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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET APPROVED BY VILLAGE BOARD

The Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, which begins on March 1, 2015 and runs through February 29, 2016, was approved by the Village Board at their meeting on February 26. The budget has total expenditures of \$22,441,501 across all funds with General Fund expenditures of \$16,516,515. The approval of this budget culminates a year-long process wherein the Village Board affirmed six overall Strategic Priorities with the approval of a Strategic Work Plan and evaluated budgetary policies and procedures. Modest increases in fees (1.5%) for refuse collection, water service and the like account for the increased cost of providing these services, and a modest uptick in the Village's portion of the property tax bill (also 1.5%) ensures the sustainability of services such as public safety and public works that our residents rely upon. The Village will also continue its proactive efforts to fund its pension obligations beyond the requirements set by the State of Illinois.

Notable in this budget are several initiatives the Village will undertake in the coming Fiscal Year to address operations of the Village organization. Additional staff has been approved for the Department of Public Safety, including two new Public Safety Officers and the reinstatement of a second Deputy Chief as well as administrative support in the Village Manager's Office. Certainly public safety is a top priority in our Village, and we believe expanding our staff in this area is a prudent and necessary investment to maintain the service levels our residents expect as a substantial number of our officers reach retirement age. As the Village's workforce is beginning to turnover, this budget also addresses succession planning, training needs and improvements to technology, all with the mind of enhancing service to the residents and businesses in this community. Improved outreach to the community has also been integrated into the budget with allocations for a redesign of the Village's website and provision of a citizen survey, both planned for this year.

Two referendum questions will appear on the April 7 ballot seeking voter approval to address capital needs throughout the community, including \$6.5 million for storm and sanitary system improvements to reduce flooding in five targeted areas in the community, \$1 million for roadway repaving and sidewalk replacement, and \$2.5 million for HVAC and systems improvements in the Village Hall. In addition, other non-referendum capital expenditures of \$1.1 million (Village portion of repaving of Green Bay Road, water system

improvements replacement of vehicles and equipment) are planned for Fiscal Year 2016.

For a complete copy of the Village's budget, including supporting information, please visit the Village's website at

www.villageofglencoe.org/departments/finance/reports.aspx

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

At the February 25th Plan Commission meeting, Village Planner Lee Brown presented the Glencoe Parking Study conducted in conjunction with the Downtown TuneUp planning process. The study was completed by Teska Associates, Inc., in consultation with Luay Aboona of KLOA, Inc., to document existing conditions, to anticipate potential future parking difficulties, and to provide recommendations. Parking counts were taken over a 3-day period in October from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. within five study areas encompassing the downtown retail core, Metra commuter lots, employee lots, and Central School. The counts were tabulated to show the total number and percentage of spaces occupied per parking lot and/or on-street parking segment per hour. The findings of the survey showed that downtown Glencoe has adequate parking capacity, even with projections for Writers Theatre factored in, but does experience periods when parking is perceived to be difficult to find or inconveniently located. A series of action steps were presented with the goal of providing more parking in convenient locations and assisting visitors in finding available parking areas. The Plan Commission will continue to evaluate parking as a component of the Downtown TuneUp and further recommendations will ultimately be forwarded to the Village Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

The Finance Committee met on February 26 to review debt service structure options in order to provide residents with the anticipated impact of the issuance of \$10 Million in general obligation bonds for infrastructure improvements should the April 7, 2015 referendum succeed. The Committee ultimately agreed that a 20-year bond term was most appropriate for the projects included in the referendum.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

At the February 26 Village Board Meeting, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2016 Village Budget, the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Fee Resolution as well as the Fiscal Year 2016 Glencoe Golf Club Budget. Other highlights from the meeting included the Village Board approval of a one-year extension of the recycling services agreement with Groot Industries, Inc., a contract with

Comcast for enterprise business services and the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015.

Village President Larry Levin addressed the Board and members of the public regarding Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner's budget address, specifically the Governor's call to reduce the Village's share of the Local Government Distributive Fund by 50%. President Levin discussed the Village's significant concern with the Governor's proposal, explaining that this reduction would amount to a \$415,000 or a 2.5% reduction in the Village's General Fund revenues causing major disruptions to the Village's service levels. He noted that the Village, being a non-home rule community, would not have the ability to make up these lost revenues, and would be even more dramatically impacted by the Governor's recommendation of imposing a two-year property tax freeze. President Levin called on the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a budget proposal and strategy that did not negatively impact local governments like Glencoe.

To watch a webcast of the Village Board meeting, including President Levin's comments, please visit www.villageofglencoe.org.

COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT RELEASE LETTER TO GOVERNOR RAUNER

On Friday, eleven Councils of Government (COGs), including two of which Glencoe is a member, released the attached letter to Governor Rauner's Office expressing the COGs' collective disappointment in his budget proposals that impact local government revenues and urging him to reconsider his approach. The sentiment of the letter is clearly in line with statements made by President Levin during the Village Board meeting this week.



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
March | April 2015

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, March 2 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
2 Historic Preservation	Tuesday, March 3 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
3 Plan Commission	Wednesday, March 11 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4 Public Safety Commission	Thursday, March 12 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
5 Glencoe Community Relations Forum	Wednesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
6 Finance Committee	Thursday, March 19 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
7 Village Board Meeting	Thursday, March 19 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
8 Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, March 23 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
9 Plan Commission	Wednesday, March 25 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
10 Historic Preservation	Tuesday, April 7 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers



February 25, 2015



The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor
207 Statehouse
Springfield, IL 62706



Dear Governor Rauner:



On behalf of municipalities and taxpayers across the state of Illinois, we are writing to express our deep disappointment with certain proposals affecting local government outlined in your February 18 Budget Address to the Illinois General Assembly. We respectfully request that the state craft a budget that does not intercept revenue due to local governments or prohibit actions necessary to balance municipal budgets.



As you know, the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) was established in 1969 when Illinois implemented the state income tax. Local governments utilize LGDF revenues to fund basic governmental services including police, fire, public works and infrastructure improvements. Your proposal for a fifty percent reduction in LGDF payments spells disaster for municipalities, particularly non-home rule communities and those without a broad base of revenue options. Reducing revenue due to local governments will result in the need for massive property tax increases or dangerous cuts to services that our taxpayers have paid for and expect.



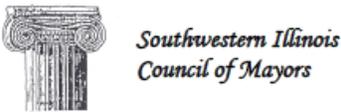
In addition to slashing LGDF revenues, you propose to freeze property taxes and exempt police officers and firefighters from any changes in their pensions. This additional one-two punch to local governments will take away the ability to fund the rising costs of basic government services and public safety pensions, which have been well documented as unsustainable.



Finally, you have called for local governments to tighten their belts. It is important to know that, through the Great Recession and beyond, municipalities have worked diligently to balance budgets, operate within our means, adjust service and staffing levels and cut programs that, while important, we simply cannot afford at this time. We ask that the state craft a fiscally responsible budget without further harming local governments and the taxpayers we all serve.



Thank you for your consideration of our request to preserve local revenues and maintain the ability to manage our local budgets. We stand ready to work with you and the General Assembly to identify ways that all levels of government can move forward and best serve the people of Illinois.



Sincerely,



(Signature page attached)



- Barrington Area Council of Governments ● DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
- McHenry County Council of Governments ● Metro West Council of Government ● Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Northwest Municipal Conference ● Southwest Conference of Mayors ● South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors ● West Central Municipal Conference ● Will County Governmental League



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