GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Abatement: The process of cancelling or reducing previously levied property taxes.

Accrual Basis of Accounting: A basis of accounting where revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable; expenses are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable.

Ad Valorem Taxes: Commonly referred to as property taxes, these taxes are levied on real property according to the property's valuation and the applicable tax rate.

Assessed Valuation: The valuation set upon real estate by the Assessor as a basis for levying property taxes.

Asset: Resources owned or held by a government that have monetary value.

Authorized Positions: Employee positions, which are authorized in the adopted budget, to be filled during the year.

Bond Refinancing/Refunding: The issuance of bonds to pay off existing obligations in order to obtain better interest rates and/or repayment provisions.

Budget: A plan of financial activity for a specified period of time (fiscal year) indicating all planned revenues and expenditures for the budget period.

Budgetary Control: The control or management of a government in accordance with the approved budget for the purpose of keeping expenditures within the limitations of available appropriations and resources.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP): A CIP is a multi-year planning instrument used by governments to identify needed capital projects and to coordinate the financing and timing of such improvements in a way that maximizes the return to the public.

Capital Expenditure: Refers to purchase or construction of a variety of public infrastructure assets, land, buildings, machinery and those equipment items which have an estimated useful life of more than one year and, notwithstanding established minimum capitalization thresholds, would belong to classes of property commonly considered as fixed assets.

Capital Project: A major construction, acquisition, or renovation activity which adds value to a government's physical assets or significantly increases an asset's useful life.

Capital Projects Fund: A fund used to account for the acquisition or construction of major governmental capital facilities and equipment which are not financed by other funds.

Cash Basis of Accounting: A basis of accounting where revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are received; expenses are recognized in the period paid.

Commodities: All expenditures for materials, parts and supplies, except those incidentally used by outside firms performing contractual services for the Village.

Contingency: A budgetary reserve set aside for emergencies or unforeseen expenditures not otherwise budgeted.

Contractual Services: Expenditures for services which are obtained by an express or implied contract.

Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of general long-term debt, principal and interest, which is not funded in another fund.

Deficit: The excess of an entity's liabilities over its assets or the excess of expenditures or expenses over revenues during a single accounting period.

Department: A basic organizational unit of government which is functionally unique in its delivery of services.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program: A voluntary awards program administered by the Government Finance Officers Association to encourage governments to prepare effective budget documents.

Enterprise Fund: A fund which is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the government is that the costs (including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Expenditure: The payment of cash or the transfer of property or services for the purpose of

acquiring an asset or service.

Fiscal Policy: A government's policies with respect to revenues, spending, and debt management as these relate to government services, programs and capital investment. Fiscal policy provides an agreed-upon set of principles for the planning and programming of government budgets and their funding.

Fiscal Year: A twelve (12) month period between settlements of financial accounts. The Village's fiscal year begins on May 1st and ends the following April 30th.

Fixed Assets: Assets that are intended to be held or used, such as land, buildings, machinery, furniture and other equipment.

Fringe Benefits: Expenditures directly attributable to Village's employee benefits, including the Village's contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and Social Security, expenses relating to the life and health insurance programs and workers' compensation program costs.

Full-Time Equivalent Position (FTE): A part-time position converted to the decimal equivalent of a full-time position based on 2,080 hours per year. For example, a part-time clerk working 20 hours per week would be the equivalent to .5 of a full-time position.

Fund: An independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Fund Accounting: A method of municipal accounting where resources are allocated to and accounted for in separate funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund Balance: The difference between fund assets and fund liabilities in a governmental fund.

GAAP: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Uniform minimum standards for financial accounting and recording, encompassing the conventions, rules and procedures that define accepted accounting principles.

GASB: Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The mission of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board is to establish and improve standards of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting that will result in useful information for users

of financial reports and guide and educate the public, including issuers, auditors, and users of those financial reports.

General Fund: The general fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures of the Village which are not accounted for in any other fund. It is an operating fund from which most of the current operations of the Village are financed.

General Obligation Bond (G.O. Bond): A long-term security where the general taxing power of the Village is pledged to pay both principal and interest.

Goal: A statement of broad direction, purpose or intent based on the needs of the community.

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF): This retirement fund, established under statutes adopted by the Illinois General Assembly, provides employees of local governments and school districts in Illinois with a system for the payment of retirement annuities, disability, and death benefits. Contributions based upon a percent of wages are required of both the employer and employee.

Infrastructure: The basic installations and facilities on which the continuance and growth of a community depend. Examples include sewer and water systems, roadways, communication systems and public buildings.

Interfund Transfer (IFT): This represents a transfer between two funds, typically as a charge or reimbursement for services provided from one fund to another.

Levy: The imposition and collection of a tax.

Line-Item Budget: A form of budget which allocates money for expenditures to specific items or objects of cost.

Long-Term Debt: Debt with a maturity of more than one year after the date of issuance.

Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting: A basis of accounting where revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

Objective: Something to be accomplished in specific, well-defined and measurable terms and

that is achievable within a specific time frame.

Operating Revenues: Funds that the government receives as income to pay for ongoing operations. It includes such items as taxes, fees for specific services, interest earnings, and grant revenues.

Operating Expenses: The cost for personnel, materials, and equipment required for a department to function.

Operating Transfers In/Out: A planned transfer of monies from one fund to another to assist in financing the operations of the recipient fund.

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB): Benefits provided to employees upon termination of service in additional to pension benefits, such as health and dental insurance coverage.

Personnel Services: Expenditures directly attributable to Village employee salaries, including wages, overtime, and other direct compensation.

Revenue: Sources of income financing the operations of government.

Taxes: Compulsory charges levied by a government for the purpose of financing services performed for the common benefit of the people. This term does not include specific charges made against particular persons or property for current or permanent benefit, such as special assessments.

User Charges: The payment of a fee for direct receipt of a public service by the party who benefits from the service.

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