MEETING MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, September 26, 2017; a meeting of the Finance Committee was held this date at 6:10 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson Eisenberg presiding.

Call to Order. The following members were present: Chairperson Mark Eisenberg; Members Jim Anhalt, Pat Mazzanti, Bob McMahon, Lloyd Simonson and Randy Vinyard – 5. Absent: Member Jeff Letzter – 1. Also present for the Village were Bob Walczak, Building & Zoning Officer; Mike Gajewski, Planning & Zoning Chairperson; Matt Wittum, Public Works Supervisor; Mike Ringler, Public Works Crew Leader; Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk; Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Jason Hintz, Police Sergeant; and Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant.

New Business.
Treasurer’s Report. None.

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Review 2016/2017 Budget expenses & revenues. Chairperson Eisenberg first reviewed the village’s revenues. The state income tax was down, due partially to a one-year reduction in local government share. Some tax revenues are calculated on the village’s population and it is anticipated that the ten-year census conducted in 2020 will show a drop in the village’s population due to vacant foreclosed properties. Utility tax revenues were also down. The village receives 5% on all utilities – phone, gas, cable & electric. The telecom tax dropped almost $24,000 because people are abandoning landline phones. Utility taxes are not charged on VOIP phones (voice over internet). While the sales tax revenue was up, some communities receive more sales tax by imposing an additional local tax. Chairperson Eisenberg will investigate the addition of a local sales tax which would have to go up for a referendum vote. Total revenues, including income tax, utility tax, permits, fines, and other revenues were down approximately $95,000. Since 2010, the village has seen a drop off of revenue from $727,130 to $600,000, about a $127,000 decrease.

Expenditures were up in several areas. Administration legal fees were higher due to dealing with foreclosed property issues. The Public Works vehicle maintenance and repair line item was over budget by $70,000. Supervisor Wittum doesn’t foresee repair bills being as high this year, but did note that although they now have several new trucks, the average age of their large trucks is 11 years and the average age of their small trucks is over 12 years. There is some surplus equipment that may be able to be disposed of which should help with repair costs. Police Department wages were up even though positions have been eliminated. This is due to overtime and having an officer on disability for many weeks. The Municipal Center building maintenance was up due because of a needed roof repair. The General Fund showed a loss of $375,903. This figure
includes the purchase of a $150,000 snowplow truck which the village is paying itself back for, making the net loss closer to $225,000.

Motion recommending the approval of the September 2017 Bills Payable. Member Mazzanti questioned the cost for patching sinkholes. Member Simonson moved, seconded by Member Mazzanti to approve the bills payables as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Eisenberg, Mazzanti, McMahon, Simonson and Vinyard – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment. None.

Other Business. Police Chief Sanders said the contract for the computers in the squad cars is coming up for renewal.

There being no further business, Member Simonson moved, seconded by Member Vinyard to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk