

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**JULY 11, 2011 at 6:05 P.M.**  
**LINCOLN CENTER -1519 WATER STREET**

Present : Alderperson Moore, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks and Suomi

Also

Present: C/T Schlice, Mayor Halverson, City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, Ald: Wiza, Slowinski,, Trzebiatowski, O'Meara, M.Stroik Directors: Lemke, Ostrowski, Schrader, Halverson, McGinty, Asst.Chief Skibba, Mayor Asst Pazdernik, Jason Glizczynski, Matt Brown, O.Bishop, Brenda Nitka, Barb Jacob, Tori Jennings, Reid Rocheleau, Kari Yenter, Brian Kowalski

1. **Commercial Rehabilitation Loan -1416 Main St ( Castle) Christine Scharrer/Lisa Bishop:**

Director Ostrowski stated there was a change in the electrical proposal which was increased by \$945.00 which will bring the loan to \$44,219.00. Ald. Wiza asked if there are contingencies that the project would be completed and that the projected will be inspected and Dir Ostrowski stated it would be inspected and the payment is based on reimbursement of paid invoices from the project. C/T Schlice stated the City loan is secured with the CD.

Motion made by Ald. R Stroik , seconded by Ald. Molski to approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan

Ayes: All            Nays: None            Motion Carried

2. **Consideration of Renewal of Clam Lake Housing Agreement for Payment of Services: C/T**

Schlice explained that the original agreement was made five years ago for a payment in lieu of taxes for this facility as it is tax exempt and there are provisions for a renewal every five years. This would provide a payment of \$6,000 annually for the services that the City provides. Ald. Molski asked how many units were in this complex. C/T Schlice stated there were 8 units.

Motion made by Ald. Brooks , seconded by Ald. Suomi to approve the Clam Lake Housing Agreement

Ayes: All            Nays: None            Motion Carried

3. **Consideration and Possible Actions for Funding - Whiting Dam Project:** Mayor Halverson stated this was placed on the agenda to assist the Village of Whiting in determining what the actual repairs to the Dam will be. He would ask for the flexibility for the Comptroller and himself to negotiate and determine an amount that would be appropriate for the City to participate in the study. Any additional assistance would have to come before the Finance Committee and the Common Council. With the financial constraints on the Village of Whiting and the nearly 30 million dollars of value that is directly affected by the pond it is appropriate for the City to participate. It is not in the City limits and there is a County Highway that runs over the top of the dam.

Ald. R. Stroik asked that since the Lake District approved spending \$10,000 on the study was the Mayor looking to spend the same amount. Mayor Halverson answered that he would like to spend less. Initial idea was that the split would be 5-5-5 .

Motion made by Ald. R. Stroik to allow the Mayor and Comptroller to negotiate an amount up to \$5,000 for an engineering study and other services to help the Village of Whiting with the dam issues. Seconded by Ald. Suomi

Ald. Molski asked if the problem is found to be the cause of the highway and how it was built, we would not be going any farther than this? Mayor Halverson stated the problem was more than the three box culverts but the entire embankment, there is a four lane County highway over the top and where does the County jurisdiction start or stop? We need to engineer a solution as soon as possible and that we need to be very clear with the other stake holders that we want to know how it was designed, who inspected it, how the fill was spec'ed, what fill actually got in there and who was responsible for the construction project. Key is that we have a 200 acre reservoir that is empty, County Highway that is closed, response time issues for protective services and we need to decide as a Community how the problem is going to be solved. I feel the County should take the ultimate lead on this because it is their highway and a dam that affects two different municipalities.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked what the actual problem is, is there a sink hole, what we really know. Mayor Halverson stated the box culvert which consists of the three concrete sections which are solid. The problem is that the area of fill that is backfilled is what the question is. This study will show what the problems are with the fill and areas under the road and the dam.

Reid Rocheleau stated that the Village has done what the DNR requested and has been discussing abandoning the dam and leaving it as a river.

Ald. Slowinski does not envision this body of water being reduced to just a river. This is a community wide recreation area. His fear with the motion of only allowing going up to \$5,000 and if the County does not jump in right of way, that this will get prolonged even longer. He would like to see it go up to \$10,000.

Ald. Moore stated that he likes the \$5,000 limit but reserves the right to change his opinion at the Council meeting.

Ald. Suomi supports the urgency of trying to solve this. We have to find out what the problem is.

Vote on Motion: Ayes : All Nays: None Motion carried .

#### **4. Approval of Payment of Claims:**

Motion made by Ald. Molski seconded by Ald. Moore to approve the payment of claims.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.