

MEMORANDUM

TO: Village Board of Trustees
 FROM: Village President Ben Sells
 DATE: January 17, 2018
 RE: 2017 Village Highlights

At the beginning of last year the Village Board, working with staff, established a number of initiatives for 2017. I am delighted to provide this status update that reflects almost all of the initiatives were successfully accomplished. The only outstanding issue from 2017 is the repair of the water tower. This item it will be addressed as part of the village-wide facilities analysis currently underway.

These successes have been made possible by a supportive community, a dedicated team of elected and appointed officials, and a talented and committed village staff. Under separate cover you have received the year-end reports of our various departments that detail the exemplary work done by village staff. Our departments continually strive to provide the highest level of service for our residents at the lowest cost. The village also aggressively pursues grant funding to offset the tax burden on our residents. In the last five years, the village has obtained over \$5 million in grants, a list of which is attached hereto.

2017 Village Highlights

Government Initiatives

Village Board of Trustee Initiatives:

- Continue code review to streamline procedures.
Status: Ongoing.
- Review commission structure.
Status: Eliminated Safe Environment Commission and modified meeting schedules for some commissions to increase efficiency.
- Other accomplishments:
Created business district on Harlem Avenue.
Implemented façade improvement program.
Village Code changed to allow for keeping of hens and bees.

Infrastructure Initiatives

- Review and implement traffic safety study (TSS), including wayfinding signage.
Status: Some TSS suggestions were implemented with the 2017 resurfacing program, and a plan for further implementation will be presented to the Village Board in Spring 2018. Wayfinding signage to be installed in 2018.
- RFQ for facilities study.
Status: RFQ analyzed, consultant selected, and study underway.
- Improve Quincy Street and East Avenue streetscapes, including Quincy Arts District.
Status: ITEP grant application submitted; signage included in EDC report.

- Swan Pond restoration.
Status: Design approved and first planting accomplished.
- Redesign triangle and turn lane at train station south of tracks.
Status: Grant funding obtained; design submitted for commission review; redesign to be completed in Fall of 2018.
- Water tower repairs (in coordination with Preservation Commission).
Status: No action taken in 2017, facility will be assessed as part of the village-wide facility assessment.
- Install lighting on Forest Avenue Bridge.
Status: Lighting to be installed in 2018.
- Continue nature and forestry initiatives.
Status: Ongoing.
- Renovate Veterans Memorial.
Status: LAC and Preservation review complete, Village Board provided direction and project is planned for 2018.
- Hofmann Dam sign on ecology of removal (possible Eagle Scout project).
Status: Eagle Scout project in progress
- Other accomplishments
Completed renovation of train station roof.
Completed sewer separation in First Division; allowed residents the ability to purchase a stub connection to the storm sewer for drainage purposes.

Community Initiatives

- Harlem redevelopment.
Status: Property cleared and remediated and prepared for market
- Strengthen property maintenance regulations and enforcement.
Status: Enhanced property maintenance enforcement was taken throughout 2017 including adjudication and court action.
- Complete and implement marketing/branding plan.
Status: Phase one complete, phase two implementation in 2018.
- Leverage Chicago/Western Suburbs train connection.
Status: Included in marketing/branding plan.
- Fishing Derby.
Status: First annual derby held.
- Canoe/kayak dock and produce canoeing/kayaking map.
Status: Under review by Parks and Recreation.
- Repeal no fishing and no picnicking ordinances.
Status: Prohibitions repealed. In 2018 staff will create materials for children and residents regarding fishing and picnicking.
- Establish Salt Creek Connector through Riverside.
Status: Proposal has been sent to Commissioner Tobolski with a request for a meeting with Forest Preserve District in early 2018. In 2017, the Village contributed to the 1st Avenue Bike Path and intersection enhancements, and collaborated with North Riverside and Cook County on these projects.

Village of Riverside
Grant Revenue- Historical
Last Update:01/10/2018

G/L Account Description of Grants Received and/or Awarded	Department	Y-T-D 2017 Awarded	2016 Awarded	2015 Awarded	2014 Awarded	2013 Awarded	Five Year Total
IDOT traffic safety grants	Police	\$ -	\$ 29,256.15	\$ 2,290.43	\$ 9,068.64	\$ 6,867.80	\$ 47,483.02
Tobacco enforcement grant	Police	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 4,400.00
Cook County JAG grant- Police Mobile Tablets	Police	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00
Cook County JAG grant- Police Patrol Bicycles	Police	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
Police phone evidence collection grant	Police	\$ -	\$ 7,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,300.00
EMS assistance grant	Fire	\$ -	\$ 541.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,761.00
Fire training grant	Fire	\$ 13,263.38	\$ 3,517.95	\$ 14,356.34	\$ 21,795.24	\$ -	\$ 52,932.91
WCCA equipment grant	Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,998.00	\$ 7,998.00
Riverside Township Grant- Filming	Administration	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 15,700.00
Railroad storm sewer outlet (MWRD)	Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,390.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,390.00
Department of Labor grant	Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,018.00	\$ -	\$ 1,018.00
Interior floor repair grant- Train station	Public Works	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Train station masonry/tuckpointing	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
Illinois DCEO- Burling Road Resurfacing grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00
Centennial Plaza grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,760.00	\$ -	\$ 31,760.00
Train station roof-ITEP Grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 757,560.00	\$ -	\$ 757,560.00
Train station roof-Metra Grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,500.00	\$ -	\$ 173,500.00
Train station roof, platform, and railing project-WSMTD Grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 235,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 235,000.00
SCADA system grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Train Station Surveillance cameras	Public Works	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
Central Business District LED Lighting Grant	Public Works	\$ -	\$ 3,885.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,885.00
LED Street Light Retrofit Grant - ComEd	Public Works	\$ 5,225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,225.00
Urban and Community Forestry Grant- Morton Arboretum	Public Works	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
East Burlington Resurfacing-Construction	Community Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,130,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,130,500.00
East Burlington Resurfacing-Construction Engineering	Community Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,840.00
East Burlington Streetscape-Construction	Community Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690,980.00
East Burlington Streetscape-Construction Engineering	Community Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,840.00
East Quincy & Longcommon Resurfacing	Community Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 828,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 828,000.00
CBD bicycle parking project	Community Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,400.00
Metra Intersection Improvements	Community Dev.	\$ 377,889.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 377,889
Total Grant Awarded:		\$ 416,377.38	\$ 74,600	\$ 3,196,367	\$ 1,072,552	\$ 277,466	\$ 5,037,362