

Staff Responses to Budget Questions October 10, 2015 Budget Workshop

What is the impact of not transferring the \$300,000 from the Capital Fund to the Stormwater Fund?

If the Village does not transfer the \$300,000 from the Capital Fund to the Stormwater Fund, the Village would reduce the annual stormwater budget. The \$300,000 allows the Village to temporarily forgo a stormwater fee rate increase while still staying on track for the planned improvements and maintenance.

Reducing revenues in the Stormwater Fund by \$300,000 would result in a reduction of the amount of maintenance activities performed and/or a reduction in the number of capital projects completed.

If revenues are reduced on an on-going basis, the bond issuances planned for 2018 and 2021 would be delayed. This would delay the completion of projects identified after the April 2013 flood to after 2024.

Further, the \$300,000 could be used to address other identified needs.

Which expenses in the Stormwater Fund are related to compliance (state, federal, county)?

It is difficult to quantify the cost of complying with federal, state and county stormwater management regulations. Both capital projects and maintenance activities serve to comply with these regulations such as the Clean Water Act. Capital projects include best management practices that are required pursuant to the County stormwater regulations. The following maintenance activities are required to comply with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permit to operate a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4):

- Catch basin repair and cleaning
- Storm sewer cleaning, televising and mapping
- Ditching program
- Street sweeping
- Personnel training and licensure
- Public outreach and education
- Participation in the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
- Permit review and construction inspection for compliance with stormwater ordinance requirements
- Inspection of private detention facilities and BMP's

- Maintenance of public naturalized areas and BMP's
- Storm Sewer Replacement; SW-070
- Streambank Stabilization and creek naturalization projects; DR-022, DR-024, DR-035, DR-039 and DR-040
- Investigation of our existing system to prevent failures/sediment buildup and locate illicit discharges; DR-037, DR-041
- Water quality improvement projects; MB-062, SW-053, SW-067, SW-069, and SW-073

What accounts for the fluctuations in the account group Controlled Assets in the Water Fund?

The fluctuation is due to the re-budgeting of capital projects originally planned to be completed in 2015 and now planned to be completed in 2016. The following three water projects were budgeted in 2015, but delayed due to the greater than expected demand on department resources from the MTU replacement project. These CIP projects were re-budgeted in 2016:

- WP006 Maple Ave Tower Storage Building \$50,000
- WP008 Water System Security \$250,000
- WP011 Existing Well Rehab \$100,000 (re-budgeted in 2016 for \$50,000)

What if we budget for sidewalks in the 2016 budget under the new program where requests are initiated by residents?

If the Village budgets an amount for resident-initiated projects in FY16, the funds would likely not be spent in 2016 because newly identified projects take several months to plan and construct. The following would be required before the majority of the budgeted dollars are spent:

- Staff review of the petition for a new sidewalk
- Review of the petition by Transportation and Parking Commission
- Preparation of a topographic survey
- Neighborhood meeting #1 (receive resident input to determine upon which side of the street the sidewalk should be constructed)
- Preparation of the engineering plans for new sidewalk construction
- Neighborhood meeting #2 (receive resident input on the engineering plans)
- Preparation of the Call for Bids
- Award of Contract

This process would not be complete during the construction season of 2016 and the segments would likely need to be budgeted in the FY17 budget.