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JOINT ACTION WATER AGENCY MEETING

This morning the five communities involved in the Water Agency Exploration Group met at Romeoville Village Hall. Present were the five mayors: Mayor John Noak of Romeoville; Mayor Jim Daley of Homer Glen; Mayor William Murphy of Woodridge; Mayor Brian Reaves of Lemont; and Mayor Roger Claar of Bolingbrook. Also present were staff members from each community.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the legislative process this past spring resulting in the Governor signing SB83 into law on August 26, 2011 (P.A. 097-0586). The passage of which gives the Water Agency Group various options to explore in an effort to provide reasonable/stable water rates to our residents.

It was agreed that an attempt will be made to meet with Illinois American/American Lake Water to discuss the concerns of the residents from all five communities. The meeting date has not been selected, but, it is expected to be held in the next several weeks.

It was agreed that the Feasibility Study to proceed with the Water Agency needs to be updated given the economic changes that have taken place across the country and specifically in this area and updated feasibility study is crucial to having accurate data in order to proceed. It was further agreed that a proposed intergovernmental agreement between the communities be reviewed and it will be discussed at our next meeting. A draft ordinance and draft by-laws for the Water Agency were distributed for review.

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