

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: APWA PWX Conference

Date: 08/06/2025

Meeting: Village Board

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Department: Public Works

Overview/Background Information

This request is to attend the American Public Works Association's (APWA) PWX 2025 in Chicago, Illinois, August 17-20, 2025. This conference is expected to bring together more than 5,000 public works professionals and will feature more than 175 education sessions and more than 400 exhibits all related to public works. Staff (Troy Taylor, Public Works Superintendent) would like to attend the Monday, 18th training day.

Some of the education sessions are challenges in public works and infrastructure from the public and private sectors, including new strategies in funding and budgeting, career development and workforce solutions, asset management, emerging technologies, stormwater and flood control, sustainable practices, emergency preparedness, fleet and facilities management, as well as solid waste, roads and bridges and water/wastewater.

Attending PWX will give me hands-on learning opportunities, and I will be able to network with public works leaders who are creating the best practices we follow every day. Upon my return, I will be able to share with our team ways to increase our department's productivity, implement new technologies, improve our hiring and training programs, and find solutions to challenges facing our agency today and, in the future.

Key Issues

- Great learning opportunity with all the different sessions.
- Great opportunity to meet other Public Work Superintendents/Directors.
- Great opportunity to see some of the newest equipment on the exhibit floor.

Fiscal Note/Budget Impact

As an APWA member, I will be able to register at a discounted rate of \$389.00 plus parking.

There is a Public Works training line item in the 2025 budget that this conference will fall under.

Prior Legislative Actions

First hearing and asking to suspend the rules and allow the Village Board to vote without Committee of The Whole Approval since this is a time sensitive approval.

Action Required/Recommendation

Village Board approval to send staff (Troy Taylor, Public Works Superintendent) to the APWA PWX 2025 Conference.

Attachments