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2014 VILLAGE BUDGET: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS WITHOUT TAX HIKES

November 19, 2013 – Because of responsible leadership and considerable planning, the Village of Glenview is well positioned in its 2014 budget to invest in infrastructure improvements that will accelerate flood control and roadway projects without increasing property taxes and maintaining reserves within Village Board-established policies.

Continual analysis of financial trends and forecasts during the difficult economy of the last few years led the Village Board of Trustees to make concerted efforts to scale back expenses, with the goal of ensuring structural balance and without sacrificing services or programs. Projections for 2014 are that key revenues – such as sales and utility taxes – will continue to grow slightly as they did in 2013, and a significant revenue source from building permit and other unanticipated fees -- from significant building projects planned or now under way – will be available.

Therefore, a number of community priorities and improvement projects are included in the overall 2014 spending plan and anticipated in several budgets to come. Chief among them is \$12 million worth of storm water projects next year alone – funded with local dollars and federal and state grants -- potentially benefitting 1,395 parcels in Glenview. They include:

- A partnership with the Glenview Park District to increase water detention on the Glenview Park Golf Course property, 800 Shermer Road, due to start construction next summer. Village contribution is \$1.7 million. Parcels benefiting total 130.
- Major improvements east of Harms Road and the Middle Stem of the North Branch of the Chicago River, which will remove regional storm water from the local system and provide new detention. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is expected to provide \$6.5 million for the projects, which are due to start construction next year and benefit 1,150 parcels.
- Installation of a 48-inch and 72-inch bypass sewer west of Shermer Road from the Sunset Memorial Lawns Cemetery to West Lake Avenue. The \$2.1 million project will divert storm water from northwest of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and reduce the depth and duration of flooding along Shermer Road, Patriot Boulevard and Compass Road.

Major roadway projects planned in the 2014 budget include:

- Improvements to the intersection of West Lake Avenue and Greenwood Road, which includes installing a traffic signal, striping the pavement to delineate turn lanes and construction a 10-foot-wide multi-use path from The Glen to Glenbrook South High School
- The start of the design process for improvements to the intersection of East Lake Avenue and Waukegan Road, which has moved up as a priority for the Illinois Department of Transportation but is still several years away.

As part of the local funding process for capital improvements, the Village in 2014 intends to earmark \$3.35 million for storm water projects and \$5 million for resurfacing 2.1 miles and reconstructing 2 miles of local roadways from the Corporate Fund, from which the core services and day-to-day operations of the Village are funded. A Village goal is to manage operating expenses so that a sufficient and sustainable amount of anticipated annual operating revenue – taxes, licenses, permit fees and other charges – can be specifically prioritized for capital improvement projects.

Public facility projects next year include:

- Consolidating Village Hall and police services at the Police Department, 2500 E. Lake Ave., by adding a 16,000-square-foot addition, a new 1,000-square-foot police entrance and repurposing 19,290-square-feet of current police space for Village Hall uses. Total budget of \$8.638 million will be offset by the estimated \$1.5 million sale of 2 acres at 1225 Waukegan Road, for a net budget of \$7.138 million; and
- Completing a new Fire Station 6 at 1215 Waukegan Road, south of the current Village Hall, to replace the station displaced by the Midtown Square retail and residential development now being built on the south side of the 1800 block of Glenview Road. Total budget of \$6.453 million will be offset by the \$2.5 million sale of the 1.9 acres at 1815 Glenview Road, for a net budget of \$3.953 million.

Corporate fund expenses – which go toward services like fire and police protection, road and sewer maintenance, engineering and inspection of private building projects and public parkway tree planting – are budgeted at \$63.2 million in 2014, about 3.7 percent higher than the current projected fiscal year, and rely on the planned use of about \$3 million in reserves.

The Village Board of Trustees reviewed and refined the 2014 budget at three workshops:

- September 3 – [Corporate Fund Overview](#)
- October 17 -- [Review of the Corporate Fund budget by department and miscellaneous funds](#)
- October 29 -- Review of [Village Hall Improvement Project](#) and [Capital Improvement Program](#)

Following a public hearing, the Village Board on November 19 preliminarily approved the [2013 property tax levy](#) and adopted the [Special Service Areas tax levies](#). The property tax levy increase of 1.44 percent was limited to the percentage of new property reported by Cook County and should result in no increase to current taxpayers. This is the fourth consecutive Village Budget that relies on no increase in the Village's portion of the Glenview property tax bill, as the Board continues to aggressively monitor the bottom line.

Final consideration of the 2013 property tax levy and the 2014 budget is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 10.

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