

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: IPWMAN Conference

Date: 08/18/2026

Meeting: Village Board of Trustees

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Department: Public Works

Overview/Background Information

This request is for Troy Taylor and Dylan Ross to attend the IPWMAN conference in Bloomington, IL on October 20-21, 2026. The Village joined the IPWMAN (Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network) this year in May and this conference will teach us how to use the IPWMAN to its full potential and let us meet with other members and build relationships. This conference will also have multiple training sessions and vendors that are tailored to our industry.

The 2026 IPWMAN Conference unites public works and emergency leaders to share best practices, strengthen mutual aid, and build resiliency.

The IPWMAN Conference brings together public works professionals, emergency management personnel, and municipal leaders from across the region to share knowledge, strengthen mutual aid partnerships, and explore best practices in disaster response and infrastructure resilience. Attendees can expect informative sessions, practical case studies, and collaborative discussions focused on improving preparedness, response coordination, and recovery efforts. The conference also provides valuable networking opportunities with peers and experts dedicated to building stronger, more resilient communities through effective public works collaboration and regional cooperation.

Key Issues

- Free conference to IPWMAN members
- Great learning opportunity with different sessions
- Great opportunity to meet other municipalities in the IPWMAN
- Opportunity to see different types of equipment and talk with vendors
- Great opportunity to learn more about IPWMAN which is new to the Village this year

Fiscal Note/Budget Impact

As an IPWMAN member, the conference is free. The only cost would be one night's stay in the hotel room and the per-dem.

There is a Public Works training line item in the 2026 budget that would cover this conference.

Prior Legislative Actions

This is the first hearing and would ask to suspend the rules and allow the Village Board to vote without Committee of The Whole Approval since this is a time sensitive approval to get the early bird registration before August 31, 2026.

Action Required/Recommendation

Village Board approval to send staff Troy Taylor and Dylan Ross to the 2026 IPWMAN conference in Bloomington, IL.

Attachments

- 2026 IPWMAN information flyer
- Itemized Expenses for the IPWMAN conference