



MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: David P. Gorman, PE, Acting Director of Public Works *DPG*

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision to the Overhead Sewer Grant Program

DATE: April 3, 2008

Staff proposes to delete one sentence from the Board of Trustees' memo for the Overhead Sewer Grant Program. The last sentence in the following paragraph from the policy memo results in a problem when calculating reimbursements for total costs between \$8,333 and \$10,000.

“The applicant will pay the first 10% of the total cost of the overhead sewer system; gate valve, flap valve or other suitable system, not to exceed \$1,000. The Village will pay the remaining costs up to a maximum of \$7,500, in the form of a two-party check. *Costs over \$8,500 will be the responsibility of the applicant.*”

Examples:

Total Cost \$8,333

- Resident \$833 (10% of total amount)

- Village \$7,500

Balance = \$0 (OK)

Total Cost \$8,500

- Resident \$850 (10% of total amount)

- Village \$7,500

Balance = \$150 (no responsible party)

Total Cost \$9,000

- Resident \$900 (10% of total amount)

- Village \$7,500

Balance = \$600 (no responsible party)

Total Cost \$10,000

- Resident \$1,000 (10% of total amount)

- Village \$7,500

- Resident \$1,500 (total - \$8,500)

Balance = \$0 (OK)

Staff recommends that the Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees delete the sentence from Policy Memo 98-1 that states “Costs over \$8,500 will be the responsibility of the applicant.”

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cc: William T. Lichter, Village Manager

Keith Surges, Acting Asst Director

Angela Podesta, Utilities Superintendent

Tom Czajka, Underground Utilities Supervisor

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
VILLAGE BOARD POLICY MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Overhead Sewer Grant Program**

Number: 98-1
Date: March 5, 1998
Revised October 1, 1998
Revised November 5, 1998
Revised July 17, 2003
Revised April 19, 2007

I. Purpose

Some homes are subject to basement backups because of the “low” sanitary service lines in relation to the Village’s mainline sewer. During storms when excessive inflow and infiltration enters the sewer, the mainline sewer may surcharge due to a higher hydraulic grade line causing backups into homes. Overhead sewers (with pumped discharges) reduce this problem. However, retrofitting plumbing systems is expensive which discourages many homeowners from taking corrective action. This grant program is designed to encourage more homeowners to take action resulting in less problems and increased property values. Overhead sewer, gate valve and flap valve installation may be a low-cost alternative to a very expensive storm water separation project.

II. Procedures/Guidelines

A. Interested homeowners who can show evidence of sewer backups submit a grant application to the Public Works Department for evaluation and approval.

B. Approved applicants obtain Village of Lombard plumbing permit; and electrical permit (if applicable) and pay applicable fees.

C. Applicant installs overhead sewer system; gate valves, flap valves or other suitable systems using their own contractor.

D. Upon completion of the work and receipt of a final inspection by the Village, the applicant will pay the first 10% of the total cost of the overhead sewer system; gate valve, flap valve or other suitable system, not to exceed \$1,000. The Village will pay the remaining costs up to a maximum of \$7,500, in the form of a two-party check. ~~Costs over \$8,500 will be the responsibility of the applicant.~~

E. The funds available for this program shall be identified in the annual Capital Improvement Program. This policy shall be effective on April 19, 2007 subject to availability of funds.

F. Only one grant award will be made per fiscal year per address.

III. Legislation/Documentation

- A. Minutes of Public Works Committee meeting of January 13, 1998.
- B. Minutes of Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting February 12, 1998
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees meeting of March 5, 1998.
- D. Minutes of Public Works Committee of September 8, 1998
- E. Minutes of Board of Trustees meeting of October 1, 1998
- F. Minutes of the Public Works Committee of October 13, 1998
- G. Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of November 5, 1998
- H. Minutes of Public Works Committee of July 8, 2003.
- I. Minutes of Board of Trustees meeting July 17, 2003.
- J. Minutes of Public Works Committee meeting of April 10, 2007
- K. Minutes of Board of Trustees meeting April 19, 2007