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### Village Selects New Public Works Director

A civil engineer with extensive practical experience managing municipal services and capital improvement projects has been selected to be the Village's new Public Works Director.

John P. Wielebnicki, a former Public Works Director for the City of Elmhurst, is scheduled to assume his new duties with the Village on June 2.

Wielebnicki was one of more than 40 candidates considered for the job left vacant when F. Joseph Euclide retired in November of last year. An extensive search for a new director brought the top four candidates to Oak Park for comprehensive interviews by Village Manager Carl Swenson and his senior managers.

"I am pleased to announce the selection of a candidate with the training, knowledge and experience needed to properly manage the many, critical services provided to residents by the Public Works Department," Swenson said.

"Public works such as our water and sewer, streets and sidewalks, forestry and parking, helped create the high quality of life we enjoy in Oak Park. Their proper management is essential to effective municipal government. With John Wielebnicki I believe we will have a steady, experienced hand at the helm of the Public Works Department."

Wielebnicki currently is a senior project manager with transportation infrastructure and facilities specialists TransSystems Corp. Prior to joining the engineering consulting firm in 2001, he spent 18 years with the City of Elmhurst, where he started as City Engineer, moved up to Assistant Public Works Director and then took on the director's role, a post he held for nine years.

"I am very excited about taking on the challenge of being the director of public works in a community as well-established and respected as Oak Park," Wielebnicki said. "Oak Park has an interesting mix of old and new infrastructure, and many opportunities for the future that I am sure will put my training and experience to the test. I can hardly wait to get started."

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Wielebnicki has a degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He also is a state licensed engineer and a member of several professional organizations, including the American Public Works Association.

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