

**Village of Fox Lake  
Finance Committee Meeting  
November 28, 2006  
6:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Present were Chairman Ulasz, Trustee Murrey, Trustee Beskow, Trustee Working and Trustee Borchers. Also in attendance was Mayor Irwin. Absent was Trustee Bender.

**III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions or clarifications to the minutes of November 14, 2006. 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. With there being no comments they will stand as presented.

**V. Ratification of Manual Check List**

Chairman Ulasz asked if any questions. Manual checklist stands as presented.

**VI. Grainger Bills to be Paid**

Chairman Ulasz asked if any questions. Grainger bills stand as presented.

**VII. Old Business**

Electricity Procurement Update

Treasurer Christensen stated that he had no update as of yet, and that IML is still in veto session and he will put it in the agenda for two weeks from now.

**VIII. New Business**

Payoff Lions Club Installment Note

Treasurer Christensen stated that there will be a motion to pay the Lions Club, but it will not have an exact till the date of closing. They anticipate it to be approximately \$196,384.44 with a December 1, 2006 closing date. They did receive the money from Ray's, and the amount was slightly more than that, so we do have the money to pay it off. Chairman Ulasz asked if there were any questions or comments.

Hiring of Special Council related to updating our Subdivision Ordinance

Treasurer Christensen stated that this was an item for Mr. Hart, but that he will speak on it. He stated that Trustee Beskow, Mayor Irwin, Mr. Hart and himself had met with special council Ruth Schlossberg of Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle. This is their specialty, so it was suggested that we hire them to update the subdivision ordinance. Chairman Ulasz stated that if there were no comments or questions, she would make a motion tonight. Treasurer Christensen stated that he has a second part to this. Trustee Murrey stated that the handout had some changes and he would like to know where they came

from. Trustee Working stated that it was from John Bolt, our engineers. Trustee Murrey asked if they are to do this or are they working together. He feels that this is something that our engineering firm should be doing. John Bolt stated that Bill Hart had asked them to take a look at the ordinance from a technical standpoint and the intention is to have the special council look at it from a legal standpoint. Trustee Murrey remarked that we are actually doing both. John Bolt stated he is doing the technical upgrade and the special council will look at the legal aspects. Treasurer Christensen stated that he also has a 3<sup>rd</sup> part of this. He stated that we have the engineering bringing in the technical part, the special council bringing in the legal part and the 3<sup>rd</sup> part we need to do is to bring in an appraisal service to update the land value. It is an aspect that you have to have when it comes to the impact fees that you charge, especially with the schools. Treasurer Christensen stated that it is in Mr. Harts spending authority, and that he has already spoken to Trustee Working who has approved it, but that they just wanted to make the Board aware of it. He has received a quote to not exceed \$1500.00. They all felt that it was a reasonable amount.

#### Hiring of Property Tax Verification Firm

Treasurer Christensen stated that it was tabled for now. It is related to the TIF District and in time it will be something we need move forward on. Trustee Beskow asked what it consists of. Treasurer Christensen stated that if you remember when we hired Nextgen, it is the same study. He has gone out with the financial advisor and has come up with the proposed tax amount that the TIF District needs to produce. Those are the numbers that the financial advisor produced along with the treasurer and Walt Kublanza. Banks do not like numbers from a treasurer or financial advisor, we have to hire a firm to come and certify those numbers. Trustee Beskow stated that we have paid these expenses once before and the developer said bye-bye, we ate the whole thing. Are we going to have this happen again? Mayor Irwin stated that was reason that it was not being done now, so that we don't have a developer walk. Trustee Beskow stated that he just wanted to throw up the flag. Mayor Irwin stated that she had already thrown up the flag and asked that it not be voted on. Trustee Beskow stated that he was not aware, and until the developer purchases the land they could just walk out. Mayor Irwin stated again, that is why it is not being voted on, because she will not allow it to be paid again until the property is purchased. Treasurer Christensen stated that the reason it showed up suddenly was at the request of the school board. We felt that we would put it on, and then have to remove it if necessary. We have come up with other solutions. Trustee Beskow stated that we do not have to spend a couple of thousand for more embarrassing moments. They still do not have the authority from the state regarding ingress, if they purchased it, it would be a different story. Mayor Irwin stated that it was a non-issue and it is not being voted on. Trustee Beskow stated that it had not come up before the board and that he wanted to make sure it was before the public. Mayor Irwin stated that is everything we do is before the public. Treasurer Christensen stated that is why it was put on. Mayor Irwin stated that she wanted everyone to know what was going on even though we were not voting on it. Trustee Beskow asked why we couldn't have the developer pay for it. Treasurer Christensen stated that eventually it all does come back to the Village.

#### Discussion on Temporary Human Resource Consultant Agreement

Deputy Clerk Carol Ward mentioned that Donna Schmidt had been our Human Resources at one time, and with Nancy Schuerr out, we would like to have some type of back up. This would just extend her contact with us keeping it at the

same rate. It would be on a needed basis, if we need that assistance, that we need the availability. Chairman Ulasz asked if there was a problem with it, if not it will be brought up as a motion tonight.

Raffle License Permit Waiver Request – Fox Lake Area Chamber of Commerce  
Deputy Clerk Carol Ward stated that the Chamber has requested a meat raffle. She has worked with Chief Behan, Mayor and our Attorney to make sure that we would be allowed to do this. They are requesting a waiver of the bond, since they are a non-for profit organization; it gives them the option to request the waiver. She is asking for approval from the Village Board to waive the bond so that they would be able to do this. Chairman Ulasz stated that she understand that this has never been done before. Deputy Clerk Ward stated that no one has ever asked for the waiver before that she is aware of. Chairman Ulasz asked if anyone sees a problem with this. Trustee Beskow stated that the provision is in our ordinance to waive it if we wish, but only by unanimous vote. Other than that he has no problem. Deputy Clerk Ward stated that it would have to be by unanimous vote. Chairman Ulasz stated that the motion would be brought up tonight.

#### Tax Levy

Chairman Ulasz stated that she wanted to bring this up even though it was not on the agenda. It is preliminary tax levy numbers and the projections of next years budget. She just wanted everyone to have it so that they could review it and it could be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **IX. Committee Comments**

None

#### **X. Audience Comments**

None

#### **XI. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss the Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Administrative Assistant