



BOARD REPORT

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: SCOTT KOEPEL, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (IML)

AGENDA: December 16, 2025

DATE: December 10, 2025

ISSUE

Shall the Village renew their membership in the Illinois Municipal League (IML)

DISCUSSION

Village President Stillwell would like to discuss the Village's IML membership with the Village Board. Staff members take advantage of the information provided by IML and have attended training courses in the past. Staff would need to spend time and resources to replace the information IML provides.

Overview of the Illinois Municipal League

The Illinois Municipal League is a statewide non-profit organization representing nearly all municipalities in Illinois. It serves as the primary advocacy, research, and information resource for cities and villages on matters of local governance, state legislation, municipal law, and best practices.

Key Benefits to the Village

1. Legislative Advocacy and Protection of Local Authority

IML represents municipalities before the Illinois General Assembly and state agencies on issues that directly affect municipal operations and finances, including:

- State-shared revenues and funding programs
 - Opposition to unfunded mandates
 - Public safety, labor, and pension legislation
 - Zoning, land use, and planning authority
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2. Legal Guidance and Compliance Support

IML provides ongoing legal analysis and guidance on changes in Illinois law impacting municipalities, including:

- Open Meetings Act and FOIA updates
 - Employment and labor law changes
 - Election law requirements
 - Land use, annexation, and zoning law developments
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3. Education and Training for Elected Officials and Staff

IML delivers targeted training opportunities, including:

- Orientation and continuing education for elected officials
 - Professional development for administrators, clerks, finance staff, and department heads
 - Webinars and conferences addressing current municipal challenges
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4. Information Sharing and Best Practices

IML provides members with:

- Legislative alerts and policy briefings
- Model ordinances and policy templates
- Access to peer municipalities for benchmarking and collaboration

COST

There is no cost for the discussion. The annual renewal for IML is in budget at an amount of \$1,000.

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continued membership in IML.