



attempts have been made by the Village to obtain documentation related to the refund yet no information has been received from Mr. Kuesis or from Utility Refund Corporation - the company which he represents. Ms. Peters further explained that the contract for Mr. Kuesis' services expires in March and the Village has been contacted by Del Houghton who has offered to perform similar services on behalf of the Village. Mr. Houghton has performed this work for other municipalities and has also worked on behalf of HR Green. Ms. Peters stated that she would be bringing a contract regarding the services before the board in March upon the expiration of Mr. Kuesis' contract. President Hettermann questioned if the contract would be for similar services performed by Mr. Kuesis. Trustee Hutchinson explained that at this time we have not received any documentation to substantiate Mr. Kuesis' efforts therefore we do not know if anything has been submitted on behalf of the Village. She further explained that Mr. Houghton would look into possible refunds and also review the Village's utility services to determine if they can be packaged in a manner to save dollars in the future. The matter will be further discussed at a future meeting.

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION** - Village Accountant Laurie Cwerenz was in attendance to discuss the status of the McHenry County Council of Government's consortium for electric aggregation. She explained that should the referendum pass in March, the Village can either independently seek bids to contract for electric supply on behalf of its residents and small businesses or join a consortium for the supply. Ms. Cwerenz explained that McCog's consortium consists of eleven communities along with McHenry County. If the Village were to join the consortium we would have one vote in the decision making. Ms. Cwerenz explained that by participating in the consortium the Village would be bound by the terms approved by the consortium through a 2/3 majority vote. Most of the communities have indicated that they wish to pursue a two year contract with the awarded supplier while McHenry County has expressed a desire for a three year contract. Ms. Cwerenz explained that by joining the consortium, the Village would save dollars as the legal and bidding costs associated with the process would be shared by all members. Additionally, it would be beneficial to be subject to the same rates and terms as those of neighboring communities and unincorporated areas. Ms. Cwerenz stated that the Village needs to take action on the consultant's referendum at this time. An intergovernmental agreement will come before the board at a later date which would govern the Village's participation in the consortium. She explained that the consortium has decided to work with Independent Energy Consultant's Inc. Upon review of the consulting agreement, Trustee McEvoy moved to approve the Agreement for Energy Consulting Services with Independent Energy Consultant's Inc. Trustee Hutchinson seconded the motion. All Trustees present and President Hettermann voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Sisk moved to adjourn. Trustee Hutchinson seconded the motion. All Trustees and President Hettermann voted aye. Motion carried at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Claudett Peters*  
*Village Administrator*