



REPORT TO CLIPP

ITEM NAME:	Attorney RFP Review
MEETING DATE:	November 18, 2025
PRESENTING COMMITTEE:	
COMMITTEE CONTACT:	Guy Fredel
STAFF CONTACT:	James Davel/Jennifer Poyer
PREPARED BY:	Jennifer Poyer

ISSUE: The Village needs to obtain attorney services.

OBJECTIVES: Review the submitted attorney services proposals from Nelson and Lindquist and Municipal Law and Litigation Group. Make a recommendation to the Village Board.

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

When David Baker took office in April 2025, he contracted with Shane VanderWaal to provide temporary legal services to the Village until a new attorney could be hired. The then Village attorney, Lee Turonie, resigned after this action taken by Baker.

The Village went out for RFP to obtain attorney services in June 2025. No proposals were received.

Following Baker's resignation on October 9, 2025, the Village clerk received an email on October 13, 2025 from Shane VanderWaal's office noticing a 30-day termination of his agreement with the Village.

After Dan Joling was appointed Village president, he orally brokered an agreement with VanderWaal to extend his services with the Village.

The Village went out for RFP to obtain attorney services in October 2025 and received the attached proposals.

PROPOSAL: RFPs attached

ADVANTAGES:

DISADVANTAGES:

ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend the Village Board hire one of the law firms who submitted a proposal or take another action.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:

FUNDING SOURCE(s) – Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$

Remaining CFY

Account Number:

Description:

Budgeted Amount:

Spent to Date:

Percentage Used:

Remaining:

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly): Nelson and Lindquist Proposal, Municipal Law and Litigation Group Proposal