

**Village of Fox Lake**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**March 27, 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 Beskow, Trustee Bender, Trustee Murrey, Trustee Borchers 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 March 13, 2007. With there being no comments they will stand as presented.

**IV. Bills to be paid**

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions regarding the bills to be paid. Chairman Ulasz stated they would stand as presented and will make a motion this evening for approval of the bill list in the amount of \$425,294.87.

**V. Ratification of Manual Check List**

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions. Manual checklist will stand as presented.

**VI. Grainger Bills**

Chairman Ulasz asked if anyone had any questions on the Grainger bills. There were no comments.

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

Internal Transfers between Funds

Chairman Ulasz asked Paul Christensen address this item. Paul Christensen stated on the Consent Agenda is a transfer between funds. This is the transfer that we do annually and are budgeted for. The only exception is the last one it is budgeted for \$23,000 and as you can see we are transferring \$59,000. A large amount of that had to do with this building; there were some contracts that were still outstanding.

Amendment to Developers Agreement

Chairman Ulasz asked Trustee Bender to talk about this item. Trustee Bender stated after working 5 or 6 months there was a conflict with the Attorney so the Sayles family had to procure a new Attorney. They anticipate to close now between April 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on Renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Chairman Ulasz asked Nancy Schuerr to address this item. Nancy stated I hope everyone has had a chance to review all the information; we went out to market and checked against the market prices. I suggest at this time to stay with the benefits we currently have with Blue Cross Blue Shield but in the future we

should review possibilities in advance for benefits. Chairman Ulasz stated this is the same plan that was presented last year but with an increase of 9.1 percent. Trustee Bender stated it is under 10%, usually it is 13-15%.

Discussion on data Lines between Village Buildings and Internet Providers

Chairman Ulasz asked if Tom Pederson could come up and talk on this item. Tom Pederson stated I had distributed a memo regarding this issue. Our current provider has basically is having his wholesale license revoked to being able to provide the T1 service to the Village. He has given us 14-day time frame to the services he provided. As long as we have an install date he can continue, the normal install date for a T1 is 3-5 weeks. The will honor the lines.

One T1 he provides us the Wang access the outside access to the world, such as our email, Internet service. The other T-1 he provides is the line from the Police Department to the Village Hall, with voice and data. It connects the Merlin Magic Phone Systems and also the data lines from the Police to the Village Hall. Basically we are in an immediate need to put something in place so they can keep the other flowing until we have the new services.

I have researched everything the best that I possibly could in the time frame allowable. Currently Cimco Communications provides the Grayslake's T1's, the majority of the phone services, they have provided a quote for the PD to the Village Hall that is approximately \$40.00 cheaper than we have been paying. I would recommend we use them for that particular T1. As for our Internet Service Provider there are so many out there. I am trying to stay with a known vendor, reasonable cost and not a long contract so if we do want to make changes since we are being pushed into this quickly we won't have a long-term contract.

Chairman Ulasz stated Tom has done a detailed analysis. We were paying what prior with Levin. Tom stated we were paying \$900 a month. We have cut it down to \$379 a month. Our web hosting will be moved to DB3, which they will do a no charge. They provide all of our wireless connections to all our buildings. That is part of their agreement since they use our water towers for their equipment. Mayor Irwin stated keep up the good work Tom.

Recognition of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Received from Government Finance Officers Association

Chairman Ulasz read the achievement certificate we received from Government Finance Officers Association. This was rewarded to the Village of Fox Lake and also goes to Paul Christensen our Treasurer who made this possible. Not only Paul but also Laura and all of our Department Heads. I am very proud of everyone and Paul to be able accomplish this. This is our first year receiving this achievement. Paul stated we will continue to do this in the future as well.

**IX. Committee Comments**

None

**X. Audience Comments**

None

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss the Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Carol Ward, Deputy Clerk