

## Richard A. Gallas, PE, CFM

Funding Assistance



### EDUCATION

M.P.A., Public Administration,  
Keller Graduate School, 2012

M.B.A., Business  
Administration, Keller  
Graduate School, 2005

B.S., Civil Engineering (Major),  
Construction Management  
(Minor), University of  
Wisconsin, 1995

Joined Firm in 2018

Years of Experience: 31

### REGISTRATIONS

Licensed Professional  
Engineer: Illinois and  
Wisconsin

Licensed Public Applicator:  
Illinois

Certified Floodplain Manager

### ASSOCIATIONS

American Public Works  
Association – Fox Valley and  
Chicago chapters

American Society of Civil  
Engineers

### AWARDS

2017 and 2016 Public Works  
Projects of the Year



Rich has over 31 years of public works and municipal utility leadership, and he served five years as the Village of South Elgin's Engineering and Public Works Director. He is a professional engineer and certified floodplain manager with both public and private sector experience. During his many roles in public works, he was responsible for managing employees across departments and capital planning for facilities with budgets ranging from \$7.5-\$125 million. His successful management of staff and facilities has been demonstrated through positive fiscal management, employee performance, and a solid history of public service delivery.

### RECENT REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

#### Marengo, IL

##### *Interim Public Works Director*

Rich recently served as the City of Marengo's Interim Public Works Director. The assignment required Public Works staff operations leadership, engineering contract management, budget preparation, community development and permitting leadership, water and wastewater operations support, seasonal contract preparation and management, human resources leadership, public engagement, City Council interface, and assistance with the hiring a permanent Public Works Director.

#### Elwood, IL

##### *Village Engineer/Community Development Support*

Rich works out of Elwood Village Hall and provides approximately 16 hours per week of interim Village Engineering assistance, which includes field inspections, agency meetings, and Village Board meetings as determined by the Village. Other duties as assigned include:

- Provide general engineering services, plan and specification review, and assistance to development applicants through the development process
- Respond to neighborhood drainage and grading concerns
- Assist with new development review (drainage, design, traffic, and infrastructure) and developer agreements
- Serve as liaison to Will County Governmental League Transportation Committee
- Attend Village Board and staff meetings as requested
- Attend a regularly scheduled weekly Development Review Committee meeting

#### Lisle, IL

##### *Village Engineer*

Rich provides 25 hours per week of Village Engineering service to consult with Village staff on engineering-related issues as requested and assist Village staff with determining any required course of action deemed in the best interest of the Village. Tasks include:

- Advise the Village on engineering and construction financing including grant availability; initiate and prepare applications for funding or grants as needed.
- Establish working relationships and coordinate with other public agencies and private utilities involving engineering matters affecting the Village.

- Assist the Village with maintaining compliance with reporting requirements as required by outside agencies.
- Review plans and issue Village permits when required and warranted for any proposed construction work or other physical modification within the public rights-of-way, including proposed right-of-way encroachment (temporary or permanent), and proposed temporary street closures.

#### **Frankfort, IL**

##### ***Interim Utility Director***

Rich has served as the Village of Frankfort's Interim Utilities Director. The assignment required Utilities staff operations leadership, engineering contract management, budget preparation, environmental compliance, water and wastewater operations support, contract preparation and management, human resources leadership, and assistance with hiring a permanent Utilities Director.

#### **South Chicago Heights, IL**

##### ***General Community Support Services***

Rich serves as the Village's representative, providing consultation and advice, corresponding with interagency entities, reviewing permit requests, and furnishing customary engineering related services.

#### **South Elgin, IL\***

##### ***Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Responsible for department leadership including 25 employees (20 union and 5 non-union), capital programs, key projects, strategic planning, and city council partnership. The total budget for all funds was \$15 million and specific areas of responsibility included:

- Underground Utilities Division: Water Distribution and Storage, Sanitary Sewer Collection, and Storm Sewer System
- Streets Division: Streets Division, Pavement and Sidewalk Services, Fleet Services, Facilities Management, Urban Forestry, Snow Removal, Street Sweeping, and Special Events
- Village Engineering: MFT programs, Capital Improvement Programs, System Planning, and Community Outreach
- Administrative Support: Citizen services, Dial-a-Ride programs, and Outreach

#### **Wood Dale, IL\***

##### ***Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Responsible for the department leadership including 22 employees (18 union and 4 non-union), capital programs, key projects, strategic planning, and city council partnership. The total budget for all funds was \$7.5 million and specific areas of responsibility included:

- Utilities Division: Water Distribution and Storage, Sanitary Sewer Collection, Wastewater Treatment, and Storm Sewer System
- Streets Division: Streets Division, Pavement and Sidewalk Services, Fleet Services, Facilities Management, Urban Forestry, Snow Removal, Street Sweeping, and Special Events
- City Engineering: MFT programs, Capital Improvement Programs, System Planning, and Community Outreach
- Administrative Support: Citizen services, Dial-a-Ride programs, and Outreach

**St. Charles, IL\***

***Assistant Director of Public Works***

Responsible for the management of department operations including 98 employees (65 union and 33 non-union), capital programs, key projects, daily activities, and long range planning. The total budget for all funds was \$125 million and specific areas of responsibility included:

- The Environmental Services Group: Water Services, Sanitary Sewer Collection, Wastewater Treatment, Environmental Laboratory, Solid Waste Collection Contracts, and Green Programs
- The Public Services Group: Streets Division, Storm Sewer Services and Management, Fleet Services, Facilities Management, Urban Forestry, Snow Removal, Street Sweeping, and Special Events
- Electric Services Divisions: Power Purchase, Substations, Transmission, Distribution, and City Communications
- City Engineering: MFT programs, Capital Improvement Programs, System Planning, and Community Outreach
- Administrative Support: Citizen services, Call-n-Ride programs, and Outreach

**Williams Construction Management, Chicago, IL\***

***Construction Services Manager***

Managed the construction department for all new project pursuits, architectural designs, owner's budgeting, and construction. Developed schedules, estimates, and procurement packages for over \$100 million in projects throughout the Chicago Area. Managed and constructed \$35 million of municipal improvements for multiple communities in the Chicago Area.

**MWH Global, Inc., Chicago, IL\***

***Senior Project Manager***

Estimated and proposed on over \$500 million in design-build projects throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Successfully managed over \$100 million in water and wastewater projects for MWH Global. Led the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Contract with a team of engineers and constructors. Multiple task orders managed for work throughout the United States.

**Roy F. Weston, Inc., Chicago, IL\***

***Project Manager/Project Engineer***

Managed over \$50 million in projects throughout the United States. Successfully estimated and developed over \$10 million in new projects for Roy F. Weston, Inc.