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**Paul Volpe named new Village Manager for Elmwood Park**

*Former Chief of Staff in Chicago also served at CTA, Tollway*

ELMWOOD PARK – Paul Volpe, a former Chief of Staff to former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and currently Vice President of Budget and Capital Finance for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), has been selected as the next Village Manager for Elmwood Park.

Volpe, 49, was one of 37 applicants for the post being vacated by John “Jay” Dalicandro, who announced his retirement earlier this year after 23 years on the job. Applicants were screened by the West Central Municipal Conference, with the Village Board interviewing the top three candidates.

“I am excited to have Paul Volpe take over day to day operations at Elmwood Park,” Silvestri said. “He has a wealth of experience and knows public finance, public safety and economic development backwards and forwards. I look forward to working with him.”

Before serving as Chief of Staff to Mayor Daley, Volpe was the City’s Chief Financial Officer and Budget Director. He also served eight years at the Chicago Department of Aviation and was the Chief of Operations at the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.

Volpe successfully negotiated agreements with labor unions representing Chicago employees that resulted in more than \$100 million in taxpayer savings over a two-year period and oversaw the development and management of two \$5 billion budgets. At the CTA, he has been responsible for a \$1.3 billion annual operating budget and a \$3 billion capital improvement program.

Volpe is a resident of Chicago’s Galewood neighborhood, less than a block from Elmwood Park. His wife grew up in Elmwood Park and his brother is a current Elmwood Park resident. “I am deeply affected, in a very personal way, by the success, prosperity and on-going development of Elmwood Park, and am grateful for this opportunity to be part of that future growth and success,” Volpe said.

Volpe’s selection must be approved by the Village Board. He could start his new duties as early as June 18th