

CHAPTER 9¹
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9.01 COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND OTHER CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Any public work or other public improvement shall be competitively bid, to the extent required by statute, and any other contract shall abide by the procedures as set forth in the Village Code, including internal purchasing policy requirements not in conflict with the Code, as established and updated by the Village Administrator, from time to time.

9.02 FORMAL CONTRACT PROCEDURE

A. PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS: All public work or other public improvement that is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), shall be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting bids, unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees.

B. MATERIAL, SUPPLY, AND SERVICE CONTRACTS: The Village shall employ methods of internal price comparisons for bulk commodity, supply, and service contracts (excluding contracts for professional services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill, as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-10-4), such as but not limited to salt, computer equipment, and software, up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) as additionally described in Section 17.07 of this Code, and for any contract for materials, supplies, or services in which the estimated cost shall exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), such shall be competitively bid, following the

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procedures set forth in the Code, unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees.

C. **THIRD PARTY FUNDING:** For any contracts partially or wholly funded by a third party (e.g., state or federal agency grants, funds available to pay a claim through a liability insurer/risk management provider), for which the Village will not incur a direct expense beyond the contracting and spending authority granted to the Village Administrator in this Code, the Village Administrator shall have authority to approve such contracts without further authorization of the Village Board, even though the total contracted price is estimated to exceed the applicable limit inclusive of third party funding.

D. **BUDGET LIMIT:** All purchases and contracts must not exceed the budget authority at the legal level of budgetary control, in accordance with Section 3.13 D, without subsequent approval by the Village Board of Trustees.

9.03 ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

Unless waived by the Board of Trustees, a notice inviting bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation within the Village. The Village shall also advertise for a minimum of ten days, all pending work or purchases by posting a notice on the public bulletin board in the Village Hall.

9.04 SCOPE OF NOTICE

The newspaper notice required herein shall include a general description of the work to be performed or the articles to be purchased, shall state where specifications may be secured and shall specify the time and place for opening bids.

9.05 BID DEPOSITS

When deemed necessary by the Village Administrator, bid deposits shall be prescribed in the public notices inviting bids. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their bid deposits upon the award of the contract by the Board of Trustees. A successful bidder shall forfeit any bid deposit upon his/her failure to enter into a contract within 10 days after the bid is awarded.

Such bid deposit shall be in the amount as specified in the advertisement for bids to ensure finalization of the contract and to indemnify the Village against all loss, damages and claims that may accrue against the Village as a consequence of the awarding of the contract.

9.06 BID OPENING PROCEDURE

A. SEALED BID: Bids shall be submitted sealed to the Village within the established time frame and shall be identified as bids on the envelope.

B. OPENING: Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the public notice.

C. TABULATION: A tabulation of all bids received shall be developed and furnished to the Board of Trustees.

9.07 REJECTION OF BIDS

The Village, through the President and Board of Trustees, shall have the authority to reject all bids or parts of all bids or waive technicalities when the public interest will be served thereby.

9.08 BIDDERS IN DEFAULT TO THE VILLAGE

The Village shall not accept the bid of a contractor who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other money due the Village.

9.09 AWARD OF CONTRACT

A. AUTHORITY OF VILLAGE: The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to award contracts within the purview of this Chapter 9.

B. LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER: Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of the bid that is in the best interests of the Village to accept. In awarding the contract, in addition to price, the Board of Trustees shall consider:

1. The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract and to provide the service required;
2. Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;
3. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder;
4. The quality of the performance of previous contracts or services;

5. The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or service;
6. The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service;
7. The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services as the particular use requires;
8. The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract; and
9. The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

C. PERFORMANCE BONDS: A performance bond of 10% of the total cost of the project or service or other amounts as approved by the Village Administrator shall be required for all public improvement projects before entering into a contract to conform to the statutory requirements for such bonds.

9.10 OPEN MARKET PROCEDURE

All work and purchases of supplies, materials and services not covered in this section shall be made in accordance with Chapter 17 of this Code.

9.11 OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

Employee contracts with employees and/or collective bargaining agreements shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter 9.

9.12 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In case of an emergency that requires immediate work or purchase or supplies, materials or services, the Village Administrator shall be empowered to secure by open market procedures as herein set forth, at the lowest obtainable price, any work, supplies, materials or services regardless of the amount of the expenditure. A finding of such an emergency shall be prepared by the Village Administrator and presented to the Village President and Board of Trustees at the time of such emergency but no later than the first regular Village Board meeting thereafter.

9.13 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Village shall have the authority to join with other units of government and/ or councils of government in cooperative

purchasing plans when the best interests of the Village would be served thereby. These purchases shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter 9 when a cooperative bid process is used.

9.14 STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

Where applicable, all federal and state laws shall be observed.

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