

Village of Fox Lake
Finance Committee Meeting
May 8, 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 April 24, 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. The bill list stated would stand as presented in the amount of \$217,574.56.

V. Ratification of Manual Check List

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

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

Copier Lease for Building and Police Department

Chairman Ulasz asked Treasurer Christensen to address this item. Treasurer Christensen stated everyone should have received in their mailboxes a Resolution for the copier leases related to the Building Department and Police Department. The Building Department lease will be up as of June so the replacement for their machine. The Building Department is actually upgraded it is a little faster. The Police Department is actually the same but we are now getting network and scanning capability. The reason we are including the Police Department is on the previous lease, they have gone past their copier count so we are buying out the old lease and going to a new lease. Both of the copiers are both very similarly in cost. Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions. There were no questions, Chairman Ulasz stated she would present for approval at the Board Meeting.

Emergency Repairs at NWRWRF

Chairman Ulasz asked Trustee Murrey to address this item. Trustee Murrey stated he wanted to thank you for putting this on the Finance Agenda. Two weeks ago I received the phone call if you remember the emergency purchase of a chopper pump. We were experiencing in house similar to a hairball clogging the system. We were getting plugs in the pipe and we were trying to figure out what was causing the problem. When we dislodged the clog, the pump was wrecked; plumbing was also damaged for the primary digester #1. The primary digester #1 was cleaned back in 1998 or 1999. That was the first cleaning and

the norm for this is every 8 years. You schedule them at your low peak with all the equipment ready should problems arise. When this took out primary digester #1 we had to push a lot of this into digester #2. We brought a company in, we were working on a 48-hour umbrella, and otherwise we would have been working with the EPA. They pumped it down with staff in house, repaired the plumbing. Everything is working properly again, because we pushed all the stuff over to digester 2. Trustee Murrey explained what was causing the stoppage and causing the wear and tear on the chopper pumps. This is under old business that I will be asking to pay the bill of \$75,000, plus the extra gallonage, plus the parts. On digester #2, we can't wait to go through the bidding procedure; I can't take a risk of our NPES Discharge permit. You see the news that Kansas or Missouri had an abnormal amount of rain in 2-3 days, sewage ended up in the Lakes. Staff went out and got 6 competent quotes, we are not taking the lowest quote but taking a competent quote with the same company that did the Emergency Repair. They are higher on the cleaning but when you go down the actual gallonage and when you go down so far you don't know how much of a murky bottom you will have so you do it by the gallon. We feel the end result we would be spending almost as much as the emergency. I would like to hire them this evening and at the same time we are going to do the repair on the other two chopper pumps and purchase the spare parts so we have them on hand should it require any repairs down the road. There were no questions from the Committee. Staff did a wonderful job getting this resolved quickly.

VIII. Committee Comments

None

IX. Audience Comments

None

X. Adjournment

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

Carol Ward
Deputy Clerk