

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2019

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH
GW & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President") and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Board" and with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to ensuring the general welfare of the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to have a third party perform financial audit services for the Village (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, GW & Associates, P.C. ("GW") has provided the Village with an engagement letter (the "Agreement"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, which sets forth the terms under which GW will provide the Services to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary, advisable and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to enter into and approve agreements with substantially the same terms as the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the President is authorized to enter into and the Village Attorney (the "Attorney") is authorized to revise agreements for the Village making such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the President and the Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the President or his designee to enter into the Agreement whereby GW will provide the Services to the Village and to further authorize the President or his designee to take all steps necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution and to ratify any steps taken to effectuate those goals.

SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATION. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the President or his designee to authorize, enter into and approve the Agreement in accordance with its terms, or any modifications thereof, and to ratify any and all previous action taken to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. The Board further authorizes and directs the President or his designee to execute the Agreement with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the President and the Attorney. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to

and countersign the Agreement and any other documentation as may be necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of this Resolution. The Village Clerk is also authorized and directed to affix the Seal of the Village to such documentation as is deemed necessary. The officers, agents and/or employees of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the Village to carry out, give effect to and consummate the purpose of this Resolution and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. To the extent that any requirement of bidding would be applicable, the same is hereby waived.

SECTION 4: HEADINGS. The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Resolution are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Resolution nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Resolution be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: SUPERSEDER. All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

SECTION 7: PUBLICATION. A full, true and complete copy of this Resolution shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be effective and in full force immediately upon passage and approval as provided by law.

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PASSED this 21st day of May, 2019.

AYES: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic,
Savopoulos, Torres and White

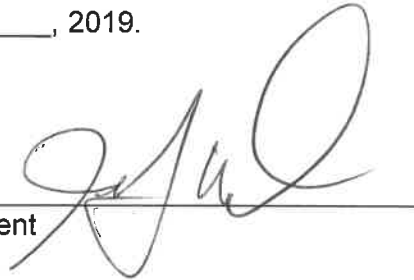
NAYS: none

ABSENT:none

ABSTENTION:none

APPROVED by me this 21st day of May, 2019.

Jeff Walik, President



ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this 21st day of
May, 2019

Audrey McAdams
Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

AGENDA MEMO

Village Board

May 21, 2019

ISSUE STATEMENT

Approval of a proposal for professional services for the audit of the Village's financial statements by GW & Associates P.C.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Village of Stickney is required by law to have a Financial Statement Audit done of its books and records by an outside accounting firm. The firm of GW & Associates was utilized last year to complete the audit and is scheduled to prepare the audit this year. This will be the second year of the proposal.

Year ended April 30, 2017 - \$25,000

Year ended April 30, 2018 - \$27,750

Year ended April 30, 2019 - \$32,100 – includes \$3,100 for Police Pension Audit

Year ended April 30, 2020 - \$32,350.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the agreement for professional services.

ALTERNATE CONSIDERATION

Preparing a request for proposal for auditing services.

DECISION MODE This item will be on the agenda for the May 21, 2019 Village Board meeting for formal approval.



April 15, 2019

To the President and Board of Trustees

Village of Stickney, Illinois
6533 Pershing Road
Stickney, Illinois 60402

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Village of Stickney, Illinois (“the Village”) for the year ended April 30, 2019. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Village as of and for the year ended April 30, 2019. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the Village’s basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Village’s RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management’s Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Budgetary comparison schedules for the general and major special revenue funds
- 3) Schedule of Changes in the OPEB Liability
- 4) Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
- 5) Schedule of Employer Contributions

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the Village’s financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor’s report on the financial statements:

- 1) Combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules
- 2) Consolidated Year End Financial Report for GATA

Audit Objective

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will include tests of the accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Village's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or may withdraw from this engagement.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements, or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Village's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

We will also prepare the financial statements of the Village in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and will prepare the annual financial report ("AFR") for the Illinois State Comptroller based on information provided by you. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement and AFR services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining effective internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We may from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your

confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We expect to begin our audit on a mutually agreed upon date and to issue our reports no later than October 27, 2018. John Wysocki is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

Our fee for these services will be as follows:

Village Audit	\$28,500
Police Pension Fund Audit	<u>3,600</u>
Total	\$32,100

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Village and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

GW & Associates, P.C.

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Village of Stickney, Illinois.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____