



President Hettermann informed the board that Ms. Bathje has submitted notice that she is retiring. Ms. Peters is working with the staffing agency to replace her position. Trustee Sisk asked that the Village post information regarding the position on the Village's website, directing interested applicants to apply through the staffing agency. Ms. Peters stated that she would do so.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SEWER PROJECT** - Ms. Peters reported on the status of the federal and state grants for wastewater infrastructure. She explained that the federal amendment was approved which permits the Village to utilize some of the grant funds for construction related costs such as engineering and construction management, however the amendment includes restrictive language regarding the grant period. The grant timeline will require the Village to have a project underway this construction season with substantial completion by the end of the calendar year. Based upon this timeline, the Village is limited as to where the funds can be utilized. In order for a neighborhood to pursue the sewers, an SSA or other funding mechanism would be needed which will require much time to establish. As a result, the Village's Sewer Committee has reviewed potential projects for which both the State and Federal grants could be utilized and completed within the restrictive timeline.

Upon reviewing different options, the Sewer Committee recommended the pursuit of sewer infrastructure extending from the central lift station along Fairview Avenue towards Church Street. Mr. Hartnett reviewed the proposed project explaining that the Village would have approximately \$1 million in grant funds available. The estimate with contingencies to extend the sewers all the way to Church Street is approximately \$1.3 million therefore the goal would be to extend the infrastructure as far as the funds will permit by requesting lineal feet bids from Johnsburg Road to Church Street. He added that the project would include infrastructure of significant size that will eventually serve the entire north service area and future areas to the north as well. Pursuing this backbone infrastructure will enable future subdivisions to tie on at less cost since some of the infrastructure needed will already be in place, fully funded by the State and Federal grants. President Hettermann explained that by utilizing the funds for this project, more residents will benefit from both the State and Federal grants. Trustee Huemann stated that he would like to see the Village work to shorten the funding timeline in the future so that neighborhoods along the waterways can benefit from future funding and hook up to the sewer system.

Ms. Peters explained that upon receiving the executed contract for the State grant, HR Green will submit for a renewed permit through the IEPA to move forward with the project. President Hettermann explained that we have been reassured by Senator Althoff that we will not experience delays in drawing down grant funds as we have in the past however we have approached a local bank to establish a line of credit that can be used if delays are experienced when a payout request is needed. President Hettermann stated that he would keep the board informed of the projects progress.

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION** - Trustee Huemann moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement and Joining the Northern Illinois Governmental Electric Aggregation Consortium. Trustee Sisk seconded the motion. Ms. Cwerenz stated that the County has approved the agreement and the other municipalities are moving forward as well. The agreement will require suppliers to provide rates for one, two and

three year terms. Should the referendum pass, public hearings will be scheduled and bids will be sought. All Trustees present and President Hettermann voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING/VISIONING** - The Board reviewed the Strategic Goals resulting from the January 2011 Strategic Planning Session and recommended no changes. Discussion was had regarding the development of a vision statement. After much discussion, the following words and phrases were identified as being important components of the statement: *Hometown environment; Hometown values; Hometown Spirit; A place to call home; Promoting social interaction with residents and natural resources; Utilization of natural resources; Promoting recreational use of natural resources; Community of opportunities; Vision for the future; and Planned vision.* Feedback will be sought from trustees not in attendance before proceeding with the development of the vision statement.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Huemann moved to adjourn. Trustee McEvoy seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Claudett E. Peters*  
*Village Administrator*