

Arlington Heights Police Station

For several years the Village of Arlington Heights has studied existing building deficiencies with the Arlington Heights Police Station. Feasibility studies were commenced in 2010 and more recently in 2015 evaluating building deficiencies and developing “best fit” options for a new Police Station on the Municipal Campus. In 2016 the Village retained Legat Architects and McClaren, Wilson, & Lawrie Inc. to prepare construction drawings for the Police Station.

The proposed design concept is a two-story, 70,500-square foot facility that includes a basement and a 10,000-square-foot garage. Construction of the facility is anticipated to begin next summer. Riley Construction has been hired as Construction Manager.

The current concept was developed after the Village spent several years studying the 37-year-old facility. Recent space-needs studies resulted in the 38,000-square-foot building needing significant mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) repairs and replacement just to maintain it as a serviceable building for the operational needs of a 24/7, 365 days a year Department. Instead of investing millions of dollars in the aging structure that is outdated and inadequate for today’s policing needs, the Village Board decided to move forward on a redevelopment of a new Police Station.



Construction of the new Police Station, which will be built between Village Hall and Fire Station 1, is estimated to cost \$27.985 million. Funding for the construction, architectural and engineering expenses, parking improvements, demolishing the current facility and renting a temporary space for the Police Department was covered through selling a bond issue for \$32.9 million with 2.93% interest.

The planned layout of the first and second floors of the new Police Station is designed to promote functional adjacencies aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of police services. The proposed layout of the first floor includes a public information desk, booking area, the patrol division and the records areas. Plans for the second floor includes the investigations and community services divisions, administration, a workout area and locker rooms. The basement would include a firing range, training room and evidence storage. The Village is also planning to renovate and utilize a portion of Village Hall’s 4th floor for long term Police Department storage and long term off site storage in the Police Annex (former unused Fire Department facility). Utilization of existing facilities helps provide cost effective solutions.

A neighborhood meeting to review the plans with the neighborhood was held on January 18, 2017. The Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on February 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm to consider an amendment to the existing planned unit development.

The Village is currently vetting several temporary location possibilities for the Police Department that will keep the Department together in one location while a new station is being built, will be a cost effective solution, and will adequately provide for a fully functioning Police Department.

For more details go to www.vah.com to view “Police Building” project updates.