

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JUNE 10, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Fire Station 2 – Report	Resolution Ordinance Motion ✓ Discussion Only	David Fieldman Acting Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

An overview of the Fire Station 2 project has been prepared for the Village Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Top Quality Village Infrastructure and Facilities*. Supporting objectives of this goal are *Replace Village Facilities to Increase Operating Efficiency, Prompt Productivity and Support Effective Customer-Friendly Services* and *Improve Fire and Emergency Medical Services Delivery*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

BACKGROUND

The new Fire Station 2 became operational on Monday, June 2, 2008. An overview of project budget, schedule and operations is presented to the Village Council as the Fire Station 2 project approaches its conclusion.

Budget and Schedule

The Fire Station 2 project budget spans three fiscal years (FY06, 07 and 08). The total project budget is \$10.5 million. Currently, the project is tracking \$1.4 million under budget. This cost estimate includes the two change orders that the Village Council will be asked to approve.

	Project Budget	Cost Estimate <i>April 2007</i>	Estimate Cost <i>May 2008</i>
Professional Services	\$1,700,000	\$1,153,586	\$1,153,600
Building Site	\$8,800,000	\$8,393,981	\$7,946,400
Total	\$10,500,000	\$9,547,567	\$9,100,000

The following schedule was established for the Fire Station 2 project. The construction has adhered to the original schedule. Staff believes the project will be closed out by the target date of July 2008.

Action	Target Date	Actual Date
Complete Plans	March 2007	March 2007
Award Contracts	April 2007	April 2007
Begin Construction	May 2007	May 2007
Complete Construction	May 2008	June 2008
Project Closeout	July 2008	July 2008

Operations

On June 20, 2006, staff reviewed with the Village Council in a public meeting a Fire and Emergency Medical Services strategy to verify the Village's plan to proceed with replacement of Fire Station 2 was necessary and that it should occur at the proposed location in order to meet the Village's current and future needs. As a part of the staff recommendation presented at that time the following was noted.

A new Fire Station 2 should be constructed to replace the existing Station 2 on the land owned by the Village located at the northwest corner of 55th Street and Main Street. Specifically, constructing a new Station 2 would:

- Improve the response time and coverage for the ladder truck. By designing a new Station 2 that can accommodate the ladder truck, the Village could relocate the existing ladder truck to a new Station 2 and improve service to achieve the desired response time for a greater portion of the Village.
 - Since the station opened, operations have improved to the level necessary to achieve the desired response time, including the response of the ladder truck. The Fire Chief will continue to monitor service delivery and improvements in operations.
- Centralize the management and administrative staff. By designing a new Station 2 to accommodate all management and administrative staff, the Village could relocate these employees and improve administrative/management services. This design should include training areas at Station 2. These functions are currently provided at Village Hall and Station 3 in space that has functional limitations.
 - The following Fire Department staff are now located in the new station: fire chief, deputy chiefs, battalion chiefs, public education officer and fire prevention staff, as well as on-duty firefighters assigned to Station 2. Training areas have been included in the fire station and are open to Village personnel and the public.
- Replace the obsolete existing Station 2. The new Fire Station 2 would meet the needs of current fire and emergency medical services operations. It would create an improved working environment and provide adequate space for the firefighters assigned to this station. It would allow the Village to house key apparatus in the center area of the Village.
 - The new fire station meets the needs of fire and emergency medical service operations. Locating key apparatus and staff in the center of the Village has already improved public safety operations.