

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

Report for the Village Council Meeting

12/2/2025

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Extension of Protected Self-Insurance for Property, Casualty and Excess Liability Coverage through 12/31/26	Enza Petrarca Village Attorney

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested for the renewal of the re-insurance for property, casualty, cyber, law enforcement, excess workers compensation, excess liability, and attorney's professional liability coverage for the Village for 2026 for \$1.2M.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2025-2027 include *Steward of Fiscal, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY25 Budget has sufficient funds in the Risk Management Fund for this program. The total annual premium is \$1,191,447.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the December 2, 2025, consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Village of Downers Grove is self-insured for General Liability, Auto Liability, and Workers Compensation with Self-Insured Retention (SIR) levels of \$1,000,000 for Liability and for Workers Compensation. The Village also purchases Excess Liability, Property, Pollution, Law Enforcement, Public Officials, Crime, Lawyer's Professional, and Cyber Liability policies.

Each year the Village, through its insurance broker, conducts a comprehensive and competitive process to select insurance providers and establish annual premiums. The number of carriers providing coverage for public entities is diminishing each year due to adverse losses within the industry. Because of increasing litigation, societal inflation factors, and adverse law enforcement claims throughout the United States, many insurers are capping their limits of liability. Safety National is offering a package containing liability and workers compensation coverage. Additionally, Safety National is offering \$25,000 in loss control funds to the Village for safety programming.

The Village is experiencing an 6% overall increase in premium for the 2025-26 policy term. The premium increase is attributed to loss activity and exposure changes. 6% is an exceptional increase, considering the markets are rendering increases from 10% - 50% over expiring costs, in some instances.

The Village's underground storage tanks are at a \$100,000 deductible due to their age.

Alliant does not charge a risk management fee; all services are provided in – house at no cost.

The following table summarizes the coverage and associated premiums for the expiring and renewal programs. All policies are effective December 31, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

	Expiring 2024-2025 \$1,000,000	Renewal 2025-2026 \$1,000,000	% Change
Package Liability & All Lines (TRIA Included)	Safety National	Safety National	
General Liability	\$257,409	\$285,158	11%
Automobile Physical Damage & Liability	\$39,511	\$41,040	4%
Law Enforcement Liability	Included In GL	Included In GL	
Public Officials Liability	Included In GL	Included In GL	
Employment Practices Liability	Included In GL	Included In GL	
Employment Practices Liability - Excess Layer	N/A	N/A	
	N/A	N/A	
Excess Liability	Hudson	Hudson	
Euclid \$5M XS\$5M	\$144,452	\$157,481	9%
Excess Liability	WH/Third Coast	WH/Third Coast	
\$5M XS \$10M	\$93,866	\$95,978	2%
Excess Liability	WH/Old Republic	WH/Old Republic	
\$5M XS \$15M	\$56,902	\$59,014	4%
Excess Liability	Gemini	Gemini	
\$10M XS \$20M			
	\$109,804	\$118,693	8%
Excess Liability	Markel	Aurenity	
\$5M XS \$30M			
	\$59,225	\$59,086	-0.23%
Excess Workers Compensation	Safety	Safety	
\$1M SIR	\$163,154	\$171,741	5%
Property	Chubb	Chubb	
	\$123,310	\$128,199	4%
Employed Lawyers	Zurich	Zurich	
	\$4,646	\$4,646	0%
Cyber Liability & Crime Combined	Travelers	Travelers	
	\$55,055	\$54,048	-2%
Pollution Liability	Chubb	Chubb	
	\$15,934	\$16,363	3%
ESTIMATED PROGRAM TOTAL	\$1,123,267	\$1,191,447	6.1%

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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney
(Name)

DATE: December 2, 2025

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

- ☐ Ordinance
- ☐ Resolution
- ☒ Motion
- ☐ Other

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

Motion for the renewal of the re-insurance for general, automobile, law enforcement, public officials, employment practices, excess liability, excess workers compensation, property, employed lawyers, cyber & crime and pollution coverage for the Village for 2026.



SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of this motion will authorize the renewal of the re-insurance for general, automobile, law enforcement, public officials, employment practices, excess liability, excess workers compensation, property, employed lawyers, cyber & crime and pollution coverage for the Village for 2026.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:
