



VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Lake and McHenry Counties, }
Village of Fox Lake } ss.

At the regular Board Meeting, held in said Village and County in the State of Illinois at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2007 meeting was called to order by Mayor Irwin. The following official business was transacted:

Roll Call

Present Mayor Irwin; Deputy Village Clerk Ward; Attorney Morozin; Trustees, Bender, Murrey Ulasy, Working, Kiesgen and Koske.

- I. Preliminary Audience Comments – 15 minute limits, 3 minutes per person**
Jeff Fraas, Scenic Lane stated he has been coming to meetings since the June 11th Public Hearing since that time he has also attended Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee Meetings. We have been told there would be additional Public Hearing prior to the development of the property adjacent to Hilldale Road. That has not happened, as you can tell you have a room full of very disturbed and emotional people. Mayor I would not address us as Tree Huggers but concerned individuals who want to protect the property value and have responsible development. It is not my job to categorize how this project started, but what I am asking for is public hearing before this meeting. These people have other things to do that that to come here and complain about your job. My Dad taught me two things; accountability and responsibility. I do not see that this is working.

Mayor Irwin stated said there would be public hearings. Mr. Fraas stated it is to late.

- II. Presentation – Mayor Irwin**
Mayor Irwin asked Ms. Mc Kee, Pageant Coordinator to introduce the Grant Township Pageant winners. Miss Grant Township Brittani Schisler, Junior Miss Grant Township Katherine Reyes and Little Miss Grant Township Nicole Depasquele. Each of the pageant winners gave a brief biography on themselves.

III. Presentation – Fox Comm 911 Center

Mayor Irwin asked Annette Wolf to make the presentation.

Good evening, I want to thank you for allowing me to speak; I will not take up much of your time. I believe my presentation should last approximately 20 minutes. Handouts have been provided, and along with my presentation if you have any question please feel free to address them.

On May 22nd I was asked to work with Fox Lake Assistant Fire Chief Ted Beskow, Round Lake area Fire Chief Paul Maplethorpe and Cencom Director Lisa Berger to determine if a merge could be possible between Cencom and FoxComm.

I am here today not to dispute the concept of Merging 9-1-1 centers, but to acknowledge that merging of centers is beneficial to Villages as a cost savings, which is why the Village of Fox Lake built the 9-1-1 Center. Allow me show you what the Village of Fox Lake already has to offer other agencies.

Our center history

As you can see Fox Lake 9-1-1 was in disarray. The equipment was outdated and falling apart piece by piece. The replacements for the board were coming from a box of salvaged parts from the McHenry County Sheriffs radio that Radicom kept on hand for repairs. Fox Lake did visit other agencies and “shopped around” before making the decision to keep 9-1-1 in Fox Lake. This decision was not just to keep our 9-1-1 center but also to build a 9-1-1 center that would allow other agencies to join, reducing the operational costs for the joining agencies and Fox Lake. Detailed reports and instruction in regards to the building outlay, equipment, location and ergonomic factors were provided by the hired consultant Richard Tucker to make this construction successful for Fox Lake and other agencies to join.

FoxComm Today

Located in a secured below ground facility compliant with Department of Homeland Security Regulations at 301 S RT 59, 1,750 Square Feet of operational space Our Current Layout can be expanded for the 5th and 6th without construction. We have two secured equipment rooms housing the operations with environmental equipment providing optimal operational environment.

What does FoxComm do? Not just answering of 9-1-1 calls and dispatching,

FoxComm is the heart of the Villages communications.

Utilities Call outs

Weather notifications

First hand Records handling

Data entry

Prisoner Monitoring

Building access

And public education that will be offered to Kindergarten through 5th grade this upcoming school year.

And above all customer service to the citizens

These services are also provided to Grayslake.

Here are the inner workings of the 9-1-1 Center

Our current phone load allows for all calls to be answered. As noted in the handouts there are a minimal of 6 administrative lines. This provides us with a drop down making every effort for our phone system to never "busy out". There are three major aspects of the 9-1-1 center phones, radios and recording devices. FoxComm has the capabilities with the equipment we have installed to add Cencom to FoxComm without the revamping each workstation. We have the technology already. The ZETRON radio system supports up to 48 channels, Right now we have approximately 25 channels programmed in the system for the area with agency specific channels being the public works. That leaves 23 channels open for individual town's public works frequencies and additional channels in the future. The capability is already there to expand without the large price tag. FoxComm is the back up for Cencom should their center loose operations and vice versa. Because of this the Round lake channels (that were permitted to be installed) were installed and are working. This was used on August 24, 2006 when the Cencom 9-1-1 lines went down and lines were forwarded to FoxComm. FoxComm has the ZETRON integrator phone system.

This allows the dispatchers to have hands free call answering. Each Telecommunicator plugs a headset into the position and is able to answer the phones while typing information into the CAD. This is an ergonomic feature, as the T/C does not have to crick their necks while trying to hold the phone and type.

TDD for the hearing impaired is automatically launched once a signal is received and communications are recorded through the system and printed for court purposes with date and time stamp.

The phone system is capable of handling 100 trunks. This load capability will allow for approximately 80 more 9-1-1 lines to come into the FoxComm 9-1-1 Center. Our phone system is activated for Phase II cellular call handling. FoxComm does receive X Y Coordinates from cellular callers, if the cellular carrier is transmitting the GIS Information.

PIPS an in-house records system supplies contact information. This system has allowed FoxComm to aid units with locating, background information and descriptors for persons and property when further investigations are needed on scene.

Recordings are provided by a digital recording system that allows the Telecommunicator instant playback. This system allows for the Telecommunicator to see the last channel that was activated, length of the transmission and provides the ability to slow down the transmission if needed. Recordings are made for our service departments upon request and through the submission of a recording request signed by a department head or designee for legal purposes to review activities. Weather monitoring is one of the activities that the Telecommunicators monitor. FoxComm has 4 sources for weather monitoring in place.

1. The National Weather Service displayed in the center for real time weather tracking 24/7

2. The SKYWARN broadcasting through the Lake County F1 frequency with instant broadcasts for approaching hazards
3. The Illinois State Police messaging system, which provides forecasts with up to three days of outlook information, including the Home Land Security Broadcasts with threat level notifications.
4. The installed Davis Vantage monitoring system that was purchased for the center providing barometric pressure, temperature, humidity, rainfall, wind speed and direction up to 1000 ft.

In regards to the mapping for FoxComm, we are currently utilizing the Lake County ETSB mapping software, which integrates with our CAD system. This map allows for the Telecommunicator to see where the officer is responding for a call.

This mapping will provide the Phase II mapping for the cellular callers in end of year 2007 at no additional cost. There were plans in the 2006-2007 to purchase mapping. This was cut to save the Village money, once the Lake County ETSB advised this would be providing this to each CAD user at no cost. Additional features are available for additional cost to the Village if they wish to install such as Auto Vehicle Locating at a fair cost.

A waiver was requested through Illinois Department of Health in April of 2005 to allow for FoxComm to establish and study the best option for supplying the Emergency Medical Dispatching service as required with the change of verbiage in the January 2005 Illinois Compiled Statues Health Facilities section 210 ILCS 50/3.70. A comparison of the EMD programs approved through the Illinois Department of Health and the EMS System being Power Phone and Priority Medical Dispatching were researched. Priority was chosen because of the legal backing and product integrity with the protocols established. Because of the current hands free dispatching abilities and the goal to keep the information available to the responding units, the computer version of the EMD was chosen. This allowed for the responding units to see the response to the questions in statement form in their vehicles. Patient is breathing regularly” “Patient is conscious”Emergency Medical Dispatching was implemented in FoxComm April of 2006.

2007 year to date

207 Emergency Medical Dispatch aided activities showing the units the response of the questions that are asked to assist with preparation en route to the scene.

10 CPR assists

22 Traumatic Injury Assists and

2 choking assists 1 using language line due to language barrier

Staffing at FoxComm is 3 Telecommunicators per shift. There are areas where there are 4 due to call volume, weather and activities such as the July 7th celebration resulting in 104 Police responses and 18 Fire responses

FoxComm has an on call Telecommunicator and area Telecommunicators who are called in for additional manpower as stated in our operating procedures. Each of our Telecommunicators are trained and certified within the first year of employment. The Manager and Supervisors have been certified in supervisory specific courses to provide the tools and resources to successfully lead the assigned Telecommunicators and meet all Human Resource safeguards and fair labor requirements. To ensure the Telecommunicators and Supervisors maintain their level of education and certification a

consistent schedule has been implemented for delivering updated information, via in house training. The training is recorded and provided to the agencies such as APCO, NENA and Priority allowing in a reduction in costs for re-certifications.

Any business takes 3-5 years to develop and establish the marketable product that is to be sold generating profit and or a reduction in costs due to cost sharing. FoxComm is only in year 3 of operation. In 2006 the contract with Grayslake was implemented and operational. This was 18 months into the FoxComm operation.

February 2007 FoxComm 9-1-1 is recognized by the CALEA organization earning exemplary marks, siding the Grayslake Police Department accreditation process. CALEA's acknowledgement shows that FoxComm is a center built with professionalism, pride and operating procedures that conform to the professional standard.

We must look at the product that we have

At this point I would like to express that I have no complaints or arguments that merging centers are a cost savings to the Village or other Villages. What I would like to end this presentation with is that FoxComm; the Village of Fox Lake 9-1-1 Center has been built to do just that. We are working toward obtaining additional departments at this time.

The 9-1-1 center can be the mechanism for cost savings, but not if it is given away, with or without a prenuptial. We have strived to maintain the technological integrity of the center and keep the equipment and staff up to date and ready for the technology as it is introduced. Before making the decision that awaits voting, please consider that Fox Lake has the state of the art center capable of expanding the current operations to supply area agencies with the service, location and equipment already operational.

Annette Wolf asked if there were any questions? Mayor Irwin stated I don't think anyone doubts that we have a state of the art facility, but what I think a few of the Trustees and I would like to know is what are our chances of bring in additional money. How close are you to bringing other agencies into Fox Comm? Annette stated they have three different agencies we are talking to right now. Mayor Irwin asked if it is the same we have been talking to for two years? Annette stated no, two are the same and one is new. Mayor Irwin asked can you discuss it yet? Annette stated unfortunately I can't at this time. Mayor Irwin asked do we have a time frame? Annette stated within in the next month, we should have information regarding where we are at with the other Agencies. Annette stated I am not telling you to look at anything other than what we have. Mayor Irwin stated exactly. The whole point of whether we merge or don't merge is money. We will be broke if we don't do something; so I want to know if you think you have two or three agencies that are going to come in to Fox Comm. Annette stated we have two agencies that has already advised us they would be willing to give us an interim letter, which means they will sit down and talk with us and discuss the budget which is basically a letter of commitment. Mayor Irwin said it is really a pre-commitment kind of like a pre-engagement ring, Annette stated exactly not a pre-nuptial but a pre-commitment. That is basically going to do is we will have that criteria until such a time a contract is made. Once we did the merger with Grayslake, the contract took all of three weeks to get finalized. The longest wait has been the ICC, which has already been approved, that was approved two weeks ago. Mayor Irwin asked when would you get the pre-commitment letter from the other agencies? Annette stated what she was told was once they got the approval, we have one that has the Village Manager is ready to make the commitment with the approval of the Board which is scheduled to happen tomorrow. We have another

one we are waiting to sit down with the Chief and we need to get the commitment from him. We have approval from the Commander and the Village Manager we just need the Chief's. Mayor Irwin asked what about the third one? The third one is ready to go, we need to sit down with Trustee Ulasz and Paul Christensen and go over the pricing with them, but regardless they are ready to move.

Trustee Bender stated he would like to add some comments, I agree with you as I said earlier in the Finance Meeting. I am very reluctant to pass a budget with a deficit. It is the first time in my 6 years sitting up here; Mayor Irwin stated 8 for me. This came up late in the afternoon, we were just talking and what came out was we were kicking around for a week Cencom coming over to Fox Comm, we have the hardware, we have the building and we have the trained people. We are ready to go, but then as we talked they have to build their building, expand their building, they have to get their hardware and the training of their people. In the interim get a contract for three or four years; we would get enough money to take care of our budget deficit which is the primary driver that you have been talking about and I agree with it. Mayor Irwin stated that has never been on the table for Cencom to come to us, the proposal was for us to go to them. Trustee Bender stated he is asking as of tonight that it be considered. Trustee Ulasz has stated a number of times we should be looking at all the options, that is two options have them come here or two have them come here for 3-4 years while they build their center, while they get their hardware, train their people, it is a win win for everybody. They get their building, we get some money that takes us out of the deficit that is all I am suggesting. Mayor Irwin stated us merging with Cencom is a win win also, for us to merge with them. Trustee Bender stated I am not going to dispute that. Mayor Irwin stated we would let Annette answer questions; we have Paul Maplethorpe later to answer questions. We will do this the intelligent way and the Trustees will make a great decision I am sure. Trustee Bender agreed.

Annette stated in each of the Trustee's packet is a form that shows what the layout can be if we needed to expand further. Our initial estimate for 5-6 positions, we can actually put 7 positions in with the layout we received. That is without any demolition. Trustee Ulasz stated this is a great selling tool; we should be using this to put out to other agencies to sell the center. Annette stated that is the same selling tool I have given other agencies. Trustee Ulasz stated I am glad to hear that, and Paul and I are very open to work with you to explore every avenue. I want to give you the assuredly we will work with you, we will work with Cencom and any other options that we have available.

Trustee Koske stated we have heard from Cencom and we have heard from Finance and now we have heard from Public Safety, who I would like to hear from is the Chief Behan and Chief Hoehne, and I want to know what you think. You are our Chief Public Safety Officials, you are the ones that have to live with whatever decision the Board would make whether it is financial or not and I would like to know what you think and give us some help here.

Chief Hoehne stated from Public Safety we have been a part of this potential merger. We are very much for it one way or the other. Three years ago I said my biggest concern was the Street Department, Trustee Kiesgen and myself are getting beat up for no money. We have roads that need to be fixed, it is very obvious going through the budget where the deficit is, where the downfall is, it is not Police and not Fire. The Street Department has nothing to work with and that is still my position as it has been for three years. Trustee Koske stated if our dispatch center can bring in some people and make the budget work and that ultimately ends up making money for the Street Department which I know is a

concern, it is all of our concerns, do you have a problem with keeping our dispatch here or do you have a problem merging with Cencom, do you have a problem with Cencom merging with us, do you have a problem with other agencies coming in that is what I would like to know?

Chief Hoehne stated I don't have a problem with merging one way or the other, we need good dispatch, we do have good dispatch now, Cencom has very good dispatch and they have dispatched for us, from a Fire standpoint, I know my Chief Officers are here they are very interested, they need good dispatch time, the need to be toned immediately, they don't need a minute and half of dissertation of talking we have to get on the road and that is the battle we are fighting. The Mayor has stepped up in the last week and helped that tremendously. I think these gentlemen here will attest to it. Trustee Koske stated so it is an operational issue that you feel has been addressed? It has been addressed; it has been a long time coming. Trustee Koske stated thank you that is what I wanted to hear, Chief Behan your comments.

Chief Behan stated it is the same situation, it is the money issue that we are all looking at and in my personal opinion is we have FoxComm and they do a good job, they handle tremendous amount of calls. I don't want them to move for the wrong reason, fix the problems we may have, a merger is good if both sides agree upon it. A merger is very good, I think we may be at the end of the spectrum, if we can find the middle ground I think it is a great idea, we don't want to lose the integrity that we are. Trustee Koske stated thank you.

Trustee Koske stated my biggest concern is we spent a lot of money as a Village, as a Village Board on a state of the art facility to serve our community and hopefully communities around us, I would hope we would explore every avenue possible before we would merge it with anyone before we would lose any control of any kind from our facility, our equipment and all of that. I understand the financial issue, there is absolutely no question, I am hoping we can overcome that soon and hopefully be able to keep this facility in our community. I have questions for Paul Maplethorpe is this the time to ask the questions?

Mayor Irwin stated she had a question for Trustee Koske. I wasn't previously aware of it but I was just informed that two years ago when as Mayor you went to Antioch and you talked to Antioch for a possible merger. We were paying a consultant Richard Tucker, \$105 dollars an hour and he suggested two years ago that we merge with Antioch and we totally disregarded it. Trustee Koske stated two years ago she wasn't here, Mayor Irwin stated no when you were Mayor. Trustee Koske stated she was not aware of that information from Richard Tucker. Mayor Irwin stated she was told that Tucker strongly recommended we merge three years ago, and I understood you were at the meeting as well as Trustee Murrey or at least that is what I was told. Trustee Murrey stated after the got through the inaccurate numbers that were displayed by the Police Department and on actual call load, and they started adding up all the calls that dispatch would have had to answer to the distortedly changed and it was stated that you may want to look at something else. That is when I entered into the picture when they were discussing what is the true call load of the Police Department and it was very low as to what was supplied to Mr. Tucker and when he looked at that and what the numbers were, then when they got all the calls such as barking dogs, complaints plus the serious type of police calls, and all the interaction that would go along with the Fire Department for just one call there are a lot of different units that covers the dispatch. When they started adding that up we got a letter from Mr. Tucker changing the thought process and we needed to relook at this

again. Trustee Murrey stated that is when I entered into it and questioned why are we getting rid of an essential service that we are able to afford since the conception of the radio and thanked the Police Department for operating it all these years. You can't look at this a Police Issue anymore it has turned into a dispatch issue. It was an apple and orange, the disagreements from then Police Chief Gerretsen and myself for taking that away from the Police Department and making it a separate entity itself. At same time that is when they drove the airplanes into the financial district in New York and now we have the Homeland Security Issues came up, and that is when we decided on the basement with no windows etc. as stated by Supervisor Wolf in her presentation. Trustee Murrey stated once they really look at the numbers they were wrong. Mayor Irwin stated she was recently told that and I was amazed that if it was recommended by our Consultants we would listen to them. Trustee Koske stated I am not aware that Mr. Tucker ever gave me that recommendation. I am not even sure I ever met with Mr. Tucker; mostly he met with Facility Study and then Facility Study would make those recommendations to me. Mayor Irwin stated she was told differently. Trustee Murrey stated he has a box about a foot thick, I can dig through it, we were trying to be responsible to the taxpayer, at that time Antioch's site was 3-4 years old and there were a lot of other considerations.

Mayor Irwin asked if there are any other remarks or questions for Annette. Trustee Kiesgen stated I wish I would have been a little more involved in this at the time and a little longer and I am a new Trustee. Everyone here has a lot more experience than I do on this thing, but no matter what decision we make as Trustees we have a big thing facing us and I think we want to take our time to really look at this. When we make our decision we are going to affect everyone for a long time to come. I have taken the time, I talked to Deputy Clerk Carol Ward and she has provided me the minutes of the Facility Study, copies of Tucker invoices etc. There are a lot of things that need to be reviewed and share with anyone who wants to read it as well. Mayor Irwin stated that makes a lot of sense, really.

Trustee Koske stated she had some questions for Chief Maplethorpe, do we want to do later. Chief Maplethorpe stated whatever the Mayor would like. Mayor Irwin stated why don't we do it now if Chief is available. Trustee Koske stated I wrote these down from your last presentation, I might of asked it before I have missed things before.

- What is the age of your equipment that is a concern of mine? Chief Maplethorpe stated you have asked it before but the 911 Telephone system is 2002, the Radio is 1991, and the Council was refurbished in 2000.
- Are you expanding your Current Facility? Chief Maplethorpe stated we anticipate the expanding of our current facility, But if we do complete the merge we would lease a portion of the building from the Village of Fox Lake. We have updated the furniture, we have a grant for \$350,000 that will replace the radio equipment, CRT's etc. Our replacement of equipment etc. is from 911 surcharges that are received from the State.
- What is the real savings \$235,000, but the 80,000 are that per agency in Cencom? Chief Maplethorpe stated no, it is split between 6-7 Agencies.
- The 911 Center is a lot of money why take Fox Lake for the reduced price. Chief Maplethorpe stated two fold, one is an updated Center, two Richard Tucker has previously suggested before the Grayslake move to Fox Lake, that one location should be Fire and one location be Police. Currently Cencom has a mutual box, and they do the back up for Fox Lake should they lose power etc. Long term is would be better to keep Fire more centrally located. I don't want to refute what has been said tonight. It is good for some control. The back up goes to Fox Lake

from Cencom, merging is a Joint Control; the concept is everyone is an equal partner. Annette is correct on the expansion capabilities, but 6 positions would be tight quarters at the location. EMD is a benefit that Fox Lake has that Cencom does not have, it is a good program and we would like to expand that to Cencom. Discussion of Personnel is premature for long term, we won't need as many people, we would have Annette and Lisa sit down and decide who would proceed. Cencom employees are paid a higher salary to keep them there, and not jumping from one agency to another.

- Trustee Koske asked about the maintenance agreements we have in place and do they have maintenance agreements on their equipment. Chief Maplethorpe stated ATT has a maintenance agreement, the Police Radio has a maintenance agreement, and I would be happily to give a detail listing if that is what you would like. As far as your equipment the initial draft would be when Cencom would bok at the contracts and see if we want to continue the maintenance agreements, with the exception, Grayslake would be honored and we would accept all terms.

Trustee Koske stated thank you that is my questions, I knew I could call you but thought it was better if I asked in a public format.

IV. Approval of Minutes

*Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2007 seconded by Trustee Bender*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion Carried

IV. PARKS AND RECREATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

Nancy Rogers stated her report was given in her Committee Meeting. Mayor Irwin thanked Nancy for a great job last weekend with the Celebrate Fox Lake event.

V. COMMUNITY LIASON REPORT

Ms. Jakstas stated we have two boxes full for Operation Flash, Second Federal has offered to send the boxes for distribution. Karen Jakstas stated more boxes would be distributed and gave a brief synopsis of the what Operation Flash was the collections are going to the troops for distribution, there are boxes at the Fire Department, American Legion, Mineola, Second Federal and there will be one placed in the Village Hall.

Seven Eleven contacted her regarding a slurpee machine that was stolen, and she forwarded the information to the Police Department.

I have had nothing but positive comments from the participants in the Plaza for the night of Fireworks, how everyone had a great day and the businesses did very well over the weekend.

We have had 11 boaters go through the inspection by the Coast Guard and if you couldn't attend; contact me and I can set up an appointment for the Inspection to be done.

VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

A. BEHAN

Chief Behan stated that he did not have a report, but wanted to remind everyone that on July 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. we have the Chip the Dog and Cat for no charge and we are also doing dog registrations for \$5.00 each that day. We had an amazing night on July 7th, we had 30 Officers working and approximately 40,000 people came for the Fireworks.

B. HOEHNE

Chief Hoehne stated Trustee Murrey has his report this evening. I would like to congratulate Assistant Chief Van Hoorlebeke, Captain Priedis, and Captain Hoehne for the great job as well as all the fireman they did on the night of the Fireworks.

C. HART

Mr. Hart stated Trustee Working had his report.

D. CHRISTENSEN

Paul Christensen stated he would like to thank all the Department Head as well as the Trustees on completing the budget.

E. WOLF

Ms. Wolf stated she had no report this evening. I would like to make a statement regarding something Chief Maplethorpe stated. Our Telecommunicator's may get paid a starting salary of \$15.75, but their loyalty to Fox Lake is much more than that.

IV. Trustee Reports

A. Bender

I have no report this evening.

B. Murrey

*Trustee Murrey made a **motion** to advertise for a Mechanic at the Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility seconded by Trustee Bender.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye

Trustee Murrey Aye

Trustee Ulasz Aye

Trustee Working Aye

Trustee Kiesgen Aye

Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Murrey stated that Warren Ofenlock, Matt Wood and Ted Stenger at the Northwest Regional Reclamation Facility have received a Certificate of Completion for the Antero™ Maintenance Data Management One Day Workshop.

C. Ulasz

*Trustee Ulasz made a **motion** to approve the Bill List dated July 10, 2007 in the amount of \$217,448.37 seconded by Trustee Working.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye*

Motion Carried

*Trustee Ulasz made a **motion** to ratify the Manual Check List dated July 10, 2007 seconded by Trustee Working.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Abstain
Trustee Koske Aye*

Motion Carried

Trustee Kiesgen stated he had to abstain, since there was a manual check to his wife on the list.

*Trustee Ulasz made a **motion** to approve Resolution 2007-R-42, A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 for the Village of Fox Lake, Lake and Mc Henry Counties, Illinois, seconded by Trustee Working*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye*

Motion Carried

*Trustee Ulasz made a **motion** to pass Ordinance 2007-36, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-3-1B of the Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Fees for Garbage and Refuse Collections seconded by Trustee Kiesgen.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye*

Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye
Motion Carried

D. Working

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve an Outdoor Music Permit for Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department on July 21, 2007 from the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and to waive the fee of the permit, seconded by Trustee Koske.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 2007-35, An Ordinance Amending Section 6-1-1D of the Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Building Permits seconded by Trustee Ulasz.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the hiring of Susan Langowski as the Planning and Zoning Secretary at a rate of \$100.00 per meeting plus \$20.00 per hour for any time over a two-hour meeting, with an effective date of July 11th, 2007 seconded by Trustee Koske.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the hiring of Richard Olle as the part-time Shuttle Van Driver at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, with an effective date of July 11, 2007 contingent on passing the background check, seconded by Trustee Ulasz.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye

Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye
Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Zoning Board of Appeal Recommendation for Exceed Development, 17 Forest Avenue, and deny the Variances, Zoning, Special Use and Planned Unit Development for the Savannah Grand Property seconded by Trustee Koske.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for Daniel and Lory Porter, 41 Nippersink and approve re-zoning from B-2 to R-4, seconded by Trustee Ulasz.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for Ostrow Marine, 64 Sayton Rd and approve a Special Use Permit, seconded by Trustee Kiesgen.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for Ed & Karen Barnes, 702 Rollins Road and approve the re-zoning from M-1 to R-2, seconded by Trustee Murrey.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye

Trustee Ulasz *Aye*
Trustee Working *Aye*
Trustee Kiesgen *Aye*
Trustee Koske *Aye*

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for Ed & Karen Barnes, 702 Rollins Road and Approve the Plat of Subdivision, seconded by Trustee Murrey.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender *Aye*
Trustee Murrey *Aye*
Trustee Ulasz *Aye*
Trustee Working *Aye*
Trustee Kiesgen *Aye*
Trustee Koske *Aye*

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a motion to approve the Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Site Plan and Architectural Review Committees Hearing Fees and authorize the Attorney to prepare the necessary Ordinance seconded by Trustee Koske.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender *Aye*
Trustee Murrey *Aye*
Trustee Ulasz *Aye*
Trustee Working *Aye*
Trustee Kiesgen *Aye*
Trustee Koske *Aye*

Motion Carried

Trustee Working read the June building report; Permits 128, Rental Inspections 26, Re-Inspections 2, Business Inspections 26, Re-Inspections 1, Flush Tests 4 and Site Inspections 30.

Trustee Working stated Mike Weirich has received a Certificate of Completion from Lake County Stormwater Management Commission for completing the Designated Erosion Control Inspector Workshop.

Trustee Working read an email thanking Nancy Rogers for a great event from David and Gloria one of the vendors at the event. They stated they wanted to thank us for inviting them to participate in the event and thank Nancy Rogers for her organization and “cool and calm attitude that she had all day dealing with the many things that took her up to the evening hours”. They look forward to coming back in the fall.

E. Kiesgen

Trustee Kiesgen stated that he and Superintendent Hoehne did follow up with the complaint on Madison. We have made repairs to the road to make it passable and are working with Hidden Glen regarding their erosive concerns.

F. Koske

Trustee Koske stated she was asked to convey from myself and the prior Mayors Hamsher, Hamm and Pappas a thank you for making us the Grand Marshal's for the parade. It was a lot of fun for all the attendee's.

V. Attorney's Comments – Attorney Morozin stated he has no comments this evening.

VI. Presidents Comments –

I am asking for a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Valenziano to the Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee. He has passed the required background check.

*Trustee Koske made a **motion** to accept the Mayor's appointment of Mike Valenziano to the Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee, seconded by Trustee Bender.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion Carried

Mayor Irwin reminded everyone the Fire Departments 49th Annual Festival and Las Vegas Night is July 21st with the dance starting at 6:00 p.m. until midnight and July 22nd with the water fights starting at 10:00 a.m. until 6 p.m. They have all kinds of activities planned for the weekend, including raffles, don't miss the great time and come support your Fire Department.

I wanted to thank all that was involved with the Antique Car Show this last weekend they did a great job and I think everyone had a wonderful time. It really made Fox Lake shine. She thanked Nancy Rogers for a great job.

XII. Audience Comments

Jodie Wojciechowski, 114 Hilldale - stated she wanted to address that they have made one mortgage payment and now my woods are gone which I knew nothing about and I was never advised as to them being torn down, we were renting and then we purchased. It was recklessly torn down putting our homes in danger. Children were down the street that I had to scream at to go into the house for two consecutive days and I still don't know what is being built; I have no idea what is going on.

Mayor Irwin stated thank you and we would address your questions.

Paul Jakstas, 205 Shady Lane – I want to offer a point of clarification on the 911. You questioned whether Richard Tucker, Consultant made a recommendation. I was part of the facility study team and spent many, many months going over the dispatch and all the options. Richard Tucker, Consultant in the draft copy he recommended Antioch, and after the facility study team went over the draft letter, he changed his mind because we found some discrepancies, we made him more aware of what we were dealing with, he turned around and recommended Fox Lake and then later, quite a bit later he went to work for Cencom and then there was difference recommendation coming from Cencom. If you are looking for Richard Tuckers recommendation, it depends on which one you

saw at that point in time. He is a Consultant, I spent many years as a consultant and you have to be careful of consultants because of that. He is very knowledgeable and very helpful you just have to be sure you keep them under control and make sure he is looking at what you are looking at. It was a good experience, but we did not put all these recommendations forward, as you know as Trustees you are buried by this much paper and we only forwarded the things that were important. During the Board Meetings we would give facility study updates and some Trustees stopped by and visited our weekly meetings. We did try to keep you aware of things, we tried to digest the paperwork and come up with the recommendations based on the paperwork that we got into. We also the research we did of various, we joined with others, I went to Lake Zurich, Barrington, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, met with Ila Bauer who at that time was in charge of Cencom. A lot of work went into it, and I can appreciate you have a very difficult thing to face here, it is more than money, certainly money is huge, everyone knew we were going to lose money in the beginning. The whole Board knew we were going to bite the bullet for the first couple of years before someone comes in, if they don't come in we have a problem. If consolidation has to happen, I hope you will look at it very carefully of how you have to get there, I wanted to clarify that for the Village perception.

Mayor Irwin stated she appreciated that because as a Trustee on the Board I had no knowledge of Richard Tuckers recommendation and like you said you didn't want to give us the paperwork.

Paul Jakstas stated we worked very closely with Richard Tucker as Trustee Murrey stated he is still talking to him. I would say he is extremely knowledgeable of all the dispatch centers in the whole County. He is a valuable resource; you just have to be careful with Consultants.

Jim Lanahan, Hilldale – Jim stated he also lives on Hilldale. I guess some of the concerns we have has to do with liability. There has been property damage to the houses due to the wood chipper/grinder. The liability issue is one of the biggest concerns; the other concern is the containment of the facility as it is being done. There will be outsiders coming to stay in the hotel and we are concerned about the outsiders being in our backyards. Some of that is not more that 30 feet from the backs of our homes; the woodchips are going through windows. We are upset about not having a hearing before the development actually started. We wanted to be heard and have our questions answered.

Trustee Working stated he would like to answer that, Mayor Irwin stated yes please. Trustee Working stated number one what is being build is a dry stack storage, it is not the hotel. It is a B-5 Marina, he did not have to come in front of the Board to change any zoning on the property. It was already zoned B-5, there was a public meeting on July 2nd in front of the Site Plan and Architectural Review Board. The plans were brought in for the dry stack storage, not the hotel. It has nothing to do with the hotel or the InPlay Development. We will have the Building Commission and CSO go out and inspect and if there is any home damage we will make a record of that to insure we safeguard your property while it is being built. He did have an arborist (tree specialist) to identify the trees and he is following our Village Ordinance as to how many trees he can take down and how many he will have to replace. As far as containment, Trustee Working asked Commissioner Hart if there was silt fence out there?

Donna Radare, 129 Hilldale - I have severe dust and dirt in my home, I do not have central air, I went to work with the windows open, had no idea this was going to blowing

through my house. My carpeting is ruined, my drapes are ruined, my whole entire house was filled with dirt, and my dogs were even dirty. I would like to know who is going to clean my home.

Trustee Koske stated at the night of the ARC meeting some of the homeowners were in attendance and Bill Hart talked with the developers on that project. Can he address the Board on what has transpired?

Bill Hart stated at this point the project is stopped. They did get the silt fence in before it rained. The only work that is being done right now is surveying and clean up of the site. We are waiting for the topographical survey to be completed so we can review it and address any erosion control issues should there be any. I talked to the Waterway regarding the Channel and possibly putting a silt fence up before the channel. There will be a construction fence along the property line. The property will be matted with straw mats or it will be seeded to keep the dust down, unfortunately we get two inches of rain at a time. These are the instructions they have had the problem has been an irresponsible sub-contractor. When I stopped him on Saturday, I then talked with the Developer on Monday. They were not to get that close to the property line, I was out there when the window was broken and the police were there immediately to get a police report. They did send people out to clean the outside of the property. I told the woman with the dust in the house I need her information so I can contact the developer and we will work on getting the house taken care of. I have not been told other than the broken window of what damages were out there. We need to verify those items, the developer and the contractor are responsible for any damages that was done out there. As I said there is no work being done at the site now and the next step is to get the seeding in or the straw down. We will then hear the hearings on the project itself. We do not set the date of the hearings until we get all the paperwork submitted. Contiguous property owners will be notified by certified mail and this is standard procedure for any hearing that goes before the zoning board. The hearings will be done in the same manner as it was done before, we have stopped the work because of the concerns with the tree removal contractor, and there will be no earth moving except for maintenance on the site. They have a person that was hired to check the silt fencing every two weeks unless there is 2 inches of rain and then it is checked the following day, we will be inspecting the silt fence tomorrow.

Jeff Fraas – Hilldale – I understand that for the simple citizen to understand the mechanics how we govern our town. I have a much better understanding for the issues that are addressed at a Board Meeting, beside from our little world of Scenic Hilldale. I have been to three meetings and some of the neighbors have been there, we have been promised to be involved, we are for the development but we are for responsible development. Please do not call us tree huggers.

Mayor Irwin stated that is a compliment not an insult.

The Meeting with the ARC, Bill Hart and Trustee Koske was there; we asked them because they showed up with no real plans. They did not have anything that was close to being professional. They were talking about putting the barn 15 feet off Route 12, they talked about 51 feet high, they talked about bricking the front of it, but it is the side of it that you will see as a gateway of our Community. We asked that nothing be done until we can see the overall plan for the entire development, not just the barn, we wanted to see the whole thing laid out. We have been put in fear mode and intimidation mode because you can approve things without us being able to stop it. The owners have provided nothing to allay our fears. We were at the meeting for the amendment to the TIF and all

of a sudden on a Saturday they are removing all the trees. The residents heard one thing was going to happen and then another thing did. You have lost our trust as far as being informed, we are asking to be a participant. We will file the OSHA complaint that the Homer Tree Removal machine was operating 50 feet from a residence, and on the side of the vehicle it stated stay back 300 feet. We need responsibility, when we say do they have a permit to do the barn, I left with the understanding at that meeting that nothing was going on until they revealed their whole hand, they understand it and that is communicated fully and I don't think that is an unreasonable request. My problem is I have been to three meetings and I can't get the minutes of the meetings of what they said what they did. I have asked Carol for the minutes of the meetings and I understand that they have to be approved but we are operating 30-60 days behind the curb of what you are doing. That is just wrong, I said things in the June 11th meeting and I can't go back and refer to them.

Trustee Working stated if you noticed we hired a secretary for the Building and Zoning Department, we had lost our Secretary and we have been trying to get caught up. The reason I had so many motions it is because we finally got the recommendations from meetings back in May, so we did not have someone to type the minutes.

Jeff Fraas stated Carol was supposed to call me back with the updates for the meetings and I did not get the call. My trust is very low right now; I want this to be a gateway to the community.

Bill Hart stated we do have the draft minutes from the ARC meeting that was held this last week, if they want to review them in our office they may but remember they are draft form and have not been approved.

Carol Ward Deputy Clerk requested to respond. Mayor Irwin stated go ahead. Carol Ward stated that I did have the verbal request for copies of minutes from the June 11th Public Hearing and I responded to your wife on a couple of occasions when she was asking about other items regarding that property. In the future I will be sure and talk with you directly instead of relaying the information to your wife. Those minutes are just about completed; the Clerk has been out of town and was not able to get them completed. They will be on the agenda at the next Board Meeting on July 24th for approval and then available for distribution following that approval. I want to be sure for the record you are asking for Public Hearing Minutes not Village Board Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Irwin asked for a 5-minute break at 8:35 p.m. and then we will continue with the Audience Comments.

Mayor Irwin called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m.

Adam Wesley – some of you may know I had forwarded correspondence and I have also left some voice mail messages for your Mayor. I did not hear back so I decided to come to address some of the problems with this land clearing issue. I am here more on the users of the waterway; but I am also a resident, my family owns property in the Village and property on the waterway. Jeff has spoke elegantly for the people directly adjacent to the property who I believe has some really important concerns to be addressed in a more extended meeting over this issue. One of the things the Village should do is have a scheduled formal hearing to investigate this matter and to schedule a full public hearing to discuss this land development and the permits that were granted; for the tree clearing and boat barn. Given the seriousness of the what the contractor and subcontract has done

there is a good reason to have something far more significant as far as the review of not only of how the Village goes through the permitting process but also if they should be allowed permits for future work, what kind of oversight there should be and what kind of public inclusion there should be in the process. The reason why I think this is so important they have already violated at least two federal and state laws. They have been cited by the IEPA as I understand it via an email from a Lake County Board Member who indicates she said IEPA Chris Callice was on the site this afternoon and will be sending a violation notice to the developer for working without a NPDES permit. I talked with Bill and he was very forthcoming with everything that happened out there. Bill stated part of the reason they were cited by the Conservation Police because they had cleared more than 90% of the land. At this point we have two different enforcement agencies that have already written citations. They have endangered the lives of people adjacent to the site, they have threatened the waterway, debris from their operation wash ashore on Lake County Forest Preserve Land which is adjacent that property under the rules as I know them. That is what my sources have told me; there are people in the Lake County Board and Lake County Forest Preserve looking into if they can take action against the Developer. I am citizen driving my boat, I found out about this driving my boat when I hit a log in the water. There are potential for civil suits, there are enforcement claims that can be made, there are certainly hundreds if not thousands of residents that were affected on the waterway. The waterway had to be quartered off due to the navigation hazards. We are checking with the Coast Guard to see if they can be cited for that as well. I am not trying to block this development; I didn't care at all about this development until I ran into a piece of wood in the water. Wood washed up a shore all over the place, sediment was being pushed into the water because they were using the heavy machinery up to the shoreline and it was crushing the shoreline, so there are violations at almost every level. There are at least two violations from Fox Waterway Ordinance for depositing debris and silt into the Waterway. There are potential civil suits for property damage. There is a litany for violations here, this is not an environmental movement, and it is specifically of safety and welfare of people of Lake County, Fox Lake, and Waterway. There was day that they cleared land like this in a by long era, not my era. It doesn't happen anymore without someone standing up and saying something. Maybe people from your generation that was the way business was done, they came in and cleared land in an unfair manner. I think given the extent of the damage, whether it is government agencies or non-governmental agencies we need time to catch up with the whole process. Lake County Board Member stated no permit should have been issued until they had the NPDES permit. They should have not been granted a permit, so they are pointing the finger at you as I am but they are above my station in this world and above this Governing Body. I think this body should consider it real seriously and a lot of credence should be given to this and there will be a lot more people who will be getting word about this situation.

Patricia Kuhn, 10 Hoffman Lane – I am a proud Fox Lake Resident as well as a proud and dedicated 911 Operator. I love my job, I love the community I serve and when you think about changing it over to Cencom I want you to think about the citizens of Fox Lake where you Miss Mayor you told me you would not do that to your citizens. You wanted your citizens to be answered within Fox Lake. Mayor Irwin stated I know but you do not want me to bring up what happened last week. Patricia Kuhn stated I understand that, but you need to also think about the people in Grayslake that we also service. There are 16 people that work within FoxComm and our families. Mayor Irwin stated she doesn't want anyone to lose their jobs, but let me tell you if our Fire Department doesn't get better service it doesn't matter if you live across the street or if you live in New York. Patricia Kuhn stated I understand that Mayor I am putting myself

out there. Mayor Irwin responded we don't want you to lose your job; I would like to keep every single person we have from the Street Department to the 911. No one wants anyone to lose their job. Patricia Kuhn stated and neither do I but I want to let you people know there are families that are involved in this. Mayor Irwin stated we all know that. Patricia Kuhn stated there are single mothers, I am the major breadwinner in my home, my children love it up here, and I brought them up here for a better life. I was ecstatic that I was able to work for this town; it is my extended family up here. Please think long and hard before you make the decision. Mayor Irwin stated we all are thinking long and hard and honestly Patti if we don't do something we are going to have to lay people off. Maybe it won't be 911 operators but we would have to lay off street department guys or sewer plant personnel. We cannot continue the way we are. We will be very diligent about the decision. Patricia Kuhn asked for the Mayor to think about the people it is affecting. Mayor Irwin stated she is thinking about the people it is affecting. Patricia stated I wanted to make sure everyone is aware we are very dedicated to our jobs, just as the Fire Department is dedicated to their jobs, Street Department, Police Officers, we are all dedicated here. I hate to see dedicated people pushed aside. Mayor Irwin stated that is what we are trying to prevent.

Adam Wesley asked if he could make one more comment very briefly. I support myself, I support my wife and I support my family. Someone on that property threatened me the day that it was all happening. Someone operating on the property because we were taking pictures from a public waterway threatened my wife and myself with physical harm. Mayor Irwin asked why didn't you contact the police? If you or your wife got threatened why didn't you make a report to the Police Dept. I did call the police; it is not serious enough for anyone to take any action. Mayor Irwin asked Chief Behan if the Police would of taken action if he stated he and his wife was threatened. Chief Behan stated of course we do. Adam Wesley stated he wanted it to be a full public disclosure, we do not want to be fearful for the kind of action that was fully legal and in the open public. We do not want to be afraid of any kind of recrimination we might experience from the Developer or Contractor that is being fined by many agencies. Mayor Irwin stated our Police Department would protect you there is no way we would allow a developer or sub-contractor to threat any one of our citizens. If anyone gets threatened they should call the Police Department and they will take care of it and they do it very well.

XII. Executive Session

*Trustee Murrey made a **motion** to move into executive session with Department Heads Hoehne and Christensen for the exception to the open meeting act Section C 5 for the Consideration of purchase or lease of real property at 8:45 p.m. seconded by Trustee Bender.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Motion Carried</i>	

Trustee Working made a motion to reconvene the Village Board Meeting at 9:20 p.m. seconded by Trustee Ulasz.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

XIII. Adjournment

*Trustee Working made a **motion** to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:21 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Murrey.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Beskow Aye
Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Aye
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Borchers Aye

Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Carol Ward
Deputy Village Clerk