

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: June 24, 2025

**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**From:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**Topic:** Lobbying Services Agreement Renewal

### PURPOSE

The lobbying services agreement with Maren Ronan (MR Ltd.) is set to expire at the end of June 2025. Maren Ronan has tentatively agreed to a three-year lobbying service agreement at the current rate of \$3,000 a month; a fee that has not increased since August 23, 2011.

### PROCESS

The legislative lobbying services agreement is effectively a renewal of the agreement that is set to expire on June 30, 2025. The fee for services remains unchanged at \$3,000 per month. This expenditure is budgeted.

### OUTCOME

Utilizing a lobbyist to represent Homewood's interests in Springfield has proven of great worth. MR Ltd. has voiced the Village's opposition and support for proposed legislation that would negatively or positively impact Village finances, operations, and our ability to serve the residents. In particular, MR Ltd.'s efforts helped to pass legislation that dissolved the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District, which allowed the Village to take ownership of the commuter parking lots, and MR Ltd. assisted in passing legislation that allowed Homewood to impose a local motor fuel tax.

Just this year, Maren assisted the Village in appropriating \$700,000 in new capital funding that is anticipated to be available in the State's FY2026 budget. The budget, containing Homewood's funding, was passed at midnight on May 31, 2025 and was signed by Governor Pritzker on Monday, June 16, 2025. Included in this signing was the Budget Implementation Bill and the Revenue Package.

Additionally, MR Ltd. provides critical bi-weekly reports on proposed legislation, bill status, and general Springfield updates and movements. MR Ltd.'s reports are included in the weekly Manager's Board Updates.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Fund
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$36,000
- **Cost:** \$36,000

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### LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

### RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement between Maren Ronan, Ltd. (MR Ltd.) of Western Springs, IL and the Village of Homewood for lobbying services from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 in the amount of \$3,000 per month.

### ATTACHMENT(S)

Agreement