

Village of Fox Lake
Finance Committee Meeting
October 9, 2007
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were Chairman Ulasz, Trustee Koske, Trustee Bender, Trustee Murrey, Trustee Kiesgen and Trustee Working. Also in attendance was Mayor Irwin.

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions or clarifications to the minutes of September 11, 2007. There were no comments, the minutes will stand as presented.

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions or clarifications to the minutes of September 25, 2007. There were no comments, the minutes will stand as presented.

IV. Bills to be paid

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions regarding the bills to be paid in the amount of \$720,688.35. Chairman Ulasz stated I am sure you all noticed the large bill for Peoples Energy.

Paul Christensen stated he would talk about that briefly. When we switched over to our new supplier in January basically Com Ed was overwhelmed. Most of the larger customers were delayed until about a month ago, they forwarded the information to Peoples and they in turn billed us. It has taken us about a month to review the bills, and there is a few more coming, there were a few we didn't release yet. We did budget for this, we did know we hadn't reviewed those bills last budget cycle and carried over the estimated amounts to this budget cycle. We have been paying the street light bills; they were only having problems with the pumping stations. And again the Water and Treatment Plant did budget for these amounts.

V. Ratification of Manual Check List

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions. There were no questions or comments, the manual checklist will stand as presented.

VI. Old Business

Refunding of 1996 Bonds

Chairman Ulasz asked Paul Christensen to discuss this item. Paul Christensen stated he had brought this item up at the meeting on September 11, 2007. At that time there was some discussion to add some additional money to add some water mains. I met with Trustee Murrey and John Boldt, and it was decided we do not want to add any more money to the refunding at this time and we would like to proceed with the refunding what we currently have as debt. If that is acceptable with the Board I will ask for permission to go out for refunding for the same time period and the saving should be roughly \$60,000.00. The Board has no comments. Paul Christensen stated the time frame should be the end of November or first part of December. Chairman Ulasz asked Paul to provide a spreadsheet similar to the last time showing where the cost savings was.

Paul Christensen stated yes and if anyone needs any additional documentation please let me know.

VII. New Business

Personnel at NWRWRF

Chairman Ulasz asked Trustee Murrey to speak on this item. Trustee Murrey stated since it was such a short time, the first candidate only worked a 1½ days and had a problem with confined space. We have taken the second candidate, Michael Mitchell Canning for the laborer's position. If there are not any concerns I will make that motion this evening. Again this is refilling the position. The committee was in agreement.

Superintendent Hoehne stated Nancy Schuerr notified me that the applicant did pass the background check so the requirement can be stricken from the motion.

Part-time Personnel at FoxComm 911 Center

Chairman Ulasz asked Trustee Bender to speak on this item, Trustee Bender asked Annette Wolf to speak to the Committee. Annette Wolf stated one of the things we talked about at budget time was to get part-time help in to help with the maternity leaves. Jeff Fleming was a full-time operator with us and was hired by Island Lake as a Police Officer. He is now out of his FTO program and is willing to come back part-time for us. He already has all of the certifications. Chairman Ulasz stated this was discussed at budget time and the amount was figured into the budget.

Permission to Advertise at Local Water and Sewer

Chairman Ulasz asked Trustee Murrey to speak on this item. Trustee Murrey stated as I brought up at the last Committee Meeting we advance our laborer up to a Chief operator, so all we are asking is permission to advertise for the open laborer position. The Committee was in agreement to advertise for the open position.

VIII. Committee Comments

Trustee Murrey stated he wanted to remind everyone that December 18th is the deadline for the Ross Property or actually the Village Property. I just wanted it in the record, because time has a tenancy to get away from all of us.

Paul Christensen stated he would like to provide an update. Next week I will be getting quotes, I did not want to solicit quotes to early or they wouldn't stand. The time frame is for the approval at the second meeting in November and the closing will be in the middle of December.

Chairman Ulasz wanted to wish Ruth Stark a Happy Birthday. Mayor Irwin stated Ruth is one of very favorite hard working volunteers. Happy Birthday, we know you can't stay for the Board Meeting but right after the Committee Meetings we will cut your cake.

IX. Audience Comments

None

X. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss the Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Carol Ward
Deputy Clerk