exists as other properties experience similar issues; that it was not demonstrated that the proposed fence would mitigate nuisance sound issues, there were concerns regarding the impact the fencing would have on wildlife in the area, that fence posts for the proposed fence could damage the roots of nearby existing mature trees, and a concern the proposed fence would set precedent to allow similar privacy fences elsewhere that would alter the essential character of the Village of Palos Park. At least one ZBA member also expressed concerns with the language and organization of the Village Code as it pertains to the Village's fence regulations.

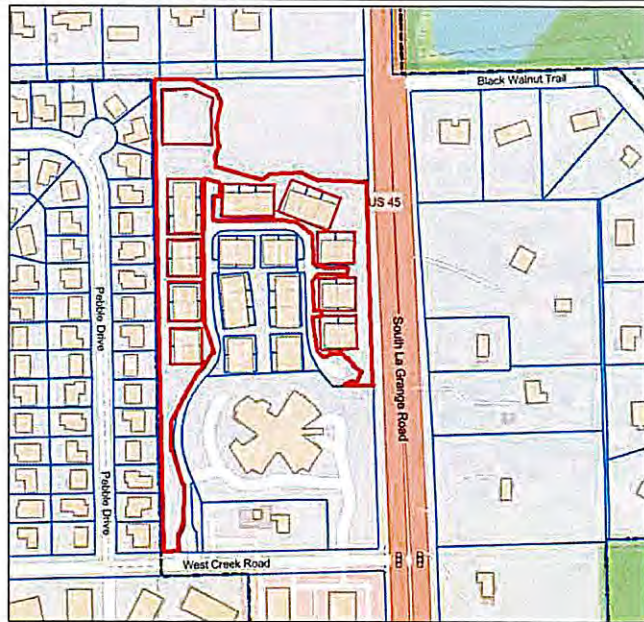


TO: Village of Palos Park Zoning Board of Appeals
HEARING DATE: January 14, 2026 at 6:30pm
FROM: Mark Herman, MPA, AICP, Director of Community Development
SUBJECT: Staff Report (ZBA 2025-05: McCord Place Townhomes)

PROJECT INFORMATION

ZBA CASE 2025-05: An application has been filed requesting variations from the requirements of Chapter 1464.01(b). Fences in Residential Districts. Where the maximum fence height is four and one-half feet, the applicant is proposing a fence height of 6 feet; and where the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension is 70%, the applicant is proposing zero. This is to allow for the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the subject property along LaGrange Road.

The subject property is commonly known as 38 McCord Trace, Palos Park, IL 60464.



APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROPERTY OWNER AND APPLICANT: McCord Place Townhomes HOA / Roger Jensen
 27 Laughry Lane
 Palos Park, IL 60434

PROPERTY INFORMATION

PROPERTY SIZE:	EXISTING ZONING:	SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USES:	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION:
Lot 38: 3.6 ac	R-5 Special Development District	North: R-1-A One Family Dwelling District, Single Family Residence	Planned Multi Family
Entire townhome site is approximately 13 ac	PUD (Ord. 1999-04)	South: B-1 Limited Retail District	
ADDRESS: Lot 38 McCord Place Townhomes	EXISTING LAND USE: Multi-Family Residential	East: R-1-A One Family Dwelling District, Single Family Residence	
PIN: 23-33-200-069-0000		West: Unincorporated, Single Family Residential properties	

PUBLIC COMMENT: Staff has not received any additional public comment since the November 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is Lot 38 of the McCord Place Townhomes. Lot 38 consists of common areas of townhome development. The applicant, Roger Jensen on behalf of the McCord Place Townhome Homeowners Association has submitted an application for variances to allow construction of a 6' privacy fence along the easterly portion of Lot 38, along LaGrange Road. The length of the proposed fence would be approximately 550'.

A public hearing was held by the ZBA to consider the fence variance requests at the regularly scheduled ZBA meeting of November 12, 2025. Multiple residents (who live in the McCord Townhomes) were present to provide additional testimony and support of the request. The ZBA made a recommendation to deny the request. There were three votes to deny, one to support (with three ZBA members absent). The recommendation to deny was based on a finding that "the applicant did not demonstrate a unique hardship exists as other properties experience similar issues; alternatives exist that could remedy the situation (berm and/or landscaping); and finally, a concern the proposed fence would have on the character of the area. The ZBA also notes that in 2014 a fence committee was established. The fence committee considered all aspects of the Village of Palos Park related to fences, including its character, residents, open spaces, and street traffic. In making its determination, the ZBA listened to the concerns of the applicant, but relied heavily on the ordinances created by the fence committee" (Transmittal of Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation to the Building Commissioner).

The variance requests were considered by the Village Council at their December 8, 2025 meeting. Due to new information provided by the applicant, the Village Council unanimously voted to remand this matter back to the ZBA for further consideration pursuant to Council's authority found in 1264.08 of the Code.

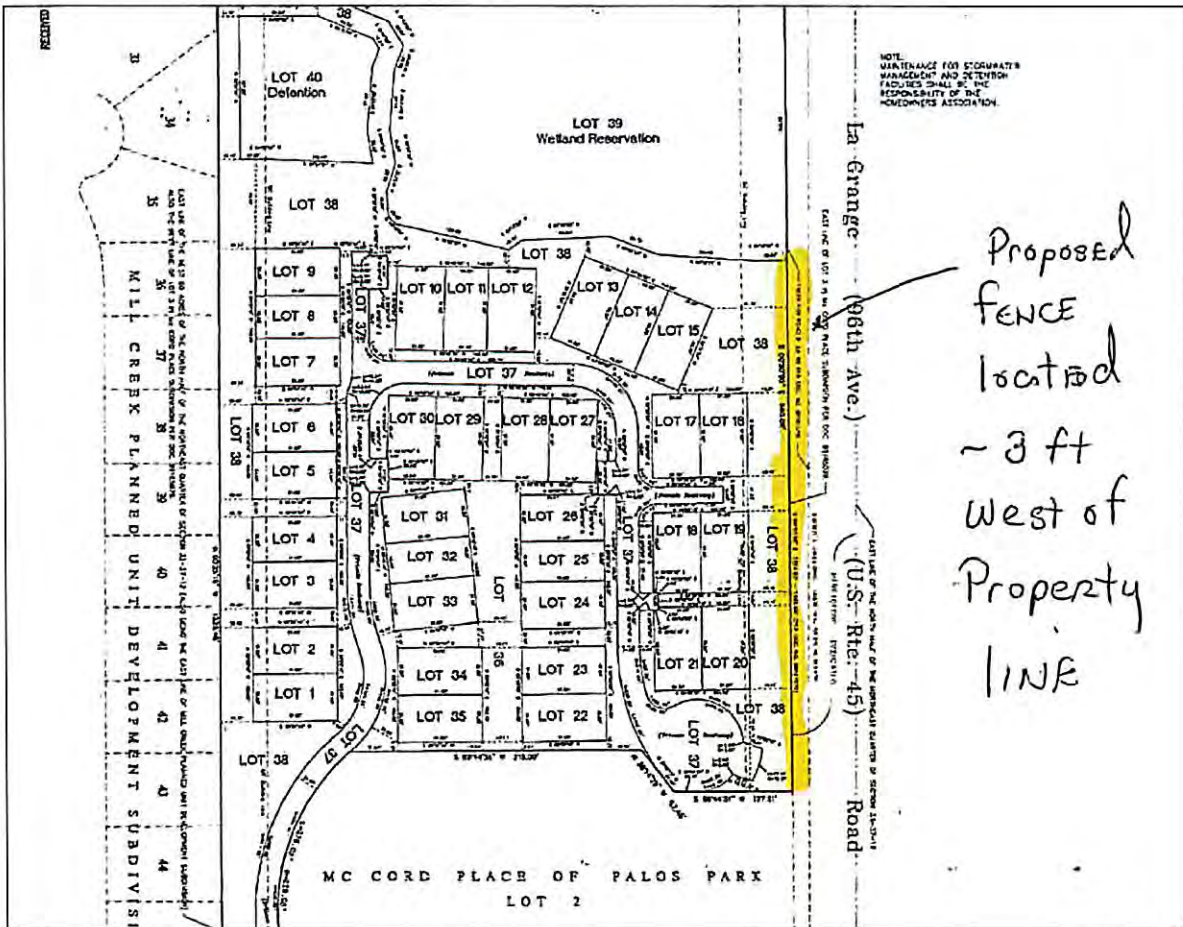


Figure 1: Proposed location of 6' privacy fence. Fence to be more than 3' from property line. (North is to the top).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT

As noted, the applicant has provided additional information regarding the requested variances. This information includes a memorandum from Mr. Mahoney on behalf of the applicant regarding the request (dated November 21, 2025), a photo of the property compared with a conceptual rendering of the same area with the proposed fencing, a diagram showing the property and ground and distance to LaGrange Road, and information from IDOT regarding noise barriers. Please find all of the additional information from the applicant attached to this staff report.

FENCE VARIANCES PROCESS AND FINDINGS OF FACT FOR FENCE VARIANCES

The Village's fence regulations are written into the Building Code (Part Fourteen – Building and Housing Code) which typically do not allow variances, or not through the typical process in which a zoning variance would be considered. However, 1464.08 of the Fence Regulations **allows** for fence variances to be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) following the typical zoning variance process. Note this Code section would *not* allow a variance to be granted allowing a fence greater than 6 feet in height. Also note that the standard variance factors [Section 1264.07] apply, but additional findings of fact specific to the fence regulations are required as well. **Consideration of any variance request should rely *entirely* on the standards set forth in the Code. The entirety of these standards, with updated/revised staff and findings of fact and analysis, are attached to this staff report as *Exhibit 1: REPORT OF FINDINGS*.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Hearing notice was published in *The Daily Southtown* on October 22, 2025, in accordance with the Village Zoning Ordinance. At that time a sign was posted on the subject property, and the Village notified neighboring property owners within 350' of the subject property 15-30 days prior to the date of the hearing. At the December 8, 2025 Village Council meeting the Council referred the case back to the ZBA. As this was done via the Council's authority as found in Section 1254.08 no further notice is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND SUMMARY

As noted in the attached "Report of Findings" (Findings of Fact), a variance should only be approved if it meets the applicable standards set in the Code. The staff has reviewed the application and recommends **approval** of the requested variance.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Concurring with the findings of fact as contained in Exhibit 1: Report of Findings, I move to recommend that the Village Council approve variations from the requirements of Chapter 1464.01(b), Fences in Residential Districts. Where the maximum fence height is four and one-half feet, the applicant is proposing a fence height of 6 feet; and where the minimum required fence open space per every one foot of linear dimension is 70%, the applicant is proposing zero. This is to allow for the construction of a six foot privacy fence on the subject property along LaGrange Road. The subject property is commonly known as 38 McCord Trace, Palos Park, IL 60464.

Please note that if the Zoning Board of Appeals desires to make a recommendation to deny the request, the motion should include **specific Findings of Fact** by the Zoning Board of Appeals as to the deficiencies of the requested variance(s) as to the standards set in the Village Code.

EXHIBITS:

1. Report of Findings (with staff findings)
2. GIS Maps
3. Applicant Resubmittal

VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR
VARIANCE REQUESTS PURSUANT TO 1264.07 OF THE VILLAGE CODE
Regarding: ZBA Case 2025-05: McCord Place Townhomes
January 14, 2026 ZBA Meeting

Text from the Village Code is provided in "Cambria" 11-point font and staff findings are provided in "Courier New" 11-point font.

1264.07 REPORT OF FINDINGS.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall report its findings and recommendations in writing to Council within thirty days from the conclusion of the public hearing. In considering all proposed variances to this Zoning Code, the Board shall, before recommending that Council grant a variance, first determine and make a finding of fact that the proposed variance will not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant, but is necessary to alleviate practical difficulties or a demonstrable hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of those regulations relating to the use, construction, or alteration of buildings or structures or the use of land, and that:

(a) Site Conditions. There are one or more unusual physical conditions of the site, such as size, shape, or slope, that were not created by a person having an interest in the property, that are unavoidable or uncorrectable, or that are worthy of preservation, such as a creek, wetland, or specimen trees, and that make it a substantial burden to use the property or develop the property, or otherwise result in a substantial loss of value or cause the site to be unable to yield a reasonable return, without a variance.

Finding:

The proposed 6 foot high solid privacy fence is to be located in the common area of the McCord Place Townhomes along LaGrange Road. It is the proximity to LaGrange Road, and the specifics of that road, that is an unusual physical condition. LaGrange Road (US Route 45) is the road with the highest traffic volume in Palos Park; with an AADT of 31,300. The next highest is a portion of Southwest Highway with 16,660 AADT (which is only 53% the traffic on LaGrange). The AADT of other significant roads as they pass through Palos Park are as follows: Route 83 only has 10,450 AADT; 123rd Street only has 7,650 AADT and Wolf Road only has 5,400 AADT. Note the Code allows for solid fences along Southwest Highway. The June 2014 ZBA meeting minutes (regarding a 6' solid fence along LaGrange for 14 Black Walnut Trail) state "Chairman Pro-Tem Martin, who also served on the Ad Hoc Fence Committee, mentioned this is the perfect case for a variance request. He went on to say that he has no objection to where the fence is going and compared it to the fencing regulation that allows for privacy fencing along Southwest Highway, commercial properties and railroad tracks." The Village (and ZBA) is not bound by precedent. This means that the fact a variance was granted for one property does not mean another property is entitled to a similar variance request solely due to the first variance. However, the record regarding 14 Black Walnut Trail provides helpful context worthy of consideration for the current petition; as it pertains to the analysis of this Site Condition variance finding.

(b) Development Design. The variation would not merely serve the temporary social or personal convenience of an occupant, and an alternative development plan that would conform to Code would not be suitable for the uses permitted by Code and would not be typical of similar properties in the area.

Finding:

The location along LaGrange Road portion of the property is required to achieve the desired noise and visual impact mitigation. The applicant is seeking to locate the fence in a manner in which it is on the McCord side of the existing landscape buffer. In other words, the existing landscaping would largely block the view of the privacy fence from the LaGrange Road ROW and preserve the natural character of the Village. The proposed fence would be a considerable distance from the actual roadway given its proposed location approximately 30 feet from the property line/right-of-way.

Alternatives to address the noise and visual nuisance from LaGrange Road could involve just planting landscaping; such as a row of arborvitae or other densely planted vegetation. However, there is not enough distance between the LaGrange Road ROW and the McCord Townhome buildings for landscaping to be effective. The use of vegetation alone is not used by the Federal Highway Authority or IDOT for sound mitigation as it typically would require significant width to be effective. Per IDOT a row of vegetation would need to be at least 200' wide and 18 feet high to achieve a 5 to 10 dB(A) reduction in noise. There is only approximately 50' between the rear wall of the closest townhome units to the property line / LaGrange Road right-of-way.

Another alternative is a berm. Berms are very effective; but a berm may not be feasible on the McCord Townhome property between the townhome buildings and the property line / LaGrange Road ROW. Using IDOT guidelines for berms, each slope of the berm would need to be 3 times the height. Compared with the proposed 6' high fence; the berm would need a slope of 18' *on each side* (in other words a 6' tall berm needs at a depth of at least 6 times the height since there would be two sides to the berm). This means at least 36' feet is needed for the berm, although typically the top of the berm would also have some width as well. There is approximately 50' between the rear wall of the closest townhome units to the property line / LaGrange Road ROW. While this may be enough room for a berm, all existing mature trees and landscaping would need to be removed to construct such a berm. Further, this does not take into consideration the existing topographic features of the specific area. Staff reviewed the potential of a berm with the Village Engineer and discussed the challenges and complications with the potential of a berm. In the area a berm would go there is significant slope downward in which stormwater flows toward the north, leading to an area in the floodplain and wetland area to the north (behind the townhome units to the northeast of the McCord townhomes). Further, there

are existing Village water and sanitary mains running through a portion of the area and constructing a berm on top of them would not be ideal.

(c) Community Impact. The variation would retain the essential character, scale, intensity, and open space of the area, and would be in harmony with the purposes of the Zoning Code as stated in Section 1260.02 of this Code, and would not be substantially injurious to other property, or be detrimental to public interests or adopted Village plans.

Finding:

The petitioner has stated that the proposed fence would not interfere with the essential character of the Village. The variation would retain the essential character and landscaping of the area and would not be substantially injurious to other property or detrimental to the public interests or adopted plans.

The Code itself allows for, in certain circumstances, fences 6 foot in height and/or solid fences. For example, fences approved as part of a PUD may vary from the basic fence standards (McCord Place Townhome, while a PUD, does not specifically provide alternative fencing). Additional exceptions are allowed in certain areas for multi-family zoned properties, such as in areas "that separate rear yards, patios, or decks of adjoining dwelling units within the same building" and further that the fence regulations allow solid fencing for rear yards in single-family residential properties adjacent to Southwest Highway, a railroad ROW, or if adjacent to commercially zoned property.

There are existing residential properties with 6' privacy fences along LaGrange Road and other nonresidential privacy fences or solid walls along or in the vicinity of LaGrange Road (Wu's House, behind Mill Creek Center, near Walgreens). Due to these a 6' privacy fence (with landscaping) located ~30' in from the property line would not alter the essential character of the area or be injurious to other property.

In addition, the Board shall look to, and make findings of fact in regard to, those factors set forth in *Section 1260.05(b)(1) through (6) [see below]* in regard to the requested variation. Such findings of fact shall be incorporated in the written report to Council.

The Zoning Board of Appeals may recommend certain limited conditions on the development subject to the variance that are necessary or appropriate to reduce the impact or injurious effect of said variance and to better carry out the general intent of the Village regulations.

1260.05(b) (1-6):

- (1) Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question;

Finding:

The existing uses in the surrounding area are all residential uses (single family to the north, west and east; with the assisted living facility to the south). The McCord art gallery is also to the south. Further south, on the opposite side of Creek Road is Mill Creek Center,

which has a privacy fence separating its commercial use from the unincorporated residential areas to its west. The proposed fence variance is in harmony with these uses; noting that code allows for solid fences along the rear yards of residential property adjacent to a road with significantly less traffic (Southwest Highway).

(2) The zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question;

Finding:

The subject property has R-5 Special Development zoning; which is a residential district. Adjacent properties have residential zoning; except for the McCord art gallery which has B-1 Limited Business zoning.

(3) The suitability of the property in question to the uses permitted under the existing and proposed classifications;

Finding:

The proposed use of the property is permitted in the R-5 zone. Through the PUD process in the R-5 a 6' foot privacy fence could have been allowed with the original development of the townhomes; further note that 6' solid fencing is allowed in multi-family residential areas in order to separate rear yards, patios, or decks of adjoining units.

(4) The trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question, including changes, if any, which have taken place since the date the property was placed in its present zoning classification;

Finding:

The proposed fence is consistent with the residential trend of development in the surrounding area.

(5) Proposed uses of property within the general area of the property in question as represented on the Village Comprehensive Plan;

Finding:

The proposed fence is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use designation of Planned Multi Family.

(6) The frontage and square footage of the land involved and whether or not it adjoins a parcel of land which bears the same zoning district classification as the proposed amendment.

Finding:

The entire McCord Place Townhome area is approximately 13 acres with 850 feet of frontage along LaGrange Road and access from the south off of Creek Road.

1464.08 VARIANCES.

(c) In addition to any factors to be reviewed pursuant to Sections 1264.05 through 1264.09 of the Zoning Code, a fence variation shall only be granted where a finding is made as to each of the following conditions:

- (1) That the plight of the petitioner for the variation is caused by unique circumstances;

Finding:

As previously noted; unique circumstances exist due to the location of these residential units along LaGrange Road. LaGrange Road (US Route 45) is has the highest traffic volume in Palos Park; with an AADT of 31,300. High levels of vehicular traffic, larger numbers of trucks, and higher speeds all lead to increases in vehicular noise than would be common along a residential street. Additionally, LaGrange Road had been widened after the construction of the townhomes, which decreases the distance between the roadway and the closest townhome units. Nuisance level vehicular noise can cause a loss of value to the units closest to the roadway.

- (2) That the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the immediate surrounding area;

Finding:

As previously noted; the proposed variance should not have any negative impact on the essential character of the immediate surrounding area. The applicant is proposing to install the fence well into the McCord Property; so that existing mature landscaping would buffer the fence from view along LaGrange Road; preserving the essential character of the immediate surrounding Area. Another solid fence along LaGrange Road (with landscape buffering) also exists in the immediate surrounding area.

- (3) That a fence, in full compliance with the limitations of this chapter, would not adequately serve the same purposes as a fence of increased height, of a different material and/or to the property lot line, as the case may be; and

Finding:

The purpose of the 6' solid privacy fence is to provide noise mitigation as well as visual screening. Proper noise mitigation would require a solid barrier of sufficient height and length to block the "line of sight" between the source of the noise and the receiver. An open fence with a maximum height of 4.5' would not achieve the intended purpose.

- (4) That strict adherence to the fence requirements of the chapter would cause particular hardship upon the petitioner for the variation.

Finding:

The noise generated by LaGrange Road has an impact on the adjacent residents in the townhome units closest to the road. Nuisance noise impacts quality of life for these residents and also would have an economic impact in the ability to sell the unit in the future.

- (5) The reduction in the open space of the fence, the additional height, and/or the requested location will assist in reducing noise, screening incompatible adjacent uses, or increase safety to the owners of the subject property or abutting properties.

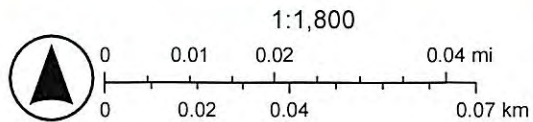
Finding:

The proposed variances would assist in reducing noise and screening LaGrange Road.

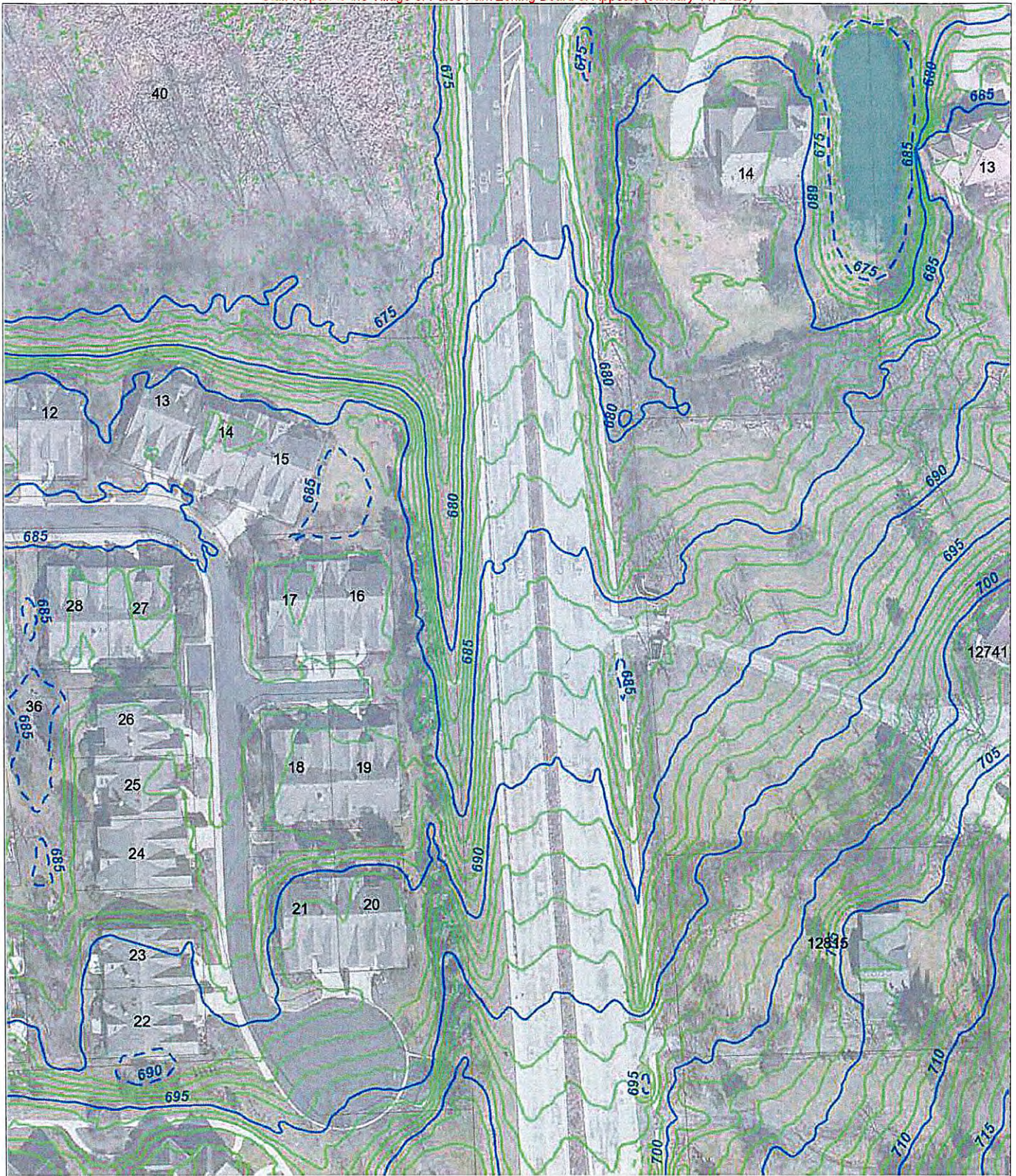


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GIS MAP



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, Safegraph, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



Topographic



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FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT
 THE INFORMATION DEPICTED ON THIS MAP AND SUPPORTING
 DOCUMENTATION ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN DIGITAL FORMAT AT
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SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		Regulatory Floodway
		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee See Notes Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D

Evolution of a Hybrid Road Impact Mitigation Strategy for McCord Place Townhomes

- **Undisputed and documented negative Impact on quality of life and enjoyment of property and economic impact from the huge increase in traffic volume via LaGrange Rd widening**
- **McCord townhomes are uniquely impacted as the result of being adjacent to the widened LaGrange**
Our location is impacted by the ALL of the various frequencies generated by the 31,000 vehicles per day. High frequency noise (illegally modified mufflers) travels for blocks vs the lower frequency noise which only travels 500ft. However, both types of noise contribute to our unique noise problem.
- **Community unsuccessfully sought assistance from Government agencies**
- **Attempted to engage local Universities and Engineering firms in a comprehensive noise/ impact study**
- **Resorted to “self help” and “self funding” to study the problem and evaluate means of mitigation**

- The Topography dictated a “hybrid” solution since neither a berm nor plantings would be effective, including:
 - restoration of existing topography where eroded
 - additional plantings on east side of fence
 - irrigation add ons to insure plantings thrive
 - Solid, 6’, wooden fence
 - HOA BOD approved funding for the project in 2026

- Fence option selected as “last resort”
 - Only way to eliminate visual pollution from road traffic
 - Only effective way to mitigate sound with existing topography
 - IDOT guidelines for plantings = 200ft and for berms 6/1 ratio

- Application for a Variance to fence ordinance requesting a 6” Solid fence
 - Encouraged by the recognition in the ordinance of solid fences as an effective means of traffic impact mitigation (SW HW)
 - Encouraged by positive recommendation of The Village Staff professionals
 - Frustrated by ZBA recommendation to deny the application

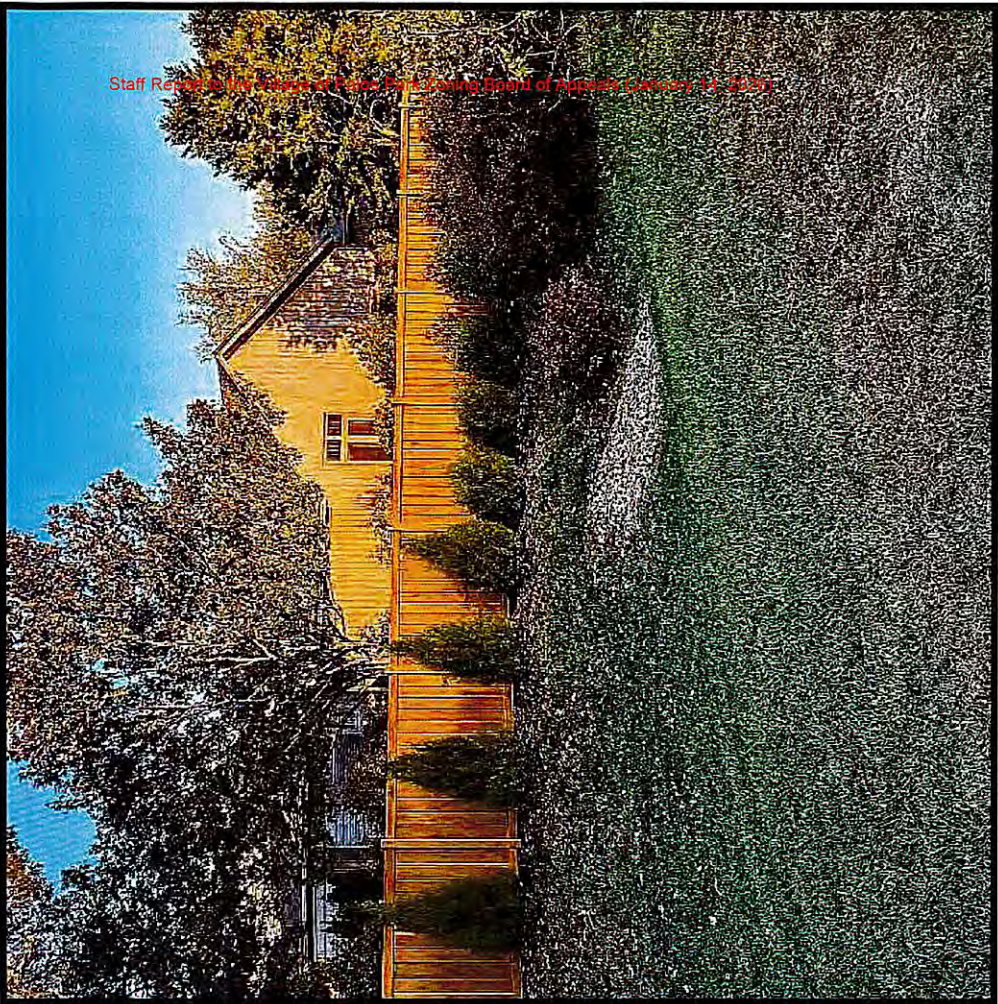
- Evaluated the Feasibility of Implementing the ZBA recommended solution
 - Looked to Illinois Dept of Transportation (nationally recognized experts in Highway noise abatement) for guidelines on road noise mitigation - The ZBA recommendations are not feasible given the topography and available distances.
 - Berms - require a 6/1 base to height ratio

- hence a 6 foot high berm requires 36 foot base vs 23ft available
- Plantings - require 200 feet of plantings

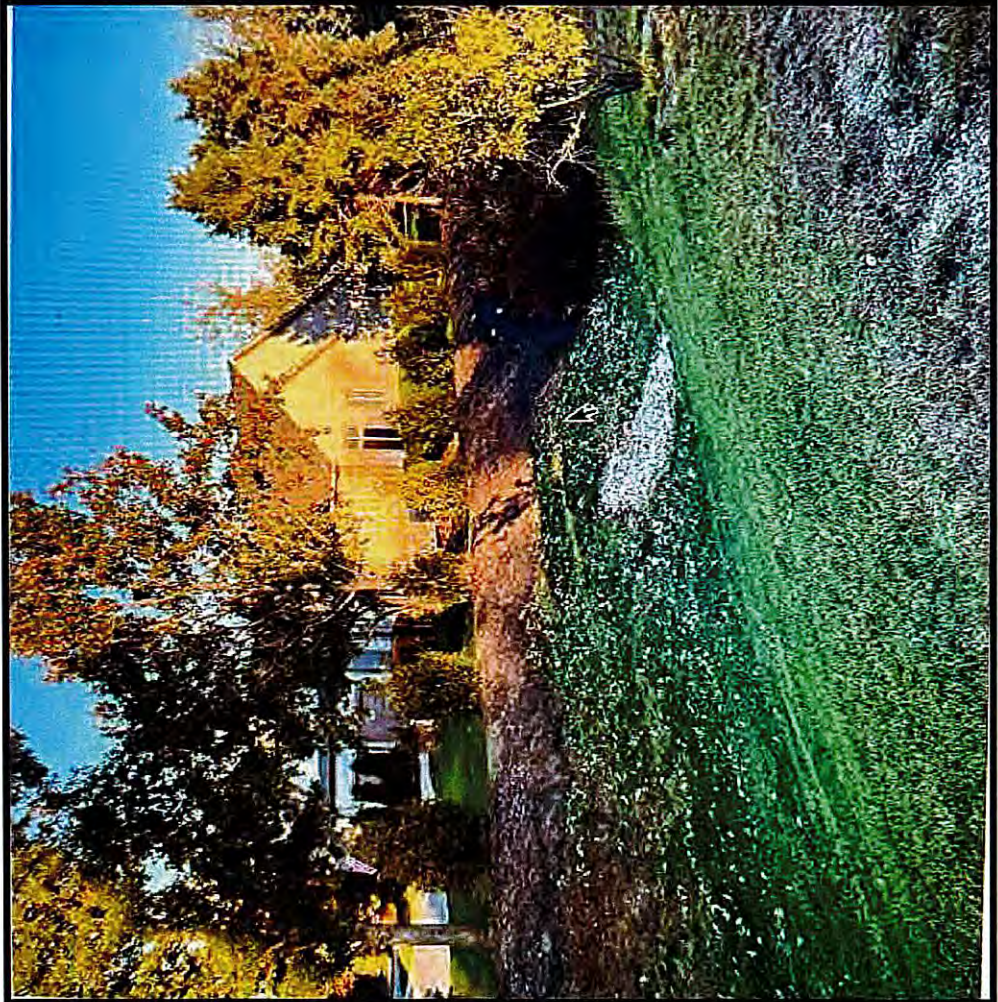
- **Sought Legal advice regarding our application and the application of the Fence ordinance**
 - Provided a Memorandum from John Mahoney (former Mayor) which supports our application
 - The current fence ordinance includes a recognition that solid fences are effective in mitigating traffic impact from high volumes roads (SW HW)
 - “ *municipal ordinances are interpreted based on legislative intent, The intent of the fence exception is clear*”
 - The Village previously approved a solid fence to mitigate traffic impacts for a similar townhome development on Rt 83
 - Summary of the opinion:
 - “ *The Village Council should grant a variance .. based on Purpose of the existing ordinance, higher intensity roadway impact on Mc Cord Place, need for consistent treatment of similarly situated residential property*

- Presented the above findings to the Village Manager and the Village Mayor prior to the Council meeting
 - Village Council referred the application back to the ZBA in light of the additional information provided.

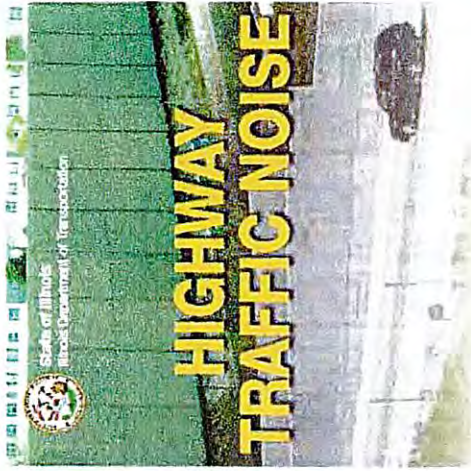
Staff Report to the Board of Park Planning Board of Appeals (October 14, 2020)



Proposed Future State



Current Situation



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why aren't noise barriers proposed in some cases?
A noise barrier must meet feasibility and reasonableness criteria, achieving at least a 5 dB(A) traffic noise reduction at an impacted receptor to be feasible and an 8 dB(A) reduction at a benefited receptor to be reasonable. It also must be economically reasonable, costing less than the adjusted allowable cost per benefited receptor and also must be desired by the majority of benefited receptors.
2. Would a berm be as effective as a noise wall in reducing noise levels?
Studies show that earth berms actually reduce noise levels to a greater extent than noise walls due to absorption and edge effects. However, their use depends on available space. For instance, since IDOT requires at least a 3:1 slope to maintain the berm, a 12-ft. berm would be approximately 72 ft. wide at the base.
3. What is the cost of a noise wall?
Based on Illinois construction costs and walls built, the average noise wall construction cost is \$25 per sq. ft. including materials and installation. Areas with potential utility or drainage issues may incur added costs. Typical noise walls cost \$1,500,000 per mile.



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Through 2014, more than 90 miles of noise walls have been constructed in Illinois.

NOISE ABATEMENT POLICY

The noise abatement evaluation is triggered by the determination of traffic noise impacts. The evaluation is to determine if abatement will meet IDOT's Feasibility and Reasonableness Policy: Feasibility

- Noise abatement must achieve at least a 5 dB(A) traffic noise reduction at an impacted receptor and be feasible to construct. Reasonableness
- Noise abatement must be less than the \$24,000 base value per benefited receptor plus adjustment factors, and achieve at least an 8 dB(A) reduction at a benefited receptor. In addition, viewpoints of benefited receptors must be considered.

ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

To determine whether a noise abatement option is economically reasonable, three factors may be considered to adjust the base allowable cost of \$24,000 per benefited receptor. These factors include:

- Absolute Noise Level
 - Increase in Noise
 - Build Order of Roadway and Receptor
- The consideration of these adjustment factors can potentially raise the allowable cost per benefited receptor from \$24,000 to a maximum of \$37,000.

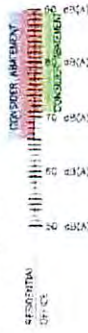
BENEFITED RECEPTOR

- Any receptor afforded a 5 dB(A) or greater traffic noise reduction.
- May include receptors with a direct line of sight to the roadway and receptors shielded from the roadway by other buildings.
 - Total number of benefited receptors is used to determine the cost per benefited receptor
 - Cost per Benefited Receptor = Barrier Cost/Number of Benefited Receptors.

NOISE LEVEL ABATEMENT POLICY

In Illinois, traffic noise impacts are determined to occur in the following situations:

- Design year build traffic noise levels (typically projected 20 years into the future) are predicted to approach, meet, or exceed the noise abatement criteria (NAC), OR
- Design year build traffic noise levels are predicted to substantially increase (greater than 14 dB(A) over existing noise levels.



NOISE ABATEMENT APPROACHES

Once a noise impact is identified, IDOT will evaluate feasible and reasonable noise abatement measures to reduce traffic noise impacts. Traffic noise can potentially be reduced by addressing one of the following:

- Noise Source
- Noise Path
- Noise Receiver

NOISE SOURCE OPTIONS

Traffic noise levels can potentially be reduced by source modification, such as:

- Vehicle Noise
- Emission Standards
- Pavement Materials
- Traffic Restrictions
- Speed Limitations
- Engine Braking Restrictions



NOISE PATH ABATEMENT MEASURES

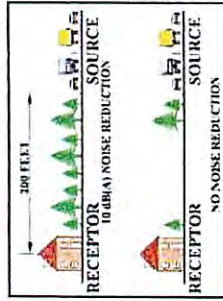
Noise abatement can be accomplished by interrupting the noise path between the source and the receiver. Abatement measures include:

- Construction of noise barriers.
- Alteration of horizontal highway alignment.
- Alteration of vertical highway alignment.

EFFECTS OF VEGETATION

Vegetation can provide aesthetic value and psychological relief from traffic noise.

- Vegetation is not used by FHWA or IDOT for traffic noise reduction because:
 - It would need to be at least 200 ft wide and 18 ft high to reduce noise levels by 10 dB(A).
 - In most cases, available right-of-way cannot accommodate this width.



ABATEMENT TYPICALLY USED – NOISE BARRIERS

When a noise impact has been identified, IDOT typically evaluates noise barriers for abatement due to:

- Cost Effectiveness
- Maintenance Issues
- No Additional Right-of-Way Required

When considering noise barriers, utilities, drainage, right-of-way, sight distance, and clear zones must be considered.

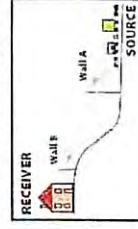
TRAFFIC NOISE REDUCTION ATTAINABILITY

A noise barrier that just breaks the line of sight between a noise source and a receiver will reduce noise levels by 5 dB(A). Noise reductions beyond 5 dB(A) become increasingly harder to achieve.

Reduction in Sound Level	Degree of Attainability
5 dB(A)	Easily Attained
10 dB(A)	Attainable
15 dB(A)	Very Difficult
20 dB(A)	Nearly Impossible

NOISE BARRIER EVALUATION

- Conducted using FHWA approved traffic noise model.
 - Computer model evaluates barrier variations.
- #### BARRIER HEIGHT
- A barrier that just breaks line of sight between the noise source and receiver reduces noise by 5 dB(A).
 - Each additional two feet in noise barrier height reduces the traffic noise level one dB(A).
- #### BARRIER LENGTH
- A barrier needs to block the view of the receptor to the vehicles using the road.
 - To be effective, a barrier should extend 4 times the distance between the end receptor and barrier.
- #### BARRIER LOCATION
- Barriers are most effective closest to the noise source or closest to the receiver.
- #### BARRIER ELEVATION
- The ground elevation of the area between a noise source and receiver affects the height of the noise barrier needed. In the example below, Wall A must exceed the height of the noise source to break the noise path to the receiver. Wall B, located at a higher ground elevation, can be much shorter to achieve the same noise reduction as Wall A.



Summary of Memo in Support of the Application **by John Mahoney**

- **Code Section 1464.01(b) - contains an exception allowing greater fence height and solid fences along Southwest Highway.**
- **The exception recognizes elevated noise levels, high traffic volume, safety concerns as well as the loss of privacy and quiet enjoyment.**
- **La Grange Rd today more significant traffic impacts with TWICE the volume of vehicles as SW HW**
- **Municipal ordinances are interpreted based on legislative intent. The intent of the fence exception on SW HW is clear**
- **The Village Council Should grant the variance**
- **Such a variance is “legally sound, planning - consistent and aligned with the Village obligation to protect residential health, safety, and quiet enjoyment.”**

Memorandum

To: Village of Palos Park – Rick Boehm, Village Manager, and Building & Planning Department
From: John Francis Mahoney
Re: Application of Thoroughfare Fence Exception to PUD (McCord Trace) – La Grange Road Rear-Facing Lots
Date: November 21, 2025

I. Purpose of this Memorandum

This memorandum explains why the Village's existing fence-height exception for rear yards abutting a major thoroughfare (Southwest Highway) should be applied equally to the McCord Trace Planned Unit Development, where numerous single-family homes have rear façades directly abutting La Grange Road, a substantially larger and higher-volume five-lane arterial roadway.

II. Applicable Ordinance Language

The Palos Park Fence Ordinance provides as follows:

§ 1464.01 Permitted Fences; Proximity to Lot Line of Adjacent Property.

(a) General Requirements:

- (1) No fence shall be erected, replaced or enlarged within the Village without first obtaining a permit from the Village. American Legal Publishing.
- (2) The application for a fence permit shall show the height of all parts of the fence, materials to be used and shall be accompanied by a survey showing the location of the proposed fence and other structures on the lot. American Legal Publishing.
- (3) The permit and inspection fee shall be as set forth in the Village Code. American Legal Publishing.
- (4) All fences shall be measured from existing grade, unless otherwise specified. American Legal Publishing.

(b) Fences in Residential Districts:

(1) Single-family.

A. Fences are prohibited between the front lot line and the principal building. Fences are permitted within the side, corner side and rear yards. Except for corner lots, a fence shall not be located in the corner side yard between the front building line and the rear building line. American Legal Publishing.

B. No person shall erect a fence closer than three feet to the lot line of an adjacent property.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the owners of adjoining parcels of property desire to erect a single fence, on the property line between the two properties, they shall be allowed to do so, without need for a variation, provided that said property owners provide the Village with a recorded joint fence easement, that constitutes a covenant running with title to both properties, so that it is binding upon future owners of both properties, as part of the fence permit application, with said joint fence easement covering, at a minimum, the following issues relating to said single fence:

1. On which of the two properties the fence will be physically located, or whether the fence will straddle the property line;
2. Who is responsible for coordinating the actual construction of the fence;

3. The responsibility for the maintenance of the fence, including access to both sides of the fence by the responsible party; and

4. Who has the authority to remove or replace the fence after it has been constructed. American Legal Publishing.

C. Rear yards adjacent to Southwest Highway, a railroad right-of-way, or a commercial or office zoning district may have a solid fence. American Legal Publishing.

D. Except as provided in Sections 1464.02 and 1464.07 and Chapter 1482 of this Code, fences shall not exceed four and one-half feet in height. American Legal Publishing.

E. Fence materials shall be constructed of solid (non-composite) wood protected against decay, steel, stone, wrought iron, or wrought-iron-style aluminum. Fences constructed of wire mesh (chain-link) material are permissible only in temporary construction fencing, construction of dog runs or tennis court fence enclosures constructed in accordance with Section 1464.02 of this Chapter and Section 1286.06 of this Code in regard to accessory structures. American Legal Publishing.

1. Fence construction shall provide for a minimum of seventy percent (70 %) open space in total for every one foot of linear dimension; American Legal Publishing.

2. Fences shall be maintained in such a manner as to not block the natural flow of stormwater over the property. American Legal Publishing.

3. The finished side of all fences shall face away from the lot on which it is located. Both sides of the fence shall be similar in design, construction and appearance. American Legal Publishing.

(2) Multi-family residential. Fences constructed in multi-family residential areas shall require a Village building permit, and shall comply with the standards for fences as set forth in subsections (a) through (b) above, except as revised below:

A. The fences approved as part of a planned unit development may vary from other fence standards in the Village Code. American Legal Publishing.

B. Fences in multi-family residential areas, that separate rear yards, patios, or decks of adjoining dwelling units within the same building:

1. May be on the interior property line;

2. May be solid or, if partially open, have spaces no wider than four inches;

3. Shall be no taller than six feet above grade or above the floor of the highest adjoining deck or patio;

4. Shall be no longer than twelve feet in length, extended out from the rear wall of the building;

5. Shall be constructed of a material and color similar to and compatible with the building; and

6. Shall be subject to the approval of the homeowners association. American Legal Publishing.

C. Fences in multi-family areas that surround patios or decks:

1. May be solid, or if partially open, have spaces no wider than four inches;

2. Shall be no taller than four feet above the patio or deck floor;

3. Shall be constructed of a material and color similar to and compatible with the building; and

4. Shall be subject to the approval of the homeowners association. American Legal Publishing.

(Ord. 1985-6. Passed 7-22-85; Ord. 1997-24. Passed 10-27-97; Ord. 2004-60. Passed 12-13-04; Ord. 2009-15. Passed 5-26-09; Ord. 2011-19. Passed 4-25-11; Ord. 2014-11. Passed 5-12-14.)

As noted from the highlighted excerpt from Code Section 1464.01(b), the Palos Park fence ordinance contains an exception allowing **greater fence height or screening** for **single-family rear yards that directly abut Southwest Highway**, recognizing:

- The elevated noise levels.
- High traffic volumes,

- Safety concerns,
- The loss of privacy and quiet enjoyment.

As drafted, the text explicitly references **Southwest Highway**, but the underlying **purpose** is protection of residential properties that back up to a **major regional thoroughfare**.

III. La Grange Road is a Larger, Higher-Impact Thoroughfare

For purposes of land use, noise, traffic engineering, and residential buffering, **La Grange Road presents more significant impacts than Southwest Highway**, including:

- **Five travel lanes**, as opposed to two or three;
- **Meaningfully higher ADT (Average Daily Traffic)** counts (Illinois Department of Transportation data confirms substantially higher annual traffic volume) (Lagrange Road has 31,300 average daily volume; Southwest Highway has an average daily volume of 15,800);
- Higher posted speeds;
- Greater presence of trucks and commercial vehicles;
- Increased noise, vibration, and light intrusion.

From a planning and zoning standpoint, **there is no rational basis** to grant protective rear-yard fencing exceptions to homes backing Southwest Highway but **not** to those backing La Grange Road.

IV. PUD Status Does Not Eliminate the Residential Nature of the Lots

The McCord Trace development is a **Planned Unit Development**, but the individual parcels at issue are:

- **Single-family residential lots**,
- **With rear property lines directly abutting a major arterial roadway**,
- Occupied by homeowners to whom the same health, safety, and quiet-enjoyment considerations apply.

Nothing in the Palos Park zoning code suggests that a residential lot within a PUD is *less deserving* of protection than an identical residential lot outside a PUD boundary. The **impact** of the arterial roadway—not the zoning label—drives the need for screening. Furthermore, because the setbacks on a PUD lot tend to be much smaller, the dwellings tend to be much closer to the public right of ways (and in this case, the main thoroughfare of Lagrange Road).

V. Ordinance Interpretation Based on Purpose and Equal Protection of Residential Properties

A. Purpose-based interpretation

Municipal ordinances are interpreted based on **legislative intent**. The intent of the fence exception is clear:

To **mitigate negative impacts** on homes that directly adjoin a major traffic corridor.

B. Equal treatment of similarly situated residential properties

Homes in McCord Trace:

- Back directly onto La Grange Road,
- Lack any intervening buffer (berm, commercial parcel, or open space), and
- Experience **greater intensity impacts** than what the ordinance contemplated for Southwest Highway.

Thus, a consistent and reasonable interpretation of the ordinance requires **extension of the same exception** to these lots.

VI. Supporting Data – IDOT Traffic Volumes for La Grange Road

Publicly available IDOT Traffic Volume Studies show that:

- **La Grange Road** (U.S. Route 45) carries **significantly higher daily traffic** than Southwest Highway,
- With both commercial and commuter traffic,
- Creating continuous daytime noise levels that exceed baseline residential standards.

These objective data points support applying the ordinance's protective intent to La Grange Road.

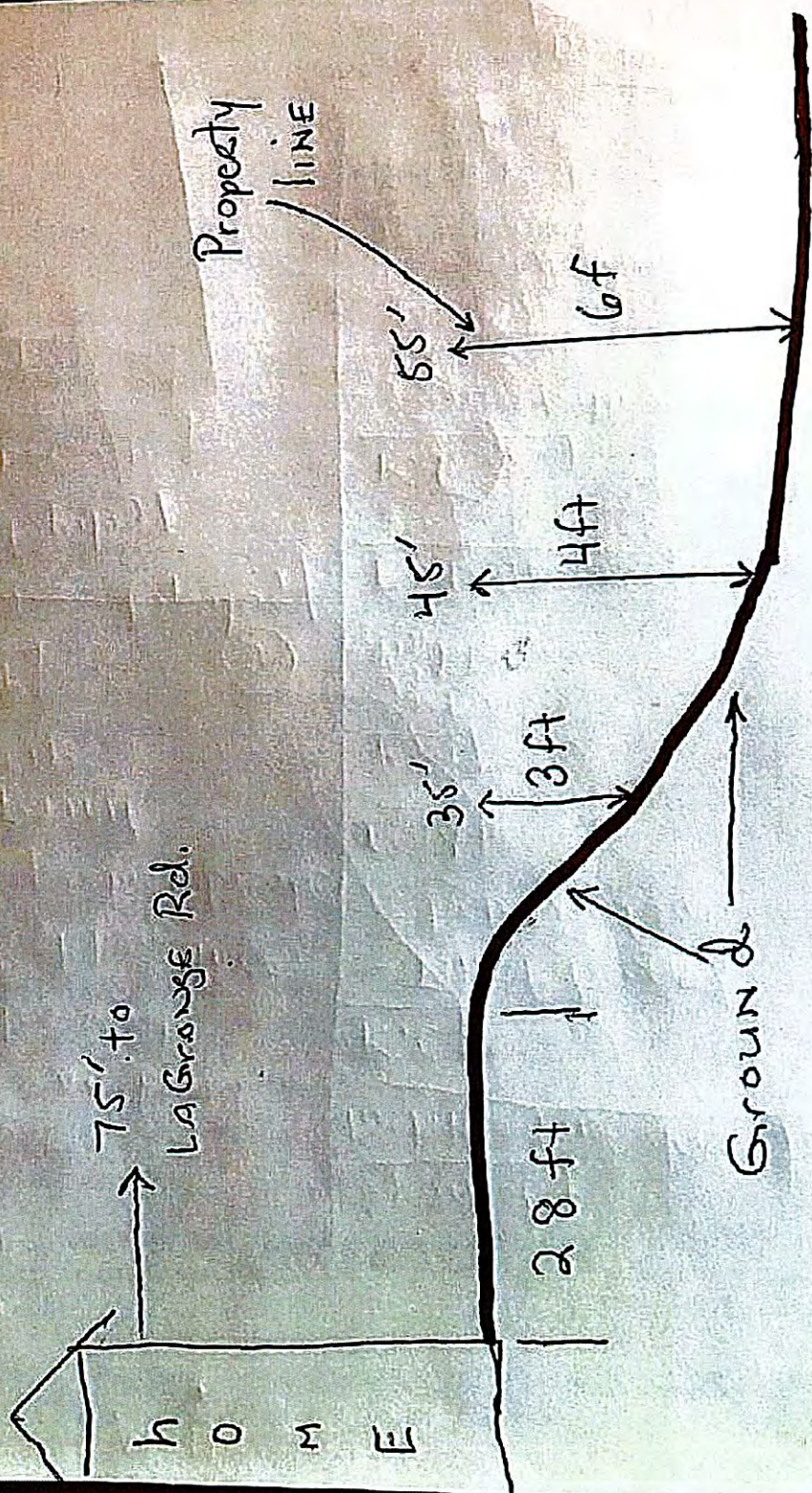
VII. Proposed Variation to Ordinance

The Village Council should **grant a variance** or adopt an **administrative interpretation** extending the existing Southwest Highway rear-yard fence exception to **Rear-facing residential lots within the McCord Trace PUD whose rear lot lines abut La Grange Road**, based on the:

- Purpose of the existing ordinance,
- Higher-intensity roadway impacts on McCord Trace, and
- Need for consistent treatment of similarly situated residential properties.

This interpretation is legally sound, planning-consistent, and aligned with the Village's obligation to protect residential health, safety, and quiet enjoyment. As a condition of the approval of the variance, the Village Council could require McCord Trace to provide landscaping options on the Lagrange Road side of the fence to eventually minimize the visual impact of the fence from Lagrange Road.

McCord Place Boundary with LaGrange Road



h o m e

75' to
LaGrange Rd.

Property
line

28 ft

35'

45'

65'

6 ft

4 ft

3 ft

Ground

Lowering speed limits may slightly reduce traffic noise levels, but the speed reduction would lower the capacity of the roadway, thereby increasing delays, air pollutant emissions, and the overall cost of transporting goods and services. Speed limits are determined by the roadway design and speed studies.

(See Section 4.1.2)

11. Would a berm be as effective as a noise wall in reducing noise levels and how does its effectiveness compare to noise walls?

Earth berms are just as effective as noise walls. Studies have shown that earth berms actually reduce noise levels to a greater extent than noise walls. This is partially due to the soft surface of the berm (i.e., grass) providing more absorption. In addition, the flat top of the berm diffracts sound waves twice, resulting in more attenuation. However, the use of berms depends on the space available. For maintenance reasons, IDOT requires at least a 3:1 slope on berms. For example,

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a 12-foot high berm with a 3:1 slope would be approximately 72 feet wide at the base. The available area for abatement would need to accommodate this base width.

(See Section 4.1.1)

12. Can trees/vegetation be planted to help reduce noise levels?

Vegetation, such as a dense growth of evergreens, would need to be at least 200 feet in width and 18 feet high to reduce noise levels by 5 to 10 dB(A). In most cases, 200 feet of space between the roadway and receptors is not available without purchasing additional right-of-way. Vegetation/trees can potentially help screen the highway traffic from view.

(See Section 4.3.1)

13. Why isn't noise abatement designed to reduce noise levels below the NAC?

The Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) identify the noise levels at which noise abatement should be evaluated. The NAC are noise levels associated with interference of speech communication and are a compromise between noise levels that are desirable and those that are achievable. They are not noise abatement goals. The objective of noise abatement is to achieve a noise reduction that will result in a noticeable difference from the unabated traffic noise levels and can be implemented in a cost-effective way. A reduction of 5 dB(A) is considered to be "readily perceptible" to the human ear. Under typical noise abatement evaluations, a substantial noise reduction is considered to be an 8 dB(A) traffic noise reduction. To be considered "feasible," noise abatement measures must reduce noise levels by at least 5 dB(A) for at least two impacted receptors, and to be considered "reasonable," noise must be reduced by at least 8 dB(A) for at least one benefited receptor. For example, the following table demonstrates the noise reduction goals to meet the criteria.

Location	Future Noise Level	NAC	Noise Reduction Design Goal	Target Noise Level
Site 1	69 dB(A)	67 dB(A)	8 dB(A)	61 dB(A)
Site 2	78 dB(A)	67 dB(A)	8 dB(A)	70 dB(A)

There also are limitations to the potential insertion loss, or difference in sound level, provided by a noise barrier. A properly designed noise barrier can provide up to a 10 dB(A) insertion loss at receptors located directly behind the center of the barrier, which is a 90 percent



VILLAGE OF
PALOS PARK

Village Council

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters
Village Clerk Marie Arrigoni
Commissioner G. Darryl Reed
Commissioner Dan Polk
Commissioner Mike Wade
Commissioner Rebecca Petan

Meeting of: January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Kaptur Administrative Center

AGENDA MATTER:

Addition of Forest Glen Boulevard to 2025 Paving project.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On December 8, 2025, the Village Council approved the addition of Forest Glen Avenue to the 2025 Paving Project at an estimated cost of \$80,000.00. The street is paved and awaiting stone shoulders. All stone shoulder work is scheduled to start later this month. Please find attached Estimate No. 1 for the additional work.

Work to Date	\$67,907.45
Less 5% Retention	\$ 3,395.37
Amount Due Est No. 1	\$64,512.08

PW recommends approval of Est. No.1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Estimate No. 1 be approved.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move to approve payment of Estimate No. 1 for the Forest Glen Addition to the 2025 paving project to Lindahl Brothers in the amount of \$64,512.08.

LINDAHL

BROS. INC.

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Village of Palos Park
8999 W. 123rd Street
Palos Park, IL 60464

Village of Palos Park
2025 Street Resurfacing (MFT)
Forest Glen Boulevard
(123rd Street to Rosewood Avenue)
Lindahl Project No. 25045
November 26, 2025

Estimate # 1-Forest Glen Blvd. Addition

	ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1.)	Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Removal (Variable Depth)	3,312.00 SY	3.00	\$ 9,936.00
2.)	Bituminous Materials (Tack Coat) SS-1	545.00 GAL	0.01	\$ 5.45
3.)	Hot-Mix Asphalt Binder Course IL 9.5, N50, 1.5" Depth	287.00 TON	85.00	\$ 24,395.00
4.)	Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Course Mix D, N50, 2" Depth	382.00 TON	85.00	\$ 32,470.00
5.)	Class D Patches, TY 2, 4"	0.00 SY	40.00	\$ -
6.)	Aggregate Wedge Shoulder, Type B, CA-6	0.00 TON	35.00	\$ -
7.)	Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Removal, Butt Joint	67.00 SY	3.00	\$ 201.00
8.)	Frame and Lid to be Adjusted, Special	3.00 EACH	300.00	\$ 900.00
9.)	Remove and Replace Hot-Mix Asphalt Driveway	0.00 SY	30.00	\$ -
10.)	Remove and Replace PCC Concrete Driveway	0.00 SY	90.00	\$ -
11.)	Remove and Replace Paver Brick Driveway	0.00 SY	1.00	\$ -
12.)	Traffic Control and Protection Standard 701501	0.00 LSUM	57,700.00	\$ -
13.)	Traffic Control and Protection Standard 701901	0.00 LSUM	1.00	\$ -

Estimate # 1-Forest Glen Blvd. Additio	\$ 67,907.45
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Less 5% Retention	\$ 3,395.37
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Subtotal	\$ 64,512.08
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Amount Received	\$ -
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Amount Due Estimate # 1-Forest Glen Blvd. Addition	\$ 64,512.08
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To: Mike Wade, Building Dept. Commissioner
From: Building Department
Date: January 20, 2026
Subject: Building Department Report for Council Meeting, January 26, 2026

CONSTRUCTION CONDUCT & WORK HOURS

We all have a role in protecting, maintaining, and improving our environment. Construction conduct means being a good neighbor. Village Code Chapters 1460, 652, and 480 define appropriate conduct on construction sites. Please review codes on-line or get a copy at the Kaptur Center. The goal is to keep undesirable impacts to a minimum. Respect for neighbors, safety, and cleanliness will lead to a successful construction project.

Contractor work hours are Monday – Friday 7AM – 8PM or dusk if earlier and Saturday 7AM – 5PM or dusk if earlier and not on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Homeowners may do construction Monday – Saturday 7AM – 9PM or dusk if earlier and Sundays and Holidays 10AM – 6PM or dusk if earlier.

Please contact the Village if you notice any work being done outside of work hours.

PERMITS:

The Building Department processed **seven (7) permits** from January 9, 2026 -January 20, 2026 resulting in **\$3,587.25** for a total of **\$76,234.50** in permit fees for the **Fiscal Year Ending 2026**.

BUILDING PERMIT INSPECTIONS

Twenty (21) inspections were completed during this time.

Please see attached for more details.

County Monthly Permit Report

01/20/2026

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Date Issued	Permit #	Applicant	Address / Parcel	Const. Value	Fee
01/13/2026	WD26-0001	RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN, LLC	9021 W 123RD ST	\$14,242.00	\$150.00
	Permit Type:	Window and Door	23-27-402-004-0000		
	Work Description:	windows			
01/09/2026	SR26-0001	PERM-A-SEAL, INC.	12405 S ELM	\$10,740.00	\$225.00
	Permit Type:	Structural Repairs	23-27-407-009-0000		
	Work Description:	STRUCTURAL PLANS			
01/12/2026	RS26-0001	TT & AA CONSTRUCTION, INC	1 BROOK LN	\$20,245.00	\$225.00
	Permit Type:	Roof (Shingle)	23-26-201-014-0000		
	Work Description:	ROOF			
01/19/2026	RR26-0002	BEAUTY BY DESIGN SERVICES, LLC	12555 S 80TH AVE	\$205,000.00	\$1946.25
	Permit Type:	Res Remodel	23-25-300-103-0000		
	Work Description:	remodel			
01/16/2026	RR26-0001	TINLEY PARK KITCHEN & BATH	3 S WOODLAND TRL	\$29,696.12	\$791.00
	Permit Type:	Res Remodel	23-26-209-008-0000		
	Work Description:	Remodel			
01/16/2026	RP26-0002	PLUMBING EXPRESS, INC.	94 S OLD CREEK RD	\$5,685.00	\$175.00
	Permit Type:	Res Plumbing	23-31-201-015-0000		
	Work Description:	Replace gas line			
01/16/2026	HVR26-0001	KING HVAC SYSTEM, LLC	12652 HILLSIDE DR	\$9,097.00	\$75.00
	Permit Type:	HVAC (Replacement)	23-26-314-005-0000		
	Work Description:	FURNACE			

Total Permits For Type:	7
Total Fees For Type:	\$3,587.25
Total Const. Value For Type:	\$294,705.12

Grand Total Fees:	\$3,587.25
Grand Total Permits:	\$7.00
Grand Total Const. Value:	\$294,705.12

The Palos Park Police Department is celebrating January, National Mentoring Month, as an opportunity to publicize the importance of mentoring and mentoring programs like their Academic partnerships with colleges and universities & the CSO /Cadet program.

Police Commissioner Dan Polk noted that mentoring has the opportunity to positively impact and affect the lives of young people by showing what is possible when young people grow up with mentors. Mentoring in real life can boost confidence, build bridges, and tap potential in young people including the 9 million youth growing up without a mentor outside their family.

This is a month dedicated to celebrating mentors, learning how to be a good mentor, promoting the importance of mentorship and more.

Palos Park Police have academic partnerships with many colleges and universities in the mid-west and allows interns to spend a semester working with the Palos Park Police Department in three distinct sections of the organization, Patrol, Administration, and Investigations. Interns earn college credit while gaining the experience associated with working in a real public service agency and seeing how day to day operations work. The academic partnerships program provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn and serve through first-hand participation in law enforcement or related careers in criminal justice. We welcome applicants who have demonstrated academic excellence.

This National Mentoring Month: Use this month to become a mentor. Mentoring is a critical component in young people's lives, helping them make the decisions and connections that lead to opportunity.

- 1 in 3 young people are growing up without a mentor outside their family. This is the mentoring gap in America.
- That's 9 million young people without a mentor outside their family to walk alongside them through their journey.
- At a time when much of the focus is on what divides us, MENTOR research shows that there is something most Americans agree on: mentoring relationships are powerful tools for connection and are critical to our country's future.
- Americans are overwhelmingly crossing racial, economic, and other bridges to mentor young people outside their families.
- More than 80% of adults agree with government investment in mentoring, and more than two-thirds are already mentoring or willing to consider it.

It's all about establishing relationships #BETHEBRIDGE Leaving the world a better place than you found it, one call at a time.



Did you know that each one of our Palos Park police officers is empowered to "BETHEBRIDGE" & serve as ambassadors all day, every day, each shift, each beat. Their goal is simple, leaving the world a better place than you found one call at a time. Particularly since we are here, always, we may be someone's only relationship with our community. So we encourage officers to #BETHEBRIDGE & explore ways to build trust and establish connections.

Be it 3pm or 4am, dealing with people who are distraught, upset, impaired, despondent or in crisis #BETHEBRIDGE to trust can be a way to communicate with people when situations or circumstances have placed us together at a time & place. So, at that time (Police) can #BETHEBRIDGE the resource people turn to or encounter in our community.

#BETHEBRIDGE In essence allows officers handling the call to seek a solution making things better collectively. We want our officers to be a platform to find solutions and dialogue helps achieve that.


Community outreach is embedded in what we do, it is a part of us #BETHEBRIDGE is just another part of that. It may be a simple conversation, a cup of coffee, or their car breaking down and we provide them a ride. #BETHEBRIDGE is simple, people want to be heard, to be paid attention to, and to be helped


Police Commissioner Dan Polk said, "#BETHEBRIDGE empowers our officers to work every shift to help build relations and continue the work of bridging any gaps that exist between the our end users, everyone, the public and the community. We believe #BETHEBRIDGE provides excitement to officers, in that it helps them hone their problem solving skills by fostering trust and respect."


 Talk to your family and friends to keep them safe from this SCAM tactic that continues to make the rounds: Someone claiming to be a law enforcement officer, bank representative, government employee, business representative, etc., calls and says there is some issue that must be quickly resolved by you wiring money or sending cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, etc., as a form of payment 

THIS IS A SCAM!! No government agency, bank, law enforcement agency, etc., will ever ask for these forms of payment, nor operate in this manner to resolve issues.

The scammer will be demanding and threatening - do not be afraid to hang up! These phone calls can be frightening because they seem very legitimate. Remember to stay calm and follow these guidelines:

 **DO NOT** wire money, send cash, or use gift cards or cryptocurrency to pay someone who says they're with a government/law enforcement agency. Scammers ask you to pay in this manner because it's hard to track that money, and almost impossible to get it back. If ANY of these forms of payment are mentioned, trust your instincts that it IS a scam and you should hang up!

 **DO NOT** give financial or personal information to someone who calls, texts, or emails and claims they're with a government/law enforcement agency. If you think a call or message could be real, stop. Hang up the phone and call the government agency directly at a number you know is correct.

 **DO NOT** blindly trust your caller ID. It may show an agency's real phone number or even show the name of the agency on the screen, but caller ID can be faked. It could be anyone calling from anywhere.

Talk to your family and make them aware of the many scam tactics out there.





Village Council
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Meeting of: January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Kaptur Administrative Center

AGENDA MATTER:

To approve a contract with Lauterbach and Amen, LLP for financial audit services for the fiscal years ending 2026 through 2028.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

State statute requires that the Village's finances be audited every year. The Village's audit coincides with its fiscal year. For example, the Village's most recent financial audit covered the time period May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. The accounting firm of Lauterbach & Amen LLP have been the Village's auditors since 2015. Lauterbach & Amen has submitted a 3-year cost proposal for financial audit services covering future fiscal years 2026 through 2028. Fees for each of these years are as follows:

FY 2026	\$ 20,400
FY 2027	\$ 21,200
FY 2028	\$ 22,000

For comparison purposes, the Village paid \$19,400 for financial audit services from Lauterbach & Amen for its Fiscal Year 2025 audit. The cost proposal represents a 5% increase in FY 2026 and 4% in both FY 2027 and 2028.

Lauterbach & Amen has over 25 years of experience in providing accounting services, including audit services, to local governments in the Chicagoland area. Village staff have been satisfied with the quality of services received from Lauterbach & Amen.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the contract with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP to perform financial audit services to the Village for fiscal years ending 2026 through 2028. Fees for each of these three years will be \$20,400, \$21,200 and \$22,000.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move to approve a contract between the Village of Palos Park and Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for financial audit services covering the fiscal years ending 2026 through 2028.



January 07, 2026

The Honorable Village Mayor
Members of the Board of Commissioners
Village of Palos Park, Illinois

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Village of Palos Park, Illinois for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2026, April 30, 2027, and April 30, 2028.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Village as of and for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2026, April 30, 2027, and April 30, 2028. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the Village's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Village's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited: management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison schedules, GASB-required pension reporting and GASB-required other post-employment benefit (OPEB) reporting.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the Village's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements: combining fund statements, individual fund statements, budgetary comparison schedules and other information as supplemental schedules.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, we will read the following other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report: introductory and statistical information.

Audit Scope and Objectives - Continued

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the Village or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Village.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, if applicable, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Village and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

We have identified the following significant risks of material misstatement as part of our audit planning: management override of controls, improper revenue recognition, and general or local economic challenges. Planning for this engagement has not concluded and is subject to change.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Village's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and required audit adjustments, if any, for the Village in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

We will perform these services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgement, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services, and required audit adjustments, if any, and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with the oversight of those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements - Continued

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records and related information available to us; for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers); and for the evaluation of whether there are any conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for the 12 months after the financial statements date or shortly thereafter (for example, within an additional three months if currently known). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Village involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

Our fees for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2026, April 30, 2027, and April 30, 2028 audits will be:

Services Provided	Fiscal Year Ended 04/30/2026	Fiscal Year Ended 04/30/2027	Fiscal Year Ended 04/30/2028
• ACFR (Audit Report)	\$20,400 Annual	\$21,200 Annual	\$22,000 Annual
Annual Total Costs of Services	\$20,400	\$21,200	\$22,000

In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 90 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. Please be advised that we will charge interest on late invoices over sixty days.

Lauterbach & Amen's client portal is used solely as a method of exchanging information and is not intended to store the Village's information. At the end of the engagement, we will provide the Village with a copy (in an agreed-upon format) of deliverables and data related to the engagement from the portal. For multi-year engagements, this exchange will occur annually.

Upon completion of the engagement, data and other content will either be removed from the portal or become unavailable to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP within twelve months. For multi-year engagements, completion of the engagement occurs when the deliverables are completed for that year.

The Village agrees that during the term of this agreement and for a period of twelve months thereafter, the Village shall not solicit, or arrange an employment contract with personnel of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Violation of this provision shall, in addition to other relief, require the Village to compensate Lauterbach & Amen, LLP with one hundred percent of the solicited person's annual compensation.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Village's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of the Village. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Village of Palos Park, Illinois and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign below and return it to us.

Cordially,

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Village of Palos Park, Illinois.

By: _____

Title: _____



VILLAGE OF
PALOS PARK

Village Council

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters

Village Clerk Marie Arrigoni

Commissioner G. Darryl Reed

Commissioner Dan Polk

Commissioner Mike Wade

Commissioner Rebecca Petan

Meeting of: January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Kaptur Administrative Center

AGENDA MATTER:

Consideration of Resolution 2026-R-01 "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Palos Park and the Palos Park Public Library for a Short-Term Loan for Library Operations and Programs"

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Palos Park Library through its Director Jessica Rock is requesting the Village Council consider a "Temporary Tax Anticipation Loan". The library as a sub-agency of the Village has yet to receive its share of the Cook County Property Taxes for the second quarter 2024-time frame; the county property taxes for this period were due on December 15, 2025, which is approximately three months later than usual. While the Village has received two installments of 20% each of its property tax distribution from the County, the sub-agencies distribution of property taxes is still delayed.

According to the Village Attorney, the library, as a sub-agency of the Village, cannot borrow money in the form of 'tax anticipation warrants' without the primary agency (Village) borrowing those funds from a bank on the library's behalf. The Village may also provide for a direct short-term loan to the library to be paid back from the property tax proceeds as they are received.

The letter requests a direct "temporary loan" in the amount of \$130,000. "These funds would be used solely to sustain essential library operations and will be repaid in full immediately upon receipt of the outstanding property tax revenue from Cook County."

The Village Attorney drafted the Resolution, which if adopted approves an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Village of Palos Park and the Palos Park Public Library for a short-term loan for library operations and programs. Under the IGA the Village would provide a short-term, interest free loan in the amount of \$130,000 to be used to pay for general operating and program costs of the Library. The Library agrees to repay the loan in full upon receipt of its second installment 2024 property tax levy. The Library anticipates its receipts from those property taxes to be \$286,000.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2026-R-01 "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Palos Park and the Palos Park Public Library for a Short-Term Loan for Library Operations and Programs"



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Date: January 15, 2026

To:

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters
Village Council
Village of Palos Park
8999 W. 123rd Street
Palos Park, IL 60464

Re: Request for Temporary Tax Anticipation Loan

Dear Mayor Milovich-Walters and Members of the Village Council,

On behalf of the Palos Park Public Library, I respectfully submit this formal request for a temporary Tax Anticipation Loan to ensure continuity of library operations during the ongoing delay in the distribution of Cook County property tax revenue.

As of today, the library has not yet received approximately **\$286,000** in property tax funds owed since March 2025. This delay has created a significant cash flow strain for our operations. While the library maintains a reserve balance of approximately **\$110,000**, these funds are only sufficient to sustain operations for roughly two months. We also anticipate that the next tax installment may face similar delays, which would place us in the same precarious position later in the spring.

In response to this situation, the library has already taken proactive measures to reduce expenditures, including:

- Reducing hours for part-time staff;
- Canceling or postponing paid programming;
- Placing all non-essential purchasing and spending on hold.

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Palos Park, Illinois 60464
(708) 448-1530



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Despite these steps, additional temporary funding is necessary to maintain essential services and staffing levels until the delayed tax revenues are disbursed. To that end, the Library Board respectfully requests a **temporary loan of \$130,000**, representing approximately three months of operating expenses.

These funds would be used solely to sustain essential library operations and will be **repaid in full immediately upon receipt of the outstanding property tax revenue from Cook County**. We view this Tax Anticipation Loan as the most fiscally responsible option, allowing us to meet our obligations without placing additional, unnecessary interest costs on taxpayers.

We deeply value our partnership with the Village and appreciate your consideration of this request. The library remains committed to prudent financial stewardship and to ensuring uninterrupted access to educational and community services for all residents.

If the Council requires supplemental documentation, financial statements, or additional information, I will happily provide these materials.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Sincerely,

Jessica Rock

Library Director

Palos Park Public Library

12330 Forest Glen Blvd.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-01

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF PALOS
PARK AND THE PALOS PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A SHORT-TERM LOAN FOR
LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 authorizes units of local government, including municipalities, to contract to exercise, combine or transfer any power or function not prohibited to them by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*) authorizes units of local government to exercise jointly with any public agency of the State, including other units of local government, any power, privilege or authority which may be exercised by a unit of local government individually, and to enter into contracts for the performance of governmental services, activities and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Palos Park Public Library (the "Library") is an Illinois Local Library established pursuant to the Illinois Local Library Act (75 ILCS 5/ 1-1 *et seq.*) and is a unit of local government having the power to enter into an agreement with another unit of local government such as the Village; and

WHEREAS, The Library is currently experiencing financial hardship due to a delay in the collection and disbursement of the second installment of 2024 property taxes by Cook County, and has requested a short-term loan from the Village in the amount of \$130,000 (the "Loan") in order to continue to fund the current operations and programs of its Library facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village is willing and able to assist the Library in this emergency situation by providing temporary funding to the Library for general operating and program costs from its General Fund by providing the Loan to the Library, in

accordance with the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and further agrees to comply with the terms set forth below in this IGA

WHEREAS, the Village finds it in its best interests to approve the IGA and authorize the Loan in accordance with the terms set forth in the IGA, and authorizes the Mayor and the Village Clerk, or their designees, to execute the IGA attached as Exhibit A:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois, that the IGA attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted by the Village of Palos Park and that the Mayor and Village Clerk of the Village of Palos Park, or their designees, are hereby each individually authorized to execute the IGA attached as Exhibit A on behalf of the Village of Palos Park.

ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: -0-

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

APPROVED by me this 26th day of January, 2026.

Nicole Milovich-Walters
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Arrigoni
Village Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK AND
THE PALOS PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A
SHORT-TERM LOAN FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS
(attached)**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK AND
THE PALOS PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A
SHORT-TERM LOAN FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("IGA") is entered into this ___ day of January, 2026, by and between the VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK ("VILLAGE"), an Illinois Municipal Corporation, and the PALOS PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY ("LIBRARY"), an Illinois unit of local government, for the purpose allowing the VILLAGE to make a **short-term loan in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$130,000.00)** ("Loan") to the LIBRARY for Library operations and programs.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 authorizes units of local government to contract to exercise, combine or transfer any power or function not prohibited to them by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*) authorizes units of local government to exercise jointly with any public agency of the State of Illinois, including other units of local government, any power, privilege or authority which may be exercised by a unit of local government individually, and to enter into contracts for the performance of governmental services, activities and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the LIBRARY is an Illinois Local Library established pursuant to the Illinois Local Library Act (75 ILCS 5/ 1-1 *et seq.*) and is a unit of local government having the power to enter into an agreement with another unit of local government. The LIBRARY is currently experiencing financial hardship due to a delay in the collection and disbursement of the second installment of 2024 property taxes by Cook County, and cannot continue to fund the current operations and programs of its Library facilities without the assistance of the VILLAGE in making available the Loan; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE is willing and able to assist the LIBRARY in this emergency situation by providing temporary funding to the LIBRARY for general operating and program costs from its General Fund by providing the Loan to the LIBRARY and further agrees to comply with the terms set forth below in this IGA; and

WHEREAS, the LIBRARY has requested the Loan from the VILLAGE and has further agreed to comply with the terms set forth below in this IGA; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the VILLAGE and the LIBRARY have taken all required statutory and corporate action necessary to approve entering into this IGA and have further authorized the respective signatories to execute this IGA on the signature page set forth below; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual best interests of the VILLAGE and LIBRARY to enter into this IGA.

ARTICLE I. UNDERTAKINGS ON THE PART OF THE PARTIES

The obligations and responsibilities of the VILLAGE and the LIBRARY shall be as follows:

1. Each of the Whereas paragraphs set forth above are incorporated into this Article I as material provisions of the IGA.
2. The VILLAGE agrees to provide a **short-term, interest-free loan in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$130,000.00)** to the LIBRARY (the "Loan Amount"), to be used to pay for general operating and program costs of the LIBRARY.
3. The LIBRARY agrees to repay the Loan Amount in full, upon receipt of its second installment of the 2024 property tax levy, which is expected to be approximately \$286,000. Such repayment of the Loan Amount to the VILLAGE shall be made immediately upon receipt, but in no event later than fourteen (14) days thereafter. Should the funds from the second installment of the 2024 property tax levy be insufficient to repay the Loan Amount, the LIBRARY shall pay any balance remaining immediately upon receipt of the first installment of the 2025 property tax levy, and receipt of any subsequent property tax installments until the Loan Amount is paid in full.
4. The primary source of funds for the Loan is the VILLAGE'S General Fund. All of the funds from the VILLAGE'S General Fund or other permissible VILLAGE funding sources, that are disbursed to the LIBRARY under this IGA shall become part of the outstanding Loan Amount that the LIBRARY agrees it is obligated to repay to the VILLAGE in accordance with the terms of this IGA.
5. The Loan will be paid to the LIBRARY by the VILLAGE in a lump-sum manner, after full approval and execution of this IGA by both Parties.
6. As a material inducement for the VILLAGE to enter into this IGA, the LIBRARY, at its cost, agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the VILLAGE and the VILLAGE'S Mayor and Village Council, appointed and elected officials, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, judgments, costs, expenses and liabilities of any kind, including the reasonable fees and expenses of any VILLAGE-selected attorneys, expert witnesses, staff time and consultants, and court costs and fines, asserted against them or sought to be imposed upon them, individually, jointly or severally, and which arise directly or indirectly out of or in connection in any way with this IGA or any third party seeking to challenge the validity of this IGA or seeking to attach a lien or foreclose on a lien in regard to the Loan funds or to compel payment of Loan funds or other VILLAGE funds to pay debts, liabilities and obligations of the LIBRARY. The VILLAGE, at the LIBRARY'S cost, shall select its own attorneys to defend itself in any such administrative or legal action covered by this provision.

In the event that any third party or parties institutes any administrative or legal proceedings against the LIBRARY and/or the VILLAGE, which relate to the terms of this IGA, then, in that event, the LIBRARY shall indemnify and hold harmless the

VILLAGE from any and all such proceedings, including any damages, judgments or losses, and the litigation costs and expenses and legal fees and witness costs incurred by the VILLAGE relative to such proceedings. Upon receiving notice of any such legal proceedings, the VILLAGE, through its own selected attorneys, shall assume, fully and vigorously, the entire defense of such lawsuit or proceedings, and the LIBRARY shall pay any and all litigation-related costs, expenses and legal fees relating thereto. The LIBRARY shall reimburse the VILLAGE from time to time, upon written demand and notice of the amount due for any and all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, witnesses' fees and/or other litigation expenses incurred by the VILLAGE in connection therewith.

If the LIBRARY determines that there is, or may probably be, a conflict of interest between the VILLAGE and the LIBRARY on an issue of material importance to the LIBRARY, or which may reasonably have a potentially substantial adverse effect on the LIBRARY, then the LIBRARY, at its own cost, shall have the option of being represented by its own legal counsel.

In the event the VILLAGE institutes legal proceedings against the LIBRARY for a breach of this IGA, or any term or condition hereof, and secures a judgment in its favor, the court having jurisdiction thereof shall determine and include in any judgment against the LIBRARY all costs and expenses of such legal proceedings incurred by the VILLAGE, including but not limited to court costs, attorneys' fees and witnesses' fees incurred in connection therewith. Either party may, in its sole discretion, appeal any judgment rendered in relation thereto.

7. The Parties each retain the right to enforce the terms of this IGA in any civil or equitable legal action, but, in consideration of the VILLAGE entering into this IGA to provide financial assistance to the LIBRARY, the LIBRARY agrees to waive any cause of action or claims of any kind, including but not limited to actions for punitive damages, economic or non-economic damages or compensatory losses of any kind or legal fees that could be brought against the VILLAGE relating to or arising out this IGA. In consideration of the VILLAGE entering into this IGA to provide financial assistance to the LIBRARY, the LIBRARY agrees, in the event that it defaults in its repayment obligations under this IGA and the VILLAGE prevails in any administrative or legal action to enforce this IGA, the repayment obligations or to recover the Loan Amount, that it shall also be responsible for payment of the VILLAGE'S reasonable legal fees and expenses of its attorneys, expert witnesses, staff time and consultants, and court costs and fines.

ARTICLE II. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH PARTIES

1. All notices and requests required pursuant to this IGA shall be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

<p>To the VILLAGE:</p> <p>Rick Boehn Village Manager</p>	<p>To the LIBRARY DISTRICT:</p> <p>Jessica Rock Library Director</p>
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Village of Palos Park 8999 West 123 rd Street Palos Park, Illinois 60464 rboehm@palospark.org (p) 708/671-3700	Palos Park Public Library 12330 Forest Glen Blvd. Palos Park, Illinois 60464 jrock@palosparklibrary.org (p) 708-448-1530 (f) 708-448-3492
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or to such other persons or such other addresses as the parties may indicate in writing, by providing at least thirty (30) days written notice to the other.

2. This IGA shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
3. This IGA shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the VILLAGE and the LIBRARY, and their respective successors and assigns.
4. This IGA shall not be interpreted or construed to provide that the VILLAGE is liable in any manner for any of the debts, liabilities or obligations of any kind of the LIBRARY, including, but not limited to, its debts, liabilities or obligations in regard to any lender or bank, or any other vendor, contractor, supplier or consultant. The LIBRARY shall not promise or pledge any portion of the Loan Amount to any lender or bank, or any other vendor, contractor, supplier or consultant to secure services of any kind or to satisfy any debts, liabilities or obligations of any kind of the LIBRARY.
5. Failure of any party to this IGA to insist upon the strict and prompt performance of the terms, covenants, agreements and/or conditions set forth herein, or any of them, upon any other party imposed, shall not constitute or otherwise be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any party's right thereafter to enforce any such term, covenant, agreement and/or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.
6. The respective VILLAGE and LIBRARY officers who have executed this IGA warrant that they have been lawfully authorized by the governing Boards of the VILLAGE and the LIBRARY to execute this IGA on behalf of the VILLAGE and the LIBRARY. The VILLAGE and the LIBRARY shall, upon request, deliver to each other copies of any and all documents reasonably required to legally evidence the authority to so execute this IGA on behalf of the respective parties.
7. This IGA may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
8. If any provision of this IGA is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or in the event such a court shall determine that the VILLAGE or LIBRARY does not have the power to perform any such provision, such provision shall be deemed to be excised herefrom and the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions contained herein, and such judgment or decree shall relieve the VILLAGE or the LIBRARY from performance under such invalid provision of this IGA.

9. The LIBRARY and the VILLAGE shall act in good faith and take all necessary actions to cooperate with each other to fulfill their mutual obligations under this IGA.
10. This IGA will terminate at the time that the LIBRARY fully satisfies and fulfills its repayment obligations regarding the Loan Amount and other amounts due the VILLAGE under this IGA.
11. This effective date of this IGA shall be when the last Party executes the IGA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this IGA is effective as of the date and year first written above.

VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK

PALOS PARK PULBIC LIBRARY

By: _____
 Nicole Milovich-Walters
 Mayor

By: _____
 Terry Kachinsky
 President

Date: _____, 2026

Date: _____, 2026

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

By: _____
 Deputy Village Clerk

By: _____
 Secretary

Date: _____, 2026

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