



Press Release

Date: January 29, 2013

To: Local newspapers and media outlets; Village website

Re: **Willowbrook Mayor Robert Napoli Announces his Withdrawal as a Candidate in the 2013 Mayoral Election**

Cites the need to Address Business, Family and Health Considerations as Reasons for no Longer Seeking Re-Election

Near the end of the regular Village Board meeting held on Monday, January 28, 2013, Mayor Robert Napoli announced that he will no longer seek re-election as Willowbrook's mayor. Napoli stated, "I make this announcement with regret.

Tonight's decision to withdraw my candidacy for re-election is prompted by the need to address business, family and health considerations which I have long put off." Napoli is the President of Allied Appraisal Company, Burr Ridge.

Napoli was appointed Acting President in July of 2008 after serving as trustee for eleven (11) years. He was then elected mayor in April of 2009. During his term as mayor, Napoli spearheaded efforts to improve the fiscal health of the Village at a time when revenues were declining due to the economic recession. Over the next three years, the Mayor and Village Board enacted various cost savings measures, including reducing staffing levels through re-structuring, and have aggressively pursued grant opportunities to offset capital expenditures. These efforts served to reduce the Village's General Fund budget by approximately \$2 million and enabled the Village to build its reserve fund.

Napoli formed the Village's 50th Anniversary Committee in the fall of 2009 in order to plan celebratory events in 2010 related to the Village's 50th anniversary

of incorporation. The successful efforts of the Committee ultimately led to the Village receiving its first ever Illinois Governor's Home Town Award. Other notable achievements while in office include: Completion of the Town Center retail development, furthering other important re-development projects in town, completing a comprehensive update of Village HR policies and procedures, improving governmental transparency through the Illinois Policy Institute initiative, achieving police department re-accreditation through CALEA, and receiving annual budget awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Napoli is also a proponent of pension reform.

Napoli intends to serve out the remainder of his term, which will end once a new mayor is elected after the Consolidated General Election is held on April 9, 2013. In the closing of his announcement, Napoli stated, "I have had the privilege and honor these last four years of having served the people of Willowbrook as their elected Village mayor. I shall always be grateful to them for the faith they had in me when entrusting this office to my care. I have done my best to justify their faith and trust. Thank you for your kind attention!"

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