

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Ordinance approving an amendment of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) Mutual Aid Agreement and By-laws

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Summary: In 2014, the City of Rochelle entered into a mutual aid agreement with Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) to provide and receive emergency assistance in the event of a natural or man-made disaster that would require action beyond normal capabilities. IPWMAN embodies the concept of “community helping community” by providing assistance with equipment, materials and personnel in the event of a disaster.

IPWMAN was established in 2009 and represents the public works community. Nearly 500 Illinois agencies are members of IPWMAN. Mutual aid through IPWMAN can be used for emergency events such as tornados, blizzards, ice storms, flooding, infrastructure failures, earthquakes, terrorism, and non-emergency planned events.

On August 8, 2024, the IPWMAN Board of Directors voted to approve a revised intergovernmental agreement requiring all members desiring to continue in IPWMAN to approve the amendment of the agreement and by-laws.

Significant changes from the current agreement are:

1. Clarification that mutual aid is not just for emergencies.
2. Revised by-laws to provide for governance of IPWMAN by a not-for-profit board of members rather than a not-for-profit corporate entity.
3. Revised process for any future amendment. Proposed amendments approved by the board will be sent to the entire membership 45 days before a general meeting. If at least 60% of the members present approve the amendment, a new intergovernmental agreement will be submitted to all members for the governing boards to approve by resolution.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:		Proposed Expenditure:

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Evaluate and prioritize infrastructure maintenance needs for streets, sidewalks, water, wastewater, and stormwater.

Recommendation: Consider an ordinance approving an amendment of the IPWMAN Mutual Aid Agreement and By-laws.