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Tough Decision to Close Stevenson Pool Indefinitely After 50 Years of Service

Dwight, IL – January 31, 2025 – After almost 50 years of serving the community, the Village Board has made the difficult decision to close Stevenson Pool indefinitely. This decision comes following a comprehensive Aquatic Engineering report received earlier this month, which highlighted significant concerns regarding the pool's current condition and long-term viability.

The decision to close the pool is not one that was made lightly. Village leaders fully recognize the impact this closure will have on our residents, and we understand the importance of this facility to our community. While this was an incredibly difficult choice, it is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of all who use the pool.

“The estimated cost to bring Stevenson Pool into compliance is nearly six million dollars—a sum far beyond the Village’s available resources. The entire village team is committed to finding the most cost-effective solution for our community,” said Village President Paul Johnson. “While the current repair costs are not feasible, we are actively exploring alternative recreational opportunities and aquatic programs that will continue to serve our residents. Additionally, we are pursuing potential grant opportunities to help offset costs. Our dedication to maintaining a vibrant and active community remains unwavering.”

The Village Board is exploring and assessing potential opportunities for new aquatic facilities within the community. As part of our commitment to providing recreational options for all residents, we are looking at a variety of options.

We encourage community members to stay informed and engaged. An open invitation is extended to the public to attend the upcoming Board Meeting on **February 25th at 5:00 PM**. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for residents to share their ideas and suggestions for a future aquatic facility.

For additional information or questions regarding the pool closure and future plans, please contact Village Administrator, **Crissy Livingston**, at **815-584-3077**.