

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
MAY 25, 2010**

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, May 25, 2010; a meeting of the Finance Committee was held this date at 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road.

Call to Order. The following members were present: Members Jim Anhalt, Del Houghton, Ron Kopke, Mike Lee, Pat Mazzanti and Bob McMahon – 6. Absent: Chairperson Eisenberg - 1. Also present for the Village were Tom Sanders, Police Chief and Executive Assistant; Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk; Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Matt Wittum, Public Works Crew Leader and Trent Turner, Building and Zoning Officer.

Member Kopke moved, seconded by Member Anhalt to appoint Member McMahon to run the meeting in the absence of Chairperson Eisenberg. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Minutes – April 27, 2010. Member Mazzanti moved, seconded by Member Lee to approve the April 27, 2010 meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Colleen DuMais, the village's health insurance broker, would like all eligible employees to complete a health insurance application which she will submit to several carriers the end of June or early July for the September 1st renewal date. Fire Chief Rich Tobiasz asked Treasurer Olson about combining the village's employee group with the fire department's to see if both groups could get a better rate. Ms. DuMais told her that she will obtain rates with and without their applications to determine if money could be saved on premiums.

The village's auditor has requested one of the Village Board members be available one day during the audit week of June 7th to discuss various audit issues. Member Mazzanti stated he would be available.

Treasurer Olson recently completed an internal audit of the village's ComEd streetlight bill and it was discovered that the 14 streetlights in Stone Creek Crossing were not included on the bill. This was not previously detected as the village receives a bill with one dollar amount due for all streetlights that is not detailed unless the village requests it. ComEd agreed the error was on their part since the village had filled out and submitted the correct paperwork at the time the lights were installed. ComEd has now added these streetlights to the bill. Because the subdivision's improvements have not been accepted yet, the village has been billing the Stone Creek Crossing Homeowners Association based on ComEd's rates per light. President Mark Eisenberg and Attorney Scott Puma are in agreement that the money is owed back to the Homeowners Association. Although Dean Breuer, the ComEd representative for Spring Grove, said he doesn't believe the village will be back-charged for the lights, Treasurer Olson said a letter enclosed with the check will note that they should not disperse the money in case the village is back-charged.



After some discussion the Committee asked Treasurer Olson to request a letter from ComEd stating the village will not be back-charged or that the account is up-to-date and current. The Committee would also like to review the matter further before issuing a refund check to the Homeowners Association.

Treasurer Olson was recently contacted by David Hoover of NIMEC (Northern IL Municipal Electric Coop) of which the village is part of, informing her that ComEd is raising the streetlight rate this month 18% to 3.9 cents per kilowatt hour from 3.3 cents per kilowatt hour and NIMEC has a supplier offering a rate of 3.4 cents per kilowatt hour. Members Lee and Houghton will review this, along with the proposal from Cost Containment (John Puleo) on gas and electric rates and give a recommendation to the Village Board.

New Business.

Motion recommending the approval of the 2010-2011 Appropriation Ordinance. The Appropriation Ordinance serves as a limit on what may be spent during the current fiscal year. This Ordinance is the General Fund Budget inflated by 30%, which could be used for unforeseen emergencies and expenses that arise during the year. The Police Supplies line item had to be increased 50% because of the rising cost of ammunition and the twice-a-year weapons certification of officers. Revenue Sources include \$1,114,000, in grants for roads - \$500,000 of which was facilitated by Senator Pam Althoff and a \$114,000 IDOT bridge grant. \$94,000 transferred from the General Fund off-set a deficit in the in the Water/Sewer Fund. \$337,000 listed in Parks Capital from the OSLAD grant for the Fish Hatchery renovation may not be received in 2010-2011. Member Houghton moved, seconded by Member Kopke to recommend the approval of the 2010-2011 Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion recommending to the Village Board the approval of May 2010 Bills Payable. Member Lee moved, seconded by Member Kopke to approve the May 2010 bills payable excluding the reimbursement check to the Stone Creek Crossing Homeowner Association. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business. None.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business. None.

There being no further business, Member Mazzanti moved, seconded by Member Kopke to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk