

VILLAGE OF BRADLEY

RESOLUTION NO. R-09-20-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO BE MADE TO THE KANKAKEE RIVER
METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR A FORENSIC FINANCIAL AUDIT

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRADLEY

THIS 14th DAY OF September, 2020

Published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bradley,
Kankakee County, Illinois this 14th day of September, 2020.

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WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bradley is a party to the Municipal Joint Sewage Treatment Agency Intergovernmental Agreement, which agreement establishes the Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency (“KRMA”); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bradley, as a member of KRMA, has an interest in the operation of KRMA, including ensuring that monies paid by KRMA to outside entities, including its other Municipal members, is done appropriately; and

WHEREAS, information provided to the Bradley Village Board of Trustees has raised concerns about the operation of KRMA, including how money is being spent and the accounting methods being used; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bradley Board of Trustees believes it has an obligation to the residents of Bradley to ensure that KRMA is being operated in an appropriate manner; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Bradley, to ensure the appropriate operation of KRMA and the expenditure of KRMA funds, authorizes and approves requesting the KRMA Board of Directors to authorize and approve a Financial Forensic Audit as more specifically identified in the letter attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A”, and further authorizes Village staff to take all appropriate action necessary, including authorizing legal action, if the requested Audit is not performed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADLEY, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The President and Board of Trustees hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Watson, is authorized to execute the correspondence attached as Exhibit "A" on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and the Finance Director is further authorized to take any other action necessary in furtherance of the Village Board's request, including authorizing the filing of a legal action.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval and passage.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees on a roll call vote on the 14th day of September, 2020.

TRUSTEES:

ROBERT REDMOND	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL WATSON	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
RYAN LEBRAN	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
BRIAN BILLINGSLEY	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
DARREN WESTPHAL	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
BRIAN TIERI	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>


ACTING VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

MICHAEL WATSON Aye - Nay - Absent - Non-voting

TOTALS: Aye - 6 Nay - 0 Absent - 0

ATTEST:


JULIE TAMBLING,
VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2020

MICHAEL WATSON,
ACTING VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) §§
COUNTY OF KANKAKEE)

I, JULIE TAMBLING, Village Clerk for the Village of Bradley, County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true, perfect, and complete copy of Resolution number R920-1, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO BE MADE TO THE KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR A FORENSIC FINANCIAL AUDIT" which was adopted by the Village President and Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 14th day of September, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in the Village of Bradley, County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, on this 14th day of September, 2020.



JULIE TAMBLING,
VILLAGE CLERK

(SEAL)



Exhibit A

September 3, 2020

Mayor Chasity Armstrong-Wells
Board President
Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency
1600 W. Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Re: Village of Bradley's Request for a Forensic Audit

Mayor Armstrong-Wells:

This correspondence is being sent to you in your capacity as President of the Board of Directors for the Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency (KRMA). As you know, the Village of Bradley (Village) is a member of KRMA. The Village's Finance Director, Rob Romo, currently sits on the KRMA Board in accordance with KRMA By-Laws. Information provided to the Bradley Village Board of Trustees raises serious concerns about how KRMA is being operated and how money is being spent by KRMA. Efforts Mr. Romo to obtain information to address these concerns has been unsuccessful.

The Village of Bradley Board of Trustees has an obligation to the residents of the Village of Bradley to ensure that KRMA is being operated appropriately and that monies paid to KRMA, by and through the Village of Bradley, is being spent in an appropriate manner. With this in mind, the Village of Bradley Board of Trustees passed Resolution _____, which authorized the sending of this letter to the KRMA Board requesting that KRMA have a forensic audit completed within the next thirty (30) days. It is also requested that the scope of the audit include the following:

- Examine the validity of all invoices paid to the City of Kankakee;
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EXHIBIT "A"

- Examine and determine Member usage (total volume and loadings) of the KRMA Plant Capacity;
- Review the internal accounting practices of KRMA and provide recommendations for improvements.

Upon completion of the Audit, it is requested that all members of KRMA, including the Village of Bradley, be provided the results of this audit and that KRMA Board take any and all action necessary to correct any deficiencies found by the audit as well as implement any recommendations made by the auditors. Please be advised that if the KRMA Board refuses to perform an audit as requested, the Village will take any and all action it deems necessary and appropriate to have these issues addressed, including legal action. We hope such efforts are not necessary.

The prompt attention to this request by the KRMA Board is both expected and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Watson, Mayor Pro Tem,
Village of Bradley

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MAYOR
MICHAEL M. WATSON

CLERK
JULIE TAMBLING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Watson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Michael Watson
Acting Board President
Village of Bradley