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Account	A unit of financial reporting for budget, management, or accounting purposes.
Accounts Payable	Term for amounts owed for goods and/or services.
Accounts Receivable	Amount due from others for goods or services provided.
Accrual Basis (Proprietary Funds)	Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they are earned and become measurable. Expenses are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred.
Ad Valorem	Latin term meaning “according to value”; refers to a way of assessing taxes on property.
Allocation	Designation of expenditure for a specific purpose or level of the organization.
Allotment	Distribution of revenues from the State of Illinois.
Alternate Revenue Bond	Also known as a double-barreled bond is secured by the pledge of two or more sources of payment.
Amortization	To liquidate a debt by payments at regular intervals over a specified time period.
Arbitrage	Arbitrage in the municipal market is the difference between the interest paid on tax-exempt bonds and the interest earned on normally higher-yielding taxable securities. Federal tax law restricts the yield that can be earned on the investment in taxable bonds.
Arbitrage Certificate	Transcript certificate evidencing compliance with the limitations on arbitrage imposed by the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations.
Assessed Valuation	Value placed on real estate or other property by a government entity as a foundation for levying taxes.
Asset	Government owned or held resources with monetary value.
Asset Allocation	Terms pertaining to pension plans to determine which types of investments are to be included and the percentages of overall investment portfolio each type of investment can represent.
Audit	Formal examination of financial records.
Balanced Budget	A balanced budget exists when revenues are equal to or exceed expenditures for operating expenses and/or a cash reserve is present to offset large capital expenses.
Bond (General Obligation or Revenue)	Promise to pay a specified amount of money (face amount of bond) on a particular date (maturity date). Primarily used to finance capital projects.

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Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)	A note issued in anticipation of later issuance of bonds, usually payable from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or renewal notes. BANs can also be general obligations of the issuer.
Bond Counsel	A lawyer or law firm that delivers a legal opinion to the bondholders that deals with the issuer's authorization to issue bonds and the tax-exempt nature of the bond. Bond counsel is retained by the issuer.
Bond Insurance	Legal commitment by insurance company to make scheduled payment of interest and principal of a bond issue in the event that the issuer is unable to make those payments on time. The cost of insurance is usually paid by the issuer in case of a new issue of bonds, and the insurance is not purchased unless the cost is offset by the lower interest rate that can be incurred by the use of the insurance. Insurance can also be obtained for outstanding bonds in the secondary market.
Bond Refunding	Refinancing of a previously issued bond.
Bonded Indebtedness	Outstanding debt created by issuance of bonds. Repaid with ad valorem or other revenue.
Budget	Document outlining financial plan for a specific time period (fiscal year). Includes all planned revenues and expenditures for that time period.
Budget Calendar	Key dates followed in the process to prepare and adopt annual budget.
Budgetary Accounts	Special accounts used to achieve budgetary integration but not reported in the general –purpose external financial statements.
Budgetary Basis of Accounting	Time period used for recognizing when the effects of transactions or events should be acknowledged for financial reporting.
Budgetary Fund Balance	The difference between assets and liabilities in a governmental fund calculated in accordance with the basis of budgeting.
Budgetary Guidelines	The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting recommendations on the budgeting process.
Budgetary Journal Entries	Journal entries that correspond to budgetary accounts.
Buffalo Box (B-Box)	Box at curb stop utilized to turn water off or on.
Business-Type Activities	Term used in governmental financial statements for activities of state or local government to utilize user charges to recover costs.
Call	Actions taken to pay the principal amount prior to the stated maturity date in accordance with the provisions for call stated in the proceedings and the securities.
Callable	Subject to payment of the principal amount (and accrued interest) prior to the stated maturity date, with or without payment of a call premium. Bonds can be callable under a number of circumstances, including at the option of the issuer, or on a mandatory/extraordinary basis.

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Call Premium	A dollar amount, usually stated as a percentage of the principal amount called, paid as a penalty or a premium for the exercise of a call provision.
Call Protection	Bonds that are not callable for a certain number of years before their call date.
Capital Assets	Tangible or intangible assets such as land, easements, buildings, vehicles, equipment, machinery, works of art, historical items, infrastructure, and improvements to any of these items used in the operation of the Village.
Capital Expenditures	Expenditures made to acquire, add to, or improve property, plant, and equipment, including land, structures, machinery, equipment, special tools, and other depreciable property; construction in progress; and tangible and intangible exploration and development costs. In accounting, a capital expenditure is added to an asset account (i.e. capitalized), thus increasing the asset's basis.
Capital Project Fund	Fund to be used to account for revenues and expenditures relating to acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.
Capitalization	Statement of capital in the form of money, stock or long term debt.
Cash Basis of Accounting	Accounting system that recognizes transactions when actually received or dispersed.
Cash Equivalent	Highly liquid investments that are easily converted to cash or near maturity.
Cash/Cash Flow	Currency on hand and demand deposit accounts with banks or other financial institutions.
Census Enumerators	US Census Bureau employees, who visit each residence in a municipality to record demographic information.
Commingled	Dollars from separate funds are maintained in same account.
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)	An annual report for the Village. It details all funds and includes financial statements and supporting documentation, combining statements and individual fund statements. The report should also include general information about the Village and information to document compliance of legal or contractual issues.
Constraint Budgeting	Advance knowledge of bottom-line budget amounts.
Cost of Service	Fee structure which results in user fees, rates, and customer charges sufficient to cover cost of providing the service.
Competitive Underwriting	A sale of municipal securities by an issuer in which underwriters or syndicates or underwriters submit sealed bids (or oral auction bids) to purchase the securities. The securities are won and purchased by the underwriter or syndicate of underwriters who submit the best bid according to the guidelines in the notice of sale.

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Credit Enhancement	The use of the credit of a stronger equity to strengthen the credit of a lower-rated entity in bond or note financing.
Critical Incident Deployment	Dispatch of police or emergency assistance for incidents of an unusual and catastrophic nature. It is a series of emergency levels tailored to meet the needs of varying degrees of emergencies, while at the same time providing and maintaining continuous police coverage not affected by the emergency.
Current Financial Resources Measurement Focus	A term used in connection with government funds that refers to an approach to financial reporting that presents only financial assets and certain near-term liabilities, consistent with the focus of a typical operating budget.
Debt Limit	Statutory or constitutional limit on the principal amount of debt that an issuer may incur (or that it may have outstanding at any one time).
Debt Service Fund	Fund used to pay general long-term debt principal and interest.
Deferred Revenue	Unearned revenue or revenue that cannot be liquidated in the current fiscal period.
Deficit	Amount by which a sum of money falls short of expected amount.
Depreciation	Expense charges against earnings to write off cost of item over its useful life, giving consideration to wear and tear, obsolescence, and salvage value.
Derivative	A derivative is a financial product that derives its value from an underlying security.
Designated Unreserved Fund Balance	Funds which are expendable for which the Board or management staff has tentative plans.
Disbursement	Paying out of money to satisfy debt or expense.
Economic Resources Measurement Focus	A form of financial reporting used for proprietary funds, fiduciary funds, and government-wide financial statements. All assets are presented whether they are or will become available for spending and all liabilities are included regardless of when and how they will be liquidated.
Encumbrances	Commitment to perform services or provide goods at a later time.
Enterprise Fund	Account used to report activity pertaining to goods and services provided for which a fee is charged.
Equity	Term for difference between assets and liabilities in a fund or column of the government-wide financial statements.
Expenditure	Cost incurred in normal course of business.
Expense	Charges incurred for all facets of a business – operations, maintenance, interest, etc.

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Fiduciary Funds	Pertaining to funds in trust.
Financial Assets	Assets that either now or will become available for spending.
Financial Advisor	A consultant to an issuer of municipal securities who provides the issuer with advice with respect to the structure, timing, terms, or other similar matters concerning a new issue of securities.
Fiscal Policy	Government's policies concerning revenues, expenditures, and debt management and how they correspond to the entity's services, programs, and capital investments. This provides a basis for the planning and programming of the government's budget and funding.
Fiscal Year	Declared accounting period, twelve month period designated May 1 – April 30.
Fixed Asset	Asset intended to be held or used for more than one fiscal year.
Force Account	Construction or maintenance work performed by the Village's personnel, not outside laborers.
Forecast	Estimate of expected business result, business plan for municipality for the future.
Fund	Fiscal and accounting tool to record expenditures and revenues.
Fund Balance	Excess of assets over liabilities.
Fund Classification	Categories used to classify funds – governmental, proprietary, or fiduciary.
Fund Type	Eleven classifications for all funds. Governmental funds include the general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital project funds and permanent funds. Proprietary funds include enterprise funds and internal service funds. Fiduciary funds include pension, trust, investment, private-purpose trust, and agency funds.
GAAP Fund Balance	A term for the difference between assets and liabilities reported in a government fund and calculated according to general accepted accounting principles.
GASB 34	Governmental Accounting Standards Board – Proclamation #34. Basic financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for state and local governments.
General Accounting Office (GAO)	This office was established by the Federal Government to improve performance and accountability. The office issues Government Auditing Standards.
General Fund	General operating fund of the Village. Revenues largely derived from property taxes, user fees, fines, and the Village's share of the state income and sales taxes.

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General Obligation Bond	Bonds that finance a variety of public projects such as streets, buildings, and improvements. Repayment of the bonds is typically from property taxes. The Village pledges to repay this municipal bond and the bond is backed with the full faith and credit of the Village.
General Revenues	Any revenue not required to be reported as program revenue. Taxes are general revenues and should be reported by type of tax. Also, other non-tax revenue such as grants, interest, and contributions should be reported as general revenue.
Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)	The rules and procedures that provide the norm for fair presentation of financial statements.
Geographic Information Systems	An organized collection of computer hardware, software and geographic data to efficiently capture, store, update, analyze, and display all forms of geographic reference information.
Goal	A broad statement of purpose, intent or direction for the municipality.
Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)	An association of public finance professionals that is instrumental in developing and promoting generally accepted accounting principles for state and local government. They sponsor the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program.
Government Funds	General, Special Revenue, Debt Service and Capital Project funds.
Governmental Accounting Standards Board #34 (GASB 34)	Specific proclamation issued by GASB which establishes several changes in governmental reporting and impacts the presentation of governmental financial statements.
Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)	The ultimate authority on accounting and financial reporting standards established for state and local government.
Governmental Activities	Activities of a state or local government that are supported by taxes.
Government-Wide Financial Reporting	Non-fiduciary fund statements that report governmental and business-type activities rather than funds or fund types.
Grant	Money bestowed on municipality through application process.
Illinois Funds	A money market fund that was developed and implemented in 1975 by the Illinois General Assembly under jurisdiction of the Treasurer to provide an investment alternative for public treasurers across the state of Illinois.
Impact Fees	Fees assessed to developers for improvement costs of the development, such as schools, parks, roads, etc.
Improvement	An addition or change made to a capital asset for the purpose of prolonging the life or the asset or increasing the efficiency. The cost of the addition or change is added to the book value of the asset.

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Inflation	Increase in general price level of goods and services, decrease in purchasing power of dollar.
Infrastructure	Capital assets that are typically stationary and can be preserved to a greater number of years than most capital assets (buildings, equipment, roads, water mains, etc).
Internal Service Fund	Proprietary fund that is used to report activity that provides goods or services to other funds, departments, or agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis.
Invested In Capital Assets Net Of Related Debt	The portion of net assets reflecting equity in capital assets.
Investing Activity	Terminology associated with cash flows reporting. Examples of these activities are making and collecting loans, and acquiring and selling debt or equity instruments.
Investment	Purchase of property, stocks, bonds, annuities, mutual funds, etc. with the expectation of realizing income or capital gain.
K-9 Unit	Unit in Police Department that employs use of dog for investigation.
Letter of Credit (LOC)	A commitment, usually issued by a bank, used to guarantee the payment of principal and interest on debt issues. The LOC is drawn if the issuer is unable to make the principal and/or interest payments on a timely basis.
Level Debt Service	A debt service schedule where total annual principal plus interest is approximately the same throughout the life of the bond. This entails a maturity schedule with increasing principal amounts each year.
Level Principal	A debt service schedule where total annual principal plus interest declines throughout the life of the bond. This entails a maturity schedule with the same amount of principal maturing each year, with a resulting smaller interest component each year.
Liquidity	Ability to “cash in” at any moment in time with minimal chance of loss.
Live Scan	A fingerprint system that produces forensic quality ten-print records by electronically scanning and capturing rolled fingerprints.
Makeup Tax	A sales makeup tax on sales of tax exempt sand and gravel shipped from annexed property, Meyer Material, at the rate of 1.8 cents per ton. (Ordinance 93-O-54)
Management Letter	A letter issued by an auditor to management that outlines internal control weaknesses resulting from the audit of the financial statements.
McHenry County Municipal Risk Management Agency (MCMRMA)	Consortium of municipal entities partnered to provide self insurance for workers compensation and general liability.
Median Rent	Midpoint of rent values in a specified area.

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Merit Compensation Plan	Performance-based system for compensating non-union employees.
Modified Accrual Basis (Governmental Funds)	Revenues recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred.
Money Market Investment	A short-term, highly liquid investment. These investments include commercial paper, banker's acceptances, and US treasury and agency obligations.
Municipal Bond	A bond issued by a state or local government unit.
Negotiated Underwriting	In a negotiated underwriting the sale of bonds is by negotiation and agreement with an underwriter or underwriting syndicate selected by the issuer before the moment of sale.
Notice of Sale (NOS)	An official document disseminated by an issuer of municipal securities that gives pertinent information regarding and upcoming bond issue and invites bids from prospective underwriters.
Operating and Maintenance Costs	All costs of operating, maintaining and routine repair of the waterworks and sewerage system, including wages, salaries, costs of material and supplies, power, fuel, insurance, purchase of water or sewerage treatment services, including all payments by the Village pursuant to long term contracts for such services, and, in particular, all payments from time to time under any water supply agreement between the Village and a duly constituted water commission or intergovernmental agency, notwithstanding that such contract may contain provisions for payment even in the event water is not supplied; but excluding debt service, depreciation, or any reserve requirements; and otherwise determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for municipal enterprise funds.
Operating Revenues and Expenses	Proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets.
Overlapping Debt	The debt of other issuers that is payable in whole or in part by taxpayers of the subject issuer.
Pension Plan	Plan which allows for payment of pension benefits from the assets of the plan. The pension benefits include refunds of contributions to plan member or their beneficiaries as outlined by the terms of the plan.
Permit Excursion	The IEPA sets limits and parameters on what can be discharged from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Excursions occur when those limits are exceeded.
Perpetual Care	Continuous ongoing care as it relates to the cemetery operations.
Pledged Revenues	Revenues minus Operation and Maintenance Costs.
Principal	The face amount of a bond, exclusive of accrued interest and payable at maturity.

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Proprietary Funds	Enterprise and internal service funds – pertain to, operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flow.
Ratings	Alpha and/or numeric symbols used to give indications of relative credit quality. In the municipal market these designations are published by the investors' rating services.
Refunding	Sale of a new issue, the proceeds of which are to be used, immediately or in the future, to retire an outstanding issue by, essentially, replacing the outstanding issue with the new issue. Refundings are done to save interest cost, extend the maturity of the debt, or relax existing restrictive covenants.
Request for Proposals (RFP)	A series of questions sent by a potential issuer to evaluate the qualification of potential underwriters of their negotiated issues.
Reserved Fund Balance	Financial assets that are not available for spending.
Restricted Assets	Assets that must be used in accordance with externally imposed creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or in accordance with laws imposed through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
Restricted Net Assets	The portion of net assets equal to resources whose use is legally restricted minus any non-capital related liabilities payable from those same resources.
Revenue	Inflow of assets from the sale of goods or services.
Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN)	RANs are issued in anticipation of other sources of future revenue other than taxes.
Revenue Bonds	Bonds usually sold for constructing a project that will produce revenue for the government. The revenue is used to pay the principal and interest of the bond.
Revolving Loan Fund	A state funded loan to be used to assist in job growth within the community. A loan that is automatically renewed upon maturity.
Short-Term Debt	Generally, debt that matures in one year or less.
Single Audit	An audit conducted in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, <i>Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations</i> .
Single Audit Act of 1984	Federal legislation that provides for state and local government agencies that are recipients of federal assistance to have one audit performed to meet the needs of all federal grantor agencies. Act amended in 1996.
Special Assessment	Mandatory levy applied to certain properties to offset in part or whole the cost of capital improvements or services that would primarily benefit those properties.

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Surplus	Remainder of fund appropriated for a particular purpose.
Swap	A transaction in which an investor sells one security and simultaneously buys another with the proceeds, usually for about the same price and frequently for tax purposes.
Tap-on Fees	Fees charged to join or to extend to an existing utility system.
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	TANs are issued by states or local governmental units to finance current operations in anticipation of future tax receipts.
Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper (TECP)	A short-term promissory note issued for periods up to 270 days is often used in lieu of fixed-rate BANs, TANs, and RANs because of the greater flexibility offered in setting both maturities and determining rates.
Telecommunication Tax	A 3.7% tax levied by the Village on communication companies/customers for transmissions on telephone lines and wireless transmissions.
True Interest Cost (TIC)	A method of calculating bids for new issues of municipal securities that takes into consideration the time value of money.
Underwriter	The securities dealer who purchases a bond or note issue from an issuer and resells to investors. If a syndicate or selling group is formed, the underwriter who coordinates the financing and runs the group is called the senior or lead manager.
Unqualified Opinion	Opinion given by independent auditor that financial statements are presented fairly.
Unreserved Fund Balance	Expendable available financial resources in a government fund.
Unrestricted Net Assets	The remaining balance of net assets after the elimination of invested in capital assets nets of related debt and restricted net assets.
Utility Tax	A tax levied by the village on the customers of various utilities such as electricity. The tax rate is based on kilowatt usage levels for electricity.
Yield	Potential dollar earnings an investment can provide; may be called rate of return.

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AMS	Algonquin Middle School Elementary school located at 520 Longwood Drive, Algonquin.
APWA	American Public Works Association An international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Locator Global Positioning System for locating and tracking village vehicles to know location and collect data live.
AWWA	American Water Works Association An international nonprofit professional organization dedicated to the improvement of drinking water quality and supply.
BASSET	Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training Illinois's seller/server training program that is an educational tool to promote responsibility and compliance with the laws.
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Finance Report An annual report for the Village. It details all funds and includes financial statements and supporting documentation, combining statements and individual fund statements. The report should also include general information about the Village and information to document compliance of legal or contractual issues.
CALEA	Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies The Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. was established as an independent accrediting authority in 1979 by the four major law enforcement membership associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, and Police Executive Research Forum. The overall purpose of the Commission's accrediting program is to improve delivery of law enforcement services by offering a body of standards, developed by law enforcement practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date law enforcement topics.
CFA	Computerized Fleet Analysis A software program designed to troubleshoot service problems experienced by the Village fleet of vehicles and equipment.
CPR	Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation A technique designed to temporarily circulate oxygenated blood through the body of a person whose heart has stopped.
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education It is a drug abuse prevention program designed to equip elementary, middle, and high school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of abuse and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
DMR QA/QC	Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance/Quality Control Annual participation in a laboratory testing program to provide assurance our testing methodology and practices are accurate. Required by IEPA.

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DNR	Department of Natural Resources A governmental agency whose goal is to manage, protect and sustain Illinois' natural and cultural resources; provide resource-compatible recreational opportunities and to promote natural resource-related issues for the public's safety and education
DUI	Driving Under the Influence Term used to describe an individual who is under the influence of a mood or mind altering substance.
E-911	Emergency 911 Universal telephone number established for the reporting of emergency situations. 911 calls automatically present the address of the caller to allow police officers to respond immediately.
EAP	Employee Assistance Program Confidential service that offers assistance to employees and their family members. The program provides professional assistance and counseling for personal problems.
EAV	Equalized Assessed Value The equalized assessed value, or EAV, is the result of applying the state equalization factor to the assessed value of a parcel of property. Tax bills are calculated by multiplying the EAV (after any deductions for homesteads) by the tax rate.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency A federal agency established in 1970 to protect human health and the environment.
ESDA	Emergency Services Disaster Agency Agency formed to coordinate major or emergency disaster efforts. ESDA can assist Incident Commanders in coordinating the incident with appropriate governmental agencies. Additionally, the can assist in notification to other municipal and state organizations as necessary.
EVOC	Emergency Vehicle Operators Course Course that provides law enforcement personnel with the skills, knowledge, and behavior traits needed to safely and effectively operate their emergency vehicles under different traffic and weather conditions.
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act FICA tax is a tax levied in equal amounts on employees and employers to fund old-age, survivors, and disability claims. This tax is composed of two elements: 6.2% Social Security tax and 1.45% Medicare tax.
FUTA	Federal Unemployment Tax Act The Federal Unemployment Tax Act, with state unemployment systems, provides for payment so unemployment compensation to workers who have lost their jobs. Most employers pay both a federal and a state unemployment tax. For 2010, state UTA tax rate is 0.85% of the first \$12,520 of salary.
FY	Fiscal Year Declared accounting period, twelve month period designated May 1 – April 30.
FYE	Fiscal Year End The end of the declared accounting period (e.g. FYE 2011 would be April 30, 2011).
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles The rules and procedures that provide the norm for fair presentation of financial statements.
GAAS	Generally Accepted Auditing Standards The rules and procedures that govern the conduct of financial audit. There are ten basis GAAS, classed into three broad categories: general standards, standard of field work, and standards or reporting.

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GIS	Geographic Information Systems An organized collection of computer hardware, software, and geographic data to efficiently capture, store, update, analyze, and display all forms of geographic reference information.
GO Bond	General Obligation Bond Bonds that finance a variety of public projects such as streets, buildings, and improvements. Repayment of the bonds is typically from property taxes. The Village pledges to repay this municipal bond and the bond is backed with the full faith and credit of the Village.
GOBI	General Obligation Bond, Interest The interest accrued from a general obligation bond.
gpm	Gallons Per Minute System of measurement for both the Village water and wastewater treatment facilities.
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System that provides heating, ventilation and/or cooling within a building.
HTE	Sunguard HTE Software encompassing Report Manager, CAD (computer aided dispatch), MDB (mobile data browsers).
I&I	Inflow and Infiltration Term used to describe occurrence during a rain event in which storm water may drain into the sanitary sewer system. It is important to monitor the inflow and infiltration because a wastewater facility is designed to process a certain volume per day and too much additional volume will tax the system.
ICMA	International City/County Management Association ICMA was founded in 1953 for the purpose of supporting and improving municipal and county management and strengthening local government. The Association's 500 plus members are professionals who share the common interest of promoting effective local government.
IDOT	Illinois Department of Transportation The Department responsible for planning, construction, and maintenance of Illinois' transportation network which encompasses, highways and bridges, airports, public transit, rail freight and rail passenger systems.

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IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency State agency developed with the same mission as the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.
ILGISA	Illinois Geographical Information Systems Association Professional organization for Geographical Information System professionals.
IMFR	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Established in 1941, a program that provides employees of local governments and school districts in Illinois with a sound and efficient system for payment of retirement disability, and death benefits.
IML	Illinois Municipal League Established in 1914, the League offers membership to any city, village, or incorporated town in the state of Illinois and provides a common meeting ground, provides a formal voice for municipalities, promotes competence and integrity in government, and offers programs that provide knowledge, experience, and assistance for municipal officials.
IPRA	Illinois Park and Recreation Association The Illinois Park and Recreation Association is a not-for-profit organization and public interest group with the goal of providing quality park and recreation opportunities for the citizens of Illinois. Advocates for lifetime benefits of parks, recreation, and conservation.
ISO	Insurance Services Office Provides statistical measurement for risk management.
IT	Information Technology The branch of engineering that deals with the use of computers and telecommunications to retrieve, store, and transmit information.
KW	Kilowatt A measure of electric power. One kilowatt equals 1000 watts.
JULIE	Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavation JULIE is the entity to contact 48 hours prior to the start of any project that involves excavating. JULIE provides the service of notifying utility and service providers to mark their underground lines to prevent injury or service disruption as a result of digging into unburied lines.
LEAP	Law Enforcement and Advocate Partnership LEAP is a division of Turning Point, a shelter near Woodstock, Illinois for victims of domestic violence with a particular emphasis on women and minor children. It is an organization offering training to area law enforcement officers in responding to domestic violence incidents, providing after hour Orders of Protection and accelerated follow-up to at-risk victims of domestic violence.
LGI	Life Guard Instructor American Red Cross certification issued for individuals who successfully complete the lifeguard instructor class. Participants learn to teach the Lifeguard Training course and its accompanying components: AED Essentials, Oxygen Administration for the Professional Rescuer, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, Lifeguard Management, and Blood borne Pathogens: Preventing Disease Transmission.
McMRMA	McHenry County Municipal Risk Management Agency Consortium of municipal entities partnered to provide self insurance for workers compensation and general liability.

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MFT	Motor Fuel Tax Since October 1, 1977, Illinois has imposed a motor fuel use tax on fuel used by interstate commercial motor vehicles. The Illinois Department of Revenue collects approximately \$1.3 billion annually to help, in part, build and maintain roads and highways. Programs such as railroad crossing protection, boating safety, and vehicle emission testing also benefit from motor fuel taxes.
MGD	Million Gallons Per Day System of measurement for both the Village water and wastewater treatment facilities.
NIMS	National Incident Management System A system mandated by Homeland Security Presidential Directive that provides a consistent nationwide approach governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations to work effectively and efficiently to prepare, respond and recover from domestic incidents.
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System The Federal Water Pollution Control Act authorized the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to prepare comprehensive programs for eliminating or reducing the pollution of interstate waters and tributaries and improving the sanitary condition of surface and underground waters. Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act establishes the NPDES to authorize EPA issuance of discharge permits to control discharges into waterways.
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Association OSHA's mission is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards and providing training and education. The staff establishes protective standards, enforces those standards, and supports employers and employees through technical assistance and consultation programs.
PIMS	Police Information Management System
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment Safety equipment for laborers.
PT	Part Time An employee who is employed in a position which requires the performance of duty for less than one thousand hours per year. An employee who is hired for a specific position with no specific date upon which employment ends.
PVR	Pressure Reducing Valve The EPA establishes standards for the amount of pressure allowable for water entering residential and commercial locations. There are two zones in a water system that are based on a gravity feeding system. This force creates a pressure higher than the EPA allowable standard. The pressure reducing valve is used to lower the pressure before it is distributed to homes and businesses.
PW	Public Works
R&B	Road and Bridge Term used to refer to the network of roads and bridges in the Village.
S (S)	Service Service Fund (Internal Service Fund) is a proprietary fund type that may be used to report any activity that provides goods or services to other funds, departments, or agencies of the primary government and its component units, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

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SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System utilized by the Village for both production of drinking water and treatment of sanitary sewer. In the production of water, SCADA automatically turns pumps on or off, monitors water levels in storage tanks, monitors chemical feed rates, and notifies staff of failures. In the treatment of sanitary sewer SCADA monitors flow rates, controls pumps on/off, and notifies staff of failures. SCADA is also essential for data collection.
SEECOM	Southeast Emergency Communication This entity is a regionalized central communications center that provides 911 response and dispatch services. The center consolidates the 911 services for Algonquin, Cary, and Crystal Lake and other members.
SSES	Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Data collection and engineering interpretation to determine such factors as sanitary sewer capacity, hydraulics, and the effects of inflow/infiltration on the system.
St	State One of the geographic subdivisions of the United States.
STP	Sewer Treatment Plant Facility responsible for treating the Village's sanitary sewer flow and meeting the standards set by the Federal and State Environmental Agencies that regulate wastewater operations.
Twp	Township Local governmental entity that is the subdivision of a county. Multiple townships make up a county and multiple villages and unincorporated areas make up a township.
VHS	Vertical Helical Scan or Video Home System Widely used method of recording audio and video electrical signals onto magnetic tape.
WEFTEC	Water Environment Federation Technical and Exhibition Conference An annual, nationwide conference highlighting the wastewater industry.
W&S	Water and Sewer The two subdivisions of the Utility division. The water division is responsible for maintaining the water distribution system and providing water for residential and commercial use as well as fire fighting capabilities. The sewer division is responsible for maintaining the sanitary sewer collection systems, maintaining the Village's sanitary sewer lift stations, and treating the sanitary flow each day.
WSI	Water Safety Instructor American Red Cross certification issued to individuals who successfully complete the class to teach swimming and water safety courses.
WTP	Water Treatment Plant Facility responsible for processing the water that is provided to the Village residents and businesses while meeting the standards set by the Federal and State Environmental Agencies that regulate water operations.
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility responsible for treating the Village's sanitary sewer flow and meeting the standards set by the Federal and State Environmental Agencies that regulate wastewater operations.



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