

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item:	Agreement with Lashly & Baer P.C. and to continue the engagement of Attorney Michael McGinley to serve as special counsel for the Village of Roscoe in relation to the Village's involvement in Payton v. A.O. Smith corporation et al.
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Date:	May 2, 2025
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Meeting:	Village Board – May 06, 2025
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Overview/Background Information

This item relates to the Village's ancillary involvement in the matter of Payton v. A.O. Smith corporation et al. 2023L13106. The Village is among approximately 100 parties (including 30 municipalities) named in the above captioned personal injury lawsuit between the plaintiff his former employer. It appears that the Village was named because the plaintiff alleged that some time in the past (though when is not specified in the complaint) the Plaintiff's former employer was hired to do work either by the Village or within the Village limits.

Attorney Michael McGinley has been the lead attorney on this matter, and has done an excellent job representing the Village, and is very familiar with this area of law, and with this case. The Village was notified by Attorney McGinley that he is leaving the firm of **Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP**, and is joining **Lashly & Baer P.C.** To transfer the Village's file to Lashly & Baer P.C., we need to adopt a formal resolution authorizing the transfer of the case file, and allowing Attorney McGinley to enter an appearance on the Village's behalf under the new firm.

Action Required/Recommendation

Approve resolution authorizing the transfer for the Village's file from **Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP**, to **Lashly & Baer P.C.**

Attachments

Resolution 2025-R22