
**THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 25-006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
SIX-MONTH CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT WITH RRB
STRATEGIES, LLC, WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
OF OBTAINING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE
AND TO SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS**

**CHRISTINA NEITZKE-TROIKE, Village President
CANDICE BIELSKI, Village Clerk**

**Village Trustees
MICHAEL LEPORE
CURT MASON
NICK MULLER
ROSE REYNDERS
ROBERT SCHALLER**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “*Home Rule Powers*”); and,

WHEREAS, Village residents have reported multiple water service concerns, and the Village is presently engaged in multiple efforts to assist residents with their concerns, which includes exploring the possibility of constructing or acquiring infrastructure

WHEREAS the Village Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents, to enter into a Consultancy Agreement for a period of six months, with the goals and objectives of constructing or acquiring infrastructure; and to support state legislative efforts, which will promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village and the public at large; and,

WHEREAS, the Village President and Village Board of Trustees, believe it is the best interest of the Village and its residents to execute the consultancy agreement set forth in Exhibit A, subject to the review of the Village Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals, including Exhibit A, are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. That the Board authorizes the Village President or Village Manager to execute the Agreement, subject to review of the Village Attorney.

Section 3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Section 4. All policies, ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this resolution and Agreement are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2025 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Lepore	X			
Mason	X			
Muller	X			
Reynders	X			
Schaller	X			
Neitzke-Troiike (Village President)				
TOTAL	5			

APPROVED by the Village President on July 9, 2025



Christina Neitzke-Troiike
Village President

ATTEST:


Candice Bielski
Village Clerk

Exhibit A
(DRAFT AGREEMENT)

CONSULTING AGREEMENT

THIS CONSULTING AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on this 10th day of July 2025, by and between the Village of Homer Glen, an Illinois Municipal Corporation (the “Village”) and RRB Strategies, LLC, (the “Consultant”).

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to obtain the benefits of Consultant’s experience and expertise in state and federal governmental appropriations and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to engage Consultant to provide consulting services with the overall objectives and goals to acquire federal funding through grants and/or appropriations to construct and/or acquire municipal water infrastructure for the residents of the Village of Homer Glen; and support the ultimate passage and enactment of Senate Bill 1513, and potential amendments thereto, presently sponsored by Senators Rachel Ventura, Susan Rezin, Adriane Johnson, and Graciela Guzman, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Consultant wishes to accept such engagement upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made by each party in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Village and Consultant agree as follows:

1. Consulting Services/Scope/Deliverables.

- a. The Village hereby engages Consultant as a consultant to the Village, and Consultant hereby agrees to accept such engagement, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- b. During the Term (as hereinafter defined) of this Agreement, Consultant shall provide financial and government legislative consulting services, which at a minimum shall include the following:
 - (1) Draft an updated strategic plan on lobbying for passage of state and/or federal legislation, and the application for any grants/appropriations to assist the Village in the acquisition and financing of a municipal water system;
 - (2) Identify any and all co-consultants and sub-consultants with whom Consultant would be working on this project; and
 - (3) Work with Village staff to obtain all necessary information for completing the above objectives and goals.
- c. Deliverables: Within 45-days from the execution of this Agreement, Consultant shall provide the Village an updated Strategic Plan (“Plan”) which shall at a minimum, include the following:

(1) Identification of the State and Federal elected officials with whom communication is necessary to achieve the Village's stated goals; and

(2) An Operational analysis and plan that provides a chronology of those State and Federal contacts, along with a proposed overall timeline for completion of the goals and objectives set forth herein; and

(3) Terms and Conditions of any grants or appropriations, and any documents or other information necessary for grant/appropriation approvals.

2. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall be for 6 months, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with Paragraph 6 herein, beginning in July of 2025, after which time the Consultant will continue to develop a strategic plan, and provide consulting services to: (i) acquire federal funding to construct and/or acquire municipal water infrastructure for residents within the Village; and (ii) support the ultimate passage and enactment of Senate Bill 1513, with potential amendments thereto. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement will terminate on December 31, 2025, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with Paragraph 6 herein.
3. **Compensation.** In consideration for all services to be performed by the Consultant, or any co-consultant, sub-consultant, expert, or assistant(s), that the Consultant may require, that relate to this Agreement, the Village agrees to solely pay Consultant Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per month, (hereinafter referred to as "Monthly Consultancy Payment"), for the duration of this Agreement, unless terminated by either Party prior to the expiration of this Agreement pursuant to Section 6 herein. Said Monthly Consultancy Payments shall be paid to Consultant on or before the 7th day of each month, unless otherwise terminated in the manner set forth in Paragraph 6 herein.
4. **Payment of Taxes.** Consultant shall be responsible for the payment of all taxes arising from Consultant's engagement under this Agreement, including federal and state income taxes and any applicable Social Security (FICA) and/or self-employment taxes. The Village will not pay any unemployment compensation or workers' compensation taxes or premiums on behalf of Consultant, or any other taxes of any nature whatsoever.
5. **Expenses.** The Consultant is solely responsible to pay all costs and expenses that the Consultant incurs in the performance of its duties under this Agreement, and any and all fees and remuneration to any co-consultant, sub-consultant, expert, or assistant(s) that the Consultant requires. The Village acknowledges that the Consultant has retained the services of Christopher Neiweem, of Neiweem Group, LLC, to assist Consultant in achieving the desired results and objectives set forth herein. However, as set forth above, Consultant is and shall remain solely responsible for paying any and all services provided by Mr. Neiweem and the Neiweem Group, LLC, that relate to this Agreement. It is further understood and acknowledged that Rod Blagojevich, of RRB Strategies, LLC, shall be the Village's contact for the Consultant.

6. **Termination of Agreement.**

(1) **Termination for Cause.** In addition to all other remedies available to the Village at law or in equity, the Village may elect to terminate this Agreement if Consultant; (A) commits any dishonest, fraudulent or grossly negligent act in its capacity as a consultant to the Village, (B) in bad faith acts in a manner materially inconsistent with the best interests of the Village; or (C) otherwise breaches this Agreement, and Consultant does not cure such breach to the sole satisfaction of the Village within ten (10) days of receipt of such written notice.

(2) **Termination without Cause.** Either Party may elect to terminate this Agreement without cause (for convenience), prior to its expiration on December 31, 2025, provided the Party electing to terminate without cause provides 10 days' written notice to the other Party. If the last day of said 10-day notification period falls on the last day of the month, no further Monthly Consultancy Payments shall be owed to, or otherwise due and payable to the Consultant. If the Village elects to terminate without cause, and the last day of the notification period extends into the very next month following the date of said notice, then the Parties agree that in consideration for the Village's election to terminate without cause, under the above circumstances, the Village shall not be responsible to pay Consultant the Monthly Consultancy Payment set forth in Paragraph 3; and the Parties to this Agreement agree and acknowledge that the Village shall pay the Consultant a Final Prorated Monthly Consultant Fee Payment, prorated as of the last day of the 10-day notification period, which shall not exceed Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and zero cents (\$3,334.00) under any circumstances, and upon payment of the same, the Village shall have no obligation to pay any further Monthly Consultancy Payments as set forth in Paragraph 3. Consultant agrees that the Final Prorated Monthly Consultancy Payment is an acceptable amount of consideration to terminate this Agreement without cause, and fairly compensates the Consultant for any and all potential losses, claims and/or damages, in the event the Village elects to terminate this Agreement without cause, prior to expiration, and agrees to waive the same.

7. **Incapacity.** If Consultant is unable to perform its duties and responsibilities hereunder on a full-time basis for more than ten (10) days during the period of the Consulting Agreement, the Village shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.

8. **Independent Contractor.** It is understood that while this Agreement is in effect, Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of the Village, and that this Agreement is not an employment agreement. Consultant shall not be deemed an employee, agent, partner or joint venture of the Village, and the Village shall not exercise any control or supervision with respect to Consultant's services, except to the extent that the Village may provide specifications, descriptions, time schedules and goals for projects and exercise the right to evaluate Consultant's work product provided under this Agreement.

9. **Non-Disclosure.** Consultant acknowledges that in the course of the Term of this Agreement, Consultant will have access to confidential information of the Village. Accordingly, Consultant agrees that it will not at any time, without the express prior written consent of the Village:

(1) disclose, directly or indirectly, any confidential information to anyone outside the employ of the Village, except as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate in connection with the performance of its duties under this Agreement (and in which case the necessity or appropriateness shall be identified in advance to the Village Attorney for ratification thereof); or

(2) use, directly or indirectly, any confidential information for the benefit of anyone other than the Village.

10. **Reciprocal Indemnification.** The Village shall indemnify Consultant from any and all liability, expenses, and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) resulting, directly or indirectly, from any non-compliance or breach of the terms of this Agreement by the Village. Likewise, Consultant shall indemnify the Village from any and all liability, expenses, and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) resulting, directly or indirectly, from any non-compliance or breach of the terms of this Agreement by Consultant.

11. **Notices.** All Notices shall be given to the parties at the addresses set forth below, unless otherwise directed in writing. All payments by the Village shall be made to Consultant at Consultant's address set forth below unless otherwise directed in writing.

All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date personally delivered or on the date deposited in the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

To Village: Village Manager
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491
E-mail: jbabber@homerglenil.org

With Copy To: Michael Pasquinelli, Village Attorney
Peterson, Johnson & Murray, LLC
1301 W. 151st Street, Suite 500
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523
E-mail: mpasquinelli@pjmlaw.com

To Consultant: RRB Strategies, LLC
Att: Rod Blagojevich
2934 W. Sunnyside Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60625
E-mail: [REDACTED]

12. **Assignability.** Neither party shall assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any other person or entity without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

13. **Miscellaneous.**

- a. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of Consultant and the Village with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements between the parties in their entirety, and may not be modified or amended in any way except in writing by both parties to this Agreement. All covenants, promises and agreements set forth in the Agreement shall be binding, and apply to and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- b. The terms of this Agreement shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to that state's principles regarding choice of law.
- c. If any part or parts of this Agreement are invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining parts shall nevertheless be valid and enforceable. None of the provisions herein, shall be construed against any one Party as the drafter or primary drafter of this Agreement.
- d. Any party's failure to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provision or of the right of that party to enforce that provision at any time thereafter. No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing.
- e. Any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement shall be instituted in the Circuit Court of Will County, Illinois. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of, and agree that venue is proper in, said court in any such legal action or proceeding.
- f. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Electronically executed copies are deemed to be the equivalent of physically signed originals. However, no signature shall be binding upon any one Party, unless all of the signatures to this Settlement and Agreement are duly executed by all Parties.
- g. The headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience and for referencing purposes only, and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, execute this Consulting Agreement as of the date set forth herein.

CONSULTANT:

RRB Strategies, LLC

By: 
Rod Blagojevich (Jul 10, 2025 19:10 CDT)

Name: Rod Blagojevich

Title: President

VILLAGE:

Village President of Homer Glen

By: 

Name: CHRISTINA HENTZE-ROCHE

Title: Mayor