

Committee of the Whole  
Finance Committee  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
7:00 a.m.  
Village Hall Conference Room

**Attendance**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Sam Martin, Trustee	
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
<b>Other attendees:</b>	
Jim Hanley	X
Donna Kiedaisch	X
Chris LaRocque	X
Ryan Marion	X
Janice Schulteis	X
Bernie Thompson	X
Reg Ankrom, President/Illinois – SIMEC	X

A motion was made by Tim Nugent, seconded by Joel Gesky, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017, meeting as written; motion carried by voice vote.

SIMEC Presentation (Municipal Electrical Aggregation)

Bernie introduced Reg Ankrom, President/Illinois, of SIMEC, to make a presentation regarding the municipal electric aggregation. A couple of differences between his firm and others are experience with electrical businesses and the use of the reverse auction process where they send out RFP's seeking actual generation capacity for each company and a guarantee of adequate generator flow of kilowatt hours, making sure all requirements are met on RFP's. He explained different marketing processes to broker the best price and service; they will also secure bids for different time frames to get the best pricing for a contract. Suppliers are bidding on line during a timed auction. All fees are included in the final cost; no additional charges are passed on to the customer. There is an option for the Village to change suppliers at any time, from Dynegy to SIMEC source with no penalties. We would need to pass an ordinance to authorize them to go out for bids, then either bring the bids to the board members or an authorized/designated Village representative to make the decision; SIMEC will show pricing and recommend contract length. The Village signs the agreement for residents, however, there is an option for individual residents to opt out on their own, and it is not up to the Village to opt out for all residents. There is no penalty to opt out and residents will have a two-month time frame to find another supplier or they are committed to stay for 12 months. Mayor Nugent stated he wants to talk with David Hoover, our current broker, to do a little more research and get the current status of his product.

New Liquor License Classification: Salons, Artistic Events

Bernie stated there really is nothing new since the discussion at the last meeting concerning the change in current license status. We need to address separate types: BYOB or liquor being served at a location. One situation would

be Frank's Appliance allowing BYOB to coincide with cooking classes. In Frank's case, this would be on a somewhat regular basis, and not considered a special event. The question arose as to whether we should pass an ordinance to allow BYOB for special events or regular events, just during regular business hours and for similar businesses, not just salons and artistic events specifically. Bernie will check with attorney Joe Cainkar for regulations, guidelines, and limitations. He will also check with the attorney on the artistic events licenses to determine Health Department involvement; there is no gaming activity allowed with this type of license.

#### Health/Dental/Life Insurance Renewal Rates

Janice presented a comparison sheet with plans through United Healthcare "Core" and "Choice Plus" plans. During the initial budget planning, Janice started with a 10% increase in pricing, but after receiving some quotes, changed to 6%. The two proposed plans do show an increase in deductible, from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for single and from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for family; the question then was whether the Village would cover the increase as reimbursement to the employees. The choice of either one of these plans would result in a savings to both the Village and employee, even with the increase in reimbursement amounts. If the Village would agree, there is the possibility that employees could choose between the Core and Choice Plus plans, depending on individual needs, due to the elimination of a couple out-of-area hospitals that would no longer be in the network under the Core plan. Mayor Nugent's opinion is that we go with the Core plan and increase the reimbursement amounts toward employees' deductibles. Janice was asked to get more information to bring to the Public Works C.O.W. on March 21<sup>st</sup> as a decision needs to be made soon.

#### FY 17-18 and 16-17 Budgets

Janice reported that expenses on the current budget have "backed off" somewhat, enough that it wouldn't be necessary to use money from the cell tower sale to cover any deficit. Some changes on the draft distributed today and the previous one are salary for a village administrator, retirement pay-outs for the police chief and lieutenant (one time pay), replacement of a PD squad, and equipment/mulch for Thies and Rock Creek parks. Bernie mentioned that funds from DUI enforcement and PD surcharge accounts, a little over \$10,000, could be used toward purchase of the squad. Mayor Nugent also questioned whether we could possibly use some of the sewer monies to cover some administrative costs for committee meetings as a way to compensate the general fund budget, not individuals or trustees. There is also the possibility of taking the one-time PD pay-outs from the cell tower sale. Janice noted that both the amendment and new budget will need to be approved at the April 17, 2017 board meeting.

#### RFP – Audit Services

Four RFP's were received and two were considered to be too high. The lowest bid received was from our current firm of Groskreutz, Schmidt, etc. and at \$2,000 more than their bid, was Bacon, Smith, Koelling & Ohm. Janice will research the two firms/bids to see comparisons, with a recommendation ready for the next board meeting on March 20, 2017.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Boyce and seconded by Joel Gesky; meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. in the Village Hall conference room.