

**VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK**  
**Minutes of the October 17, 2018**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Trustee Don Jensen – Committee Chair  
Peggy McHugh – Finance Director  
Jon Kindseth - Administrator

Trustee Regina Miller – Member  
Trustee Linda Sittig – Member

Roll call was taken and the meeting brought to order at 6:05 p.m.

**August 15, 2018 meeting minutes:** Chairman Jensen asked if there were any questions in regards to the minutes from last month's meeting. A typo was found and will be corrected to read from "Fresh Tyme" to "Fresh Thyme". Trustee Sittig asked about Retail Strategies and Fresh Thyme idea and Jon Kindseth stated that Fresh Thyme has been recommended to Retail Strategies and that Jon Kindseth will continue to push the idea. Chairman Jensen then asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Jensen then moved to approve the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes. By voice vote, the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

**September 2018 Finance Report:** Chairman Jensen then moved the discussion to the Finance Report. Trustee Miller had a question on the water/sewer and sinking fund. Discussion was had on how to generate a sinking fund. Trustee Miller asked about legal trending higher due to property enforcements. Discussion was had in regards to the status of these properties. Trustee Miller then asked about MFT, utility tax and the timing of the revenue. Discussion was also had in regards to the emergency fund.

**Renewal Of Lauterbach & Amen Contract:** Chairman Jensen then moved the discussion to the renewal of the contract with Lauterbach & Amen. The Committee is in favor of renewing the contract and will bring it to the board next week.

**Warrant List:** Chairman Jensen then moved to the Warrant List questions he had submitted.

All questions were discussed and answered.

**New Business:** Chairman Jensen then moved to New Business.

Jon Kindseth explained that we should see Com-Ed prices coming down. We can still do aggregation program if there is any interest in proceeding with it. Jon stated it might be a good idea with the uncertainty of the current economy and that a savings of \$100.00 per year per resident is possible. Trustee Sittig asked if a resident can shop the rates on their own instead of the village organizing it and Jon Kindseth stated there is a website where this can be done. Point was discussed that this website and process might be a good article for the newsletter.

Jon Kindseth gave an update on our internet service and that sometimes it is unreliable. He stated that a fiber network would be more reliable, which is a dedicated network just to us. Jon Kindseth stated that the connection between the Village Hall and Public Works is struggling and it affects productivity. Jon Kindseth stated that Public Works has significant lag time. Jon Kindseth stated that in the long term he

would like to move to a fiber network as the server is becoming obsolete and if we want to eliminate the server we will need a reliable internet which becomes even more important without a server.

Jon Kindseth said the current cost proposed is for a five (5) year fixed contract of \$5,000.00 a year for ethernet (cloud service is additional). More discussion was had and it was decided that staff will continue to investigate and bring more information to the committee.

Jon Kindseth then gave an update on the County inspections program, as discussed previously. Jon Kindseth stated that he thinks we could add the county inspections work and be able to cover it with our current staff. Jon Kindseth explained that the county would give the village the equipment with their software (Tyler Technologies) to use which will also give the village time to see if we like the software. Jon Kindseth said that the county has purchased enough licenses to have everyone use their software so they are hoping we move forward with that. Jon Kindseth discussed the positives of doing so; however, cost is an issue and the other drawback is that we are pretty committed to our current software system.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Jensen then asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, Chairman Jensen then asked for a motion to adjourn, Trustee Sittig made the motion, seconded by Trustee Miller.

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Finance Committee Meeting:** Would normally be Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; however, discussion was had on moving it to Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> as the 21<sup>st</sup> is the day before Thanksgiving. It was decided staff will see what we have to cover as the month progresses and then decide.