

**Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake
Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2006**

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Pollitt at 5:00p.m. in the Village Hall conference room. Present: Jim Feeney, Rick McCue, Arlene Patek and Ron Pollitt
Also present: Treasurer Peg Pollitt, Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Trustee Micki O'Connell & Ed Snyder
Absent: Drew Gilchrist and Lou Loenneke

Approval of the April 27, 2006 meeting minutes:

A motion was made to approve the April 27th meeting minutes by Rick McCue, 2nd by Jim Feeney, and the motion passed.

Quarterly Budget Review-Police:

The committee reviewed with Chief Olson, the Police Department's 2006 first quarter budget vs. actuals. There were no surprises and the committee thanked Chief Olson for coming.

Quarterly Budget Review-Fire:

Chief Kemmett answered questions about the Fire Department budget and gave an update as to the status of obtaining a new fire truck. The committee agreed to meet with the Protection Committee to jointly hear the presentation of the new truck proposal. The date is to be determined.

Quarterly Budget Review-Admin: Administrator Staggs reviewed the admin budgets with the committee. Questions were answered to the committee's satisfaction.

2006 Bonding:

Trustee Pollitt announced that the Village Board approved the June 7th bond sale of \$6,710,000.

Financial & Court reports:

March 2006 financial reports were passed out but there was no court report to distribute.

Potential room tax increase:

Trustee Pollitt read a letter from Trustee Turner expressing caution on raising the room tax percent. Ed Snyder, from the Abbey Resort, also expressed concern. He felt that the Village would do better going after a resort sales tax rather than increasing the room tax. Currently, Lyons has a 3% room tax and Williams Bay is at 5%. Rick McCue distributed some calculations that he had done on room tax percentages.

Resort Sales Tax: Trustee Pollitt reported that he had talked to the League of Municipalities and the Lake Geneva Administrator about the possibility of getting an exemption from the 40% assessed value test. This would take State Legislature action. Dennis Jordan from Lake Geneva said that a Neal Kedzie aide stated that the Senator would not be in favor of anything that raises taxes. Rick McCue made a motion to table the room tax and the resort sales tax issues at this time, 2nd by Jim Feeney, and motion passed.

Employee health insurance letter:

The committee discussed a letter from employee, Gail Nichols. Treasurer Pollitt will write a response letter for review at the next Finance meeting.

Centrex phone system research:

Jim Feeney has begun internet research on this issue.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick McCue, 2nd by Arlene Patek. Motion carried @ 6:41p.m.

Minutes prepared by Peggy L. Pollitt, Village Treasurer

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing until approved by the Finance committee.