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Former Town Manager Remembered for Love of Community

For 26 years, John Schoeberlein diligently served as Vienna Town Manager with a commitment to fiscal responsibility and preserving the community's small-town feel. Upon learning of Schoeberlein's death yesterday, Town staff and leaders reflected on his remarkable 40-year record of public service.

Schoeberlein already had considerable experience when his tenure in Vienna began on April 22, 1985. He had served as City Clerk for Highland Park, Illinois; Assistant City Manager for Pompano Beach, Florida; and a county administrator for Winnebago County, Illinois. In his first year in Vienna, Schoeberlein set clear leadership goals for himself including conducting a community survey, evaluating infrastructure, and examining financial and operational practices to inform strategic planning.

In a June 1985 Vienna Voice newsletter article, Schoeberlein said, "I don't profess to have all of the answers to problems we as Vienna residents are facing, but I am committed to work with staff and the citizens to find solutions."

Over the course of the following two-and-a-half decades, Schoeberlein balanced 26 budgets, attended more than 500 Town Council meetings and work sessions, raised the Town's bond rating to AAA and oversaw the building of the police station, the Northside Property Yard, the Community Center and the Vienna Town Green. Even after retirement, Schoeberlein stayed connected with the Town government, offering the benefit of his institutional knowledge to his successor and the Vienna Town Council.

Upon his retirement in May 2011, Schoeberlein reflected on his years of service and credited others for their role in his successes. "I have had the honor and opportunity to work with many dedicated Council members and Town staff that care deeply about the Town of Vienna."

Though the Town leadership has changed multiple times since Schoeberlein retired, his work established an operational foundation upon which the Town continues to build.

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