

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: December 14, 2021

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Jim Marino, Village Manager

Topic: Lobbying Services Agreement Renewal

PURPOSE

The lobbying services agreement with Maren Ronan is due to expire at the end of the year and needs to be renewed.

PROCESS

Attached for your consideration is an agreement with Maren Ronan for legislative lobbying services. This is a renewal of our agreement that is due to expire on December 31, 2021. The fee for her services remains unchanged at \$3,000 per month. This expenditure is budgeted.

OUTCOME

Utilizing a lobbyist to represent our interests in Springfield has proven of great worth. Maren Ronan has voiced our opposition and support for proposed legislation that would negatively or positively impact our finances, operations and our ability to serve the residents. In particular, her efforts helped to pass legislation that dissolved the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District, which allows us to take ownership of the commuter parking lots, and she helped to pass legislation that allowed us to impose a local motor fuel tax. Additionally, Maren provides bi-weekly reports on proposed legislation, status of bills and updates on what's taking place in Springfield, which is shared with you.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

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RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement between Maren Ronan, Ltd. of Western Springs, IL and the Village of Homewood for lobbying services from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$3,000 per month.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Agreement