

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: Appointment of **Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley, & Van Evera, LLP as Village Attorney**

Date: **September 13, 2024**

Meeting: **Village Board – 9/17/2024**

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Department: Administration

Overview/Background Information

Section 3.1-30-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code provides a Village Attorney may be appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees. For the past 15 years, I have had the privilege of serving as the Village Attorney for the Village of Roscoe. On January 1, 2024, I assumed the new role of Village Administrator, with the understanding that the role of Village Attorney would eventually be transitioned to another attorney or firm.

Over this last year President Gustafson and myself have been identifying the needed scope of legal services for the Village - including the appointment of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley, & Van Evera, LLP as municipal prosecutor in this past May. Based on the Village's experience with this firm since their appointment as prosecutor, as well as their knowledge and reputation as municipal attorneys, President Gustafson is requesting that the Village Board of Trustees confirm the appointment of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley, & Van Evera, LLP to the position of Village Attorney for the Village of Roscoe.

Key Issues

- Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley, & Van Evera, LLP will serve as retained legal counsel for the Village of Roscoe.
- Attorney Thomas Green, Attorney James Stevens, Attorney Douglas Henry, and Attorney Darron Burke are the attorneys at the firm who the Village will be primarily working with.

Action Required/Recommendation

Confirmation of the Appointment of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley, & Van Evera, LLP as Village Attorney for the Village of Roscoe.

Attachments

BSLBV Introduction Letter

Resolution 2024-38: Confirming the appointment of BSLBV as Village Attorney.