

Richard A. Gallas, PE, CFM

Municipal Services Department Manager



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

South Chicago Heights, IL

DECO Grant Preparation Assistance

Assisted the South Chicago Heights with the preparation of two DCEO Uniform Grant Applications and appropriate documentation for various improvements, including:

- 2024 Road Improvements
- Water System Improvements

South Chicago Heights, IL

CDBG Grant Preparation Assistance

Assisted the South Chicago Heights with the preparation of CDBG Capital Improvement, Demolition and Economic Development applications for water system improvements, including:

- Commercial Avenue Water System Improvements
- Water main and Valve Replacement Program

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.

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.

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.