



SPECIAL MEMORANDUM #337

Date: March 3, 2017

To: Authorized Agents of Employers with Compensated Elected Officials
Participating in IMRF

Subject: IMRF Board Resolution 2017-02-13 for Elected Officials' Participation in IMRF

The IMRF Board of Trustees has adopted Board Resolution 2017-02-13, requiring recertification of IMRF eligibility every two years for all elected positions.

This new Board rule requires all governing bodies of units of government with elected positions participating in IMRF to pass new resolutions re-affirming that the positions meet the IMRF hourly standard (either 600 or 1,000 hours per year). Hours spent at meetings, preparing for meetings, in the office, and actually conferring with constituents are counted as performance of duty and may be included in the IMRF hourly standard. Hours spent on-call or otherwise informally available to constituents **do not** count as performance of duty and should not be included in the IMRF hourly standard.

Regardless of the date of any existing IMRF resolution regarding eligibility of elected officials, a recertifying resolution must be passed by your employer's governing body before September 1, 2017. The governing body may use IMRF Form 6.64, "A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund" (enclosed), or your governing body may draft and adopt its own resolution that is consistent with IMRF Form 6.64. After the resolution is adopted, it must be filed with IMRF. If IMRF does not receive a recertification, the unit of government's elected officials will no longer be eligible to participate in IMRF and will be administratively terminated by IMRF.

This IMRF Board rule was adopted because of issues related to the difficulty of determining how many hours of duty an elected position requires. Previously, IMRF required no recertification of eligibility for elected positions. If the governing body adopted a resolution for an elected position, any person holding the position could participate in IMRF, regardless of the date the resolution was passed. After IMRF began conducting employer audits, it became clear that many of the resolutions for elected positions on file with IMRF were no longer accurate statements of the hours required for the position.

The IMRF Board adopted its new rule requiring recertification of IMRF eligibility for elected positions for several reasons. First, the recertification process will give governing bodies the opportunity to review the IMRF eligibility rules that will ultimately aid their unit of government with compliance and avoid costly mistakes in enrollment. Additionally, recertification will streamline the IMRF audit process because IMRF's auditors will be able to rely on the accuracy of the recertification without requiring additional documentation. Finally, recertification will take into account modernization and legislative enactments as it recognizes that required hours of duty of an elected position can—and do—change over time as technology and legal requirements evolve.



A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

IMRF Form 6.64 (Rev. 03/17) (Income tax information can be found on the reverse side of this resolution)

PLEASE ENTER Employer IMRF I.D. Number

03185

RESOLUTION

Number

17-02

WHEREAS, the

Elgin Township

EMPLOYER NAME

is a participant in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; and

WHEREAS, elected officials may participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund if they are in positions

normally requiring performance of duty for 1,000 hours or more per year; and
600 OR 1,000

WHEREAS, this governing body can determine what the normal annual hourly requirements of its elected officials are, and should make such determination for the guidance and direction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the

Board

BOARD, COUNCIL, ETC.

finds the following elected positions qualify for membership in IMRF.

TITLE OF ELECTED POSITION

DATE POSITION BECAME QUALIFIED

Supervisor

5/15/17

Assessor

5/15/17

Road Commissioner

5/15/17

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, the

NAME

CLERK OR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

of the

EMPLOYER NAME

of the County of

COUNTY

State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am keeper of its books and records and that the foregoing is a true and correct

copy of a resolution duly adopted by its

BOARD, COUNCIL, ETC.

at a meeting duly

convened and held on the

DAY

of

MONTH

20

YEAR

SIGNATURE CLERK OR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

* Any person who knowingly makes any false statement or falsifies or permits to be falsified any record of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in an attempt to defraud IMRF is guilty of a Class 3 felony (40 ILCS 5/1-135).

IMRF

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www.imrf.org

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IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND**

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

All elected officials eligible to participate in IMRF are considered active participants in an employer sponsored retirement plan under the Internal Revenue Code, **even if the official does not elect to participate in IMRF**, and are subject to the IRA deductibility limits imposed by law.

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2017 Spring Session Legislative Report by Baldemar Lopez

The legislature adjourned last week, ending regular session. The Senate did pass three budget bills, which included tax increases and spending authority. The bills were approved mainly on a partisan basis, with Democrats mostly voting in support and Republicans voting in opposition. The fate of these bills is uncertain in the House at this time. Without a budget, the legislature is expected to return over the summer.

On another note, we had one big success (SB422, Sen. Castro, Rep. Moeller), which provides that contracts and purchases that by their nature are not adapted to award by competitive bidding, such as contracts for goods procured from another governmental agency and purchases of equipment previously owned by some entity other than the township itself, are not subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the Township Code. The bill passed both chambers and is on its way to the Governor for his signature.

The following bills did not move this session: HB's 290, 442, 782, 3323, 3326, 2944, and 3006. Most of the bills were Republican initiatives dealing with significant reporting requirements. This session an attempt was pass legislation to create an inspector general to oversee local governments, SB85. The bill was held after passing the Local Government committee in the Senate.

As for property tax freeze bills, several initiatives were introduced but none of these bills had any real traction. HB's 336, 337, 358, and 1768, HBs 359, 382, 824, and 2429. Notably, Governor Rauner proposed an initiative, SB13 (Radogno), under his "Turnaround Agenda" but this bill failed to get the necessary support. Toward the end of session there was an attempt by Representative Will Davis to advance HB1126, which would freeze property taxes for three years. This bill fortunately failed to garner the support needed to pass in the House because all the interest groups were opposed; nonetheless, this is one bill that requires our close attention moving forward.

The other area, which pops up every session is government consolidation—specifically township consolidation. SB3 (Sen. Tom Cullerton, Rep. Yingling) expands the ability of townships to consolidate via township trustee approved referendum, allows adjacent townships to merge, allows townships to take over duties of smaller townships to take over the duties of small township road districts. We expect the Governor to sign this bill in the next 90 days. It is our understanding that Rep. Yingling wants to pass trailer legislation to this bill over the summer. We are trying to set up a conference call with him to give us an understanding of what he is trying to do. In an ideal world, none of these consolidation bills would move, however, this is something we have to live with for the time being. Our objective should be to continue educating and working with both of the legislators listed above. Rep. Yingling also passed a bill that would allow voters through referendum to approve the dissolution of townships that are coterminous with a municipality.

A couple of other miscellaneous bills were introduced. One of which passed, SB789 (Sandoval). SB789 provides that a county board of any county, any township, or any municipality may use motor fuel tax funds allotted to it for the operation costs of any public transportation service, for capital improvements designed to improve or enhance pedestrian, bicycle, or transit mobility, or for infrastructure used to support publicly or privately owned electric vehicles. Further, HB683 passed both chambers providing the maximum length of a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer may not exceed 65 feet (rather than 55 feet) overall dimension on all non-State highways. SB1680 (Sandoval) would've placed limits in certain circumstances for township access to IDOT funds for bridge construction. This bill died in Rules committee.

We hope this gives members an understanding of the type of session we had this spring. Because consolidation continues being part of the discussion, we must engage our biggest opponents consistently and win them over. As always, feel free to email me or Gilbert with any questions.

SB3 - In provisions concerning merger of townships, provides that no tax rate may be extended for any fund of the consolidated district for the first levy year of the consolidated district that exceeds any statutory maximum set forth for that fund, unless the referendum also conforms to the requirements of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law or other statutory provision setting forth that limitation. Requires that resolutions and notices of hearings regarding consolidation or merger be published on the main page of the townships' websites, if any.

Makes changes to provisions of the Illinois Highway Code related to abolishing a road district in Cook County, and specifies that the new provisions related to abolishing road districts do not apply to Cook County.

Provides that a governing commission may employ full-time or part-time employees. Allows a governing commission to establish a Tax Reimbursement Program. Amends the Street Light District Act. Allows the consolidation of a street light district into the township in which the district sits if the entire district is located within the township. Effective on January 1, 2018.

Allows for a mechanism for coterminous Townships to be abolished and consolidated into a municipality. Resolutions would have to be approved by the Township Board and municipality prior to a referendum to the voters. The road district located in the Township would also be abolished.

House Committee Amendment No. 1, which became the bill, passed the House with bipartisan sponsors on May 31, with 75-34-1 roll call.

The Senate concurred with the amendment with 49-3 roll call.

Sent to the governor on June 15.

HB607 - Provides that no township road district may continue in existence if the roads forming a part of the district do not exceed a total of 4 centerline miles (rather than 4 miles) in length. Provides that if a majority of the electors of a township board of trustees votes in favor of a proposition to abolish a road district in Cook County, Illinois, the road district shall be abolished by operation of law effective January 1 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the proposition was approved by the electors or on the date the term of the highway commissioner in office at the time the proposition was approved by the electors expires, whichever is later. Provides that in a county with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, a road district shall be abolished by operation of law effective 90 days after vote certification by the governing election authority or on the date the term of the highway commissioner in office at the time the proposition was approved by the electors expires, whichever is later (rather than only 90 days after vote certification by the governing election authority).

Bipartisan sponsorship in both chambers.

House approved 75-34 on April 27.

Senate approved 43-7 on May 29.

Sent to the governor on June 23.

HB2423 - Provides that the road district may deliver the wood chips, mulch, and other products to the residents of the district on a first come, first serve basis or other method of random selection (rather than only on a first come, first serve basis). Provides that the road district shall provide adequate notice to the resident prior to the product being available.

House approved 110-4 on April 5.

Senate approved 52-0 on May 19.

Sent to the governor on June 16.

HB2427 - Provides that a township may, by ordinance, provide for the collection, transport, disposal, and recycling of brush, wood chips, and leaves (currently, only collection, transport, and disposal of brush and leaves) within the unincorporated areas of the township without referendum approval. House Amendment No. 1 changed the definition of "recycling" to the transfer of brush, wood chips, or leaves by employees of the township to a facility or place that will utilize the product without charge.

House approved 114-0 on April 5.

Senate approved 52-0 on May 19.

Sent to the governor on June 16.

SB422 - Provides that contracts and purchases that by their nature are not adapted to award by competitive bidding, such as contracts for goods procured from another governmental agency and purchases of equipment previously owned by some entity other than the township itself, are not subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the Code.

Senate approved 55-0 on May 2.

House approved 77-33 on May 26.

Sent to the governor on June 23.

SB666 - Amends the Township Code. Provides that a participant in a caucus shall be entitled to only one vote for each office for which he or she is voting. Provides that a participant's vote shall not be weighted to be equal to more than one vote. Effective immediately.

Senate approved 54-0 on April 25.

House approved 61-45-2 on May 24.

Sent to the governor on June 22.

PO Box 1390 Elgin IL 60121-1390 Bus Line: 847-742-4088 Crisis Line: 847-697-2380 Fax: 847-742-4182 TTY: 847-742-4057 www.crisiscenter.org

June 21, 2017

Mr. Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor
Elgin Township
729 S. McLean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Community Crisis Center thank you for the award of \$7,500 received 6/20/2017. This funding provides Children's Program services and healthy snacks to Elgin Township residents. A 6 month and final report will be submitted as requested.

Since 1975 we have provided 24-hour, caring and professional services in response to requests from individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and other life crises. Our services include 24-hour crisis hotline; emergency shelter for 40 women and children; counseling, advocacy; financial assistance; partner abuse intervention and community education.

Our agency appreciates the many years of support Elgin Township has given our agency. Thank you for your support and for the trust you have placed in us to be good stewards of your funding and our ability to provide quality services to those in need in the community we share.

Sincerely,


Gretchen S. Vapnar
Executive Director

P.S. Current laws require us to state that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift, making it tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You, the donor, determine the value of the donated item(s). Please retain this letter as your official receipt for tax purposes.

COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER, INC MISSION:

We provide **Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education** for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.

Thank you!

Your support makes a difference for hungry neighbors.

June 22, 2017

Franklin Ramirez
Town of Elgin
729 S McLean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123-6704

Dear Franklin,

Thank you for supporting Northern Illinois Food Bank with your donation of \$3,400.00 (check #52652) on 6/15/2017 for our Mobile Pantry Program at Elgin Family Mobiles during the summer months. The first Mobile took place last Friday with 145 families participating.

Our two Mobile Pantry trucks provide access to food for our hungry neighbors who are not able to get to a local food pantry when they are open. They also help us reach communities where there are limited food pantries and where we need to provide more food to help meet the meal gap.

"I don't know if people realize how huge their donation is for someone like me. I come back from the Mobile Pantry with a big, big box of groceries because someone found it in their heart to donate."

We encourage you to look at our website, read our blog and get connected through Facebook to stay informed about how your support is making a difference for our hungry neighbors or to find out about events throughout our area and volunteer opportunities at our three centers: www.SolveHungerToday.org

Sincerely,

Julie Thank You!
Julie Yurko
President and CEO

Northern Illinois Food Bank acquires food and distributes it through our network of 800 nonprofit food assistance sites in 13 counties. Northern Illinois Food Bank is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, EIN# 36-3203648. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

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Streamwood, IL 60107
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June 20, 2017

Annette Miller
Supervisor
Town of Elgin
729 S. McLean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Ms. Miller and Elgin Township Trustees:

Through the support of the Elgin Township, 40 at-risk teens in our community will have an opportunity to attend Renz Center's Leadership Empowerment And Development (LEAD) program. The Township's \$10,000 award ensures that these teens get the necessary skills to lead alcohol- and drug-free lives while also learning leadership skills and ways they can give back to their community. Your support also means several of these teens will be able to attend the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute and spend a week creating a substance abuse prevention action plan to implement at their school and/or in our community in the fall.

Thank you for your continued support, and for helping us make our community a healthier, safer place to live and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Howe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Deb Howe
Marketing & Fund Development Director

Renz Addiction Counseling Center is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization (tax ID 36-2447195) as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. No goods or services were exchanged in return for this contribution. Gifts are tax-deductible.

*Restoring Hope &
Recovering Lives . . .*

*For A Healthier, Safer
Community*





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ELGIN

6/15/2017

Elgin Township
729 S. McLean Blvd.
Suite 200
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Friends,

THANK YOU for your investment in a child's future! What you did – your generous gift – means that thousands of at risk youth in Elgin now have a chance to succeed! GREAT Futures for Elgin's youth only happen with the help of GREAT people...thank you for being one of them!

Please keep this acknowledgement letter for your tax purposes.

Gift Designation: 4105 Local: Township / City
Total Amount Received: \$9000
Less Gifts/Services Provided for Amount: (\$0)
Total Amount of Tax Deductible Gift: \$9000

*Thank you for your
continued investment in
our Club!!*

Kindest Regards,

Cathy Malkani | CEO
cmalkani@bgcelgin.org

**P.S. CHECK OUT OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS OR VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT WWW.BGCELGIN.ORG!**

We take pride in being an exempt organization as outlined in the section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
Our tax-exempt number is 36-3832212.

YOU'RE CHANGING LIVES



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ELGIN

Questions? Contact Elaine at Ekomorski@BGCElgin.org
355 Dundee Ave | Elgin, IL 60120 | 847.608.5017
www.BGCElgin.org



NISRA

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association

285 Memorial Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Phone & TTY: (815)459-0737 Fax: (815)459-0388

June 19, 2017

Ms. Annette Miller, Supervisor
Elgin Township
729 S. McLean Blvd.
Elgin, IL 60123-4981

Dear Ms. Miller:

This note is a quick acknowledgement of receipt of the Elgin Township check for \$7200 in support of Elgin Township residents with disabilities who will be participating in the 2017 NISRA Summer Day Camp program. As mentioned in our letter of thanks, the Township Board of Trustees continuing support for this wonderful service is very much appreciated. With the ongoing State of Illinois budget crisis, it is comforting to know that local support is still available to help meet the needs of those individuals who are most vulnerable in our communities.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 815-459-0737 if you ever have questions or concerns that may help us better serve your community.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Jim Wiseman
Executive Director

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EA / GA MONTHLY REPORT 2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Accumulative Year-to-Date
Total applicants for EA/GA	37	34	23	36	40	58							
Total walkins assisted by staff	113	136	129	117	150	165							
Total phone calls	1102	677	1756	803	1315	2034							
Average persons assisted daily	61	43	82	48	67	100							
EA client approved	18	9	8	5	4	10							
EA clients denied	4	7	6	7	16	18							
GA clients approved	4	10	9	2	5	6							
GA clients denied	2	0	2	1	1	4							
GA Terminated	5	2	4	1	3	4							
GA Active	25	32	39	29	27	33							
EA monies spent	\$6,523	\$3,984	\$2,264	\$1,929	\$1,337	\$3,948							
GA monies spent	\$5,909	\$13,594	\$12,310	\$9,610	\$9,440	\$9,380							
GA Medical	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Pending SSI/SSD	13	15	17	17	18	22							

2017 Assessor Report

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