

CORPORATE RESERVE FUND

The Corporate Reserve Fund was established by Ordinance #2072 in 1976, funded by a Federal grant reimbursement of about \$407,000 for the Village Green (open space) project that was received several years after the work was completed. The Fund may be used for emergency needs ("rainy day reserve"), and as a "revolving loan fund" to assist Village departments and Village activities in financing major projects. Loans made to assist departments and activities generally include a rate of interest, and include a pay-back schedule as determined by a Village Board resolution or ordinance.

In FY91/92 the Village Board directed that interest earned on Corporate Reserve Fund balances would be transferred to the General Fund as an ongoing and important revenue source. Beginning in FY10/11 and in conjunction with the review and update of a number of financial policies, the Corporate Reserve Fund will accumulate and retain interest earnings on its invested balances as a means of reestablishing reserve balances which have been drawn on heavily during the past several years.

The Corporate Reserve Fund has historically been utilized for loans for a variety of Village projects and activities. This has allowed the Village to avoid the cost of borrowing through the issuance of bonds or bank loans.

Recent uses of Corporate Reserve Fund balances include:

- **Glen Ellyn Park District** - During fiscal year 2000/01, the Village extended a \$1,000,000 interest-free loan to the Glen Ellyn Park District to assist with their demolition of the Maryknoll Seminary buildings at the southeast corner of Route 53 and Pershing. This loan was set up to be re-paid in annual installments of \$100,000 over a 10 year period, with the first \$100,000 received in December, 2001. The terms of the loan agreement were modified by Ordinance 5124 adopted January 13, 2003 (in follow-up to the long-term lease of the Village Green to the Park District approved in December, 2002) which provided for the deferral of the \$100,000 annual loan repayments due in December, 2003, 2004 and 2005 until December, 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- **DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference** - Also during fiscal year 2000/01, the Village Board was one of 12 DuPage home-rule communities to each provide a \$125,000 loan to the DuPage Mayors and Manager's Conference to assist in the \$1.5 million acquisition and renovation of their facility in Oak Brook. This loan will be paid back over 20 years and will pay the Village interest at the average Illinois Funds Rate (this is the Illinois Treasurer's Investment Pool, where the Village invests a portion of its cash balances).
- **Glen Ellyn Historical Society** - The Corporate Reserve Fund provided funding for the Village purchase and ownership of the building at **800 N. Main Street** (now

named the “History Center” and located at the NW corner of Main and Elm) in November, 2002 for the benefit of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. The \$1,050,000 purchase price was paid from an initial deposit of \$325,000 from the Historical Society, with the remaining \$725,000 loaned from the Corporate Reserve Fund. The Historical Society reimbursed the Village the remaining \$725,000 with an annual payment each November over a five year period with interest at the average Illinois Funds rate. Rental income received by the Village from leased space in the building was credited against the loan re-payments due from the Historical Society. Just like Stacy’s Tavern Museum, the Village owns and maintains this property and building and depends on the Historical Society for its use and operation for public benefit.

Similarly, the Village completed purchases of properties at **810-816 N. Main Street** (December, 2005) and **820 N. Main Street** (January, 2008) for further future development at the History Park site.

- **Volunteer Fire Company** - A March, 2003 request of the Volunteer Fire Company was approved which extended equipment financing assistance totaling \$550,000 for their purchase of 2 replacement fire engines costing \$832,000. Terms of the loan agreement called for annual re-payments each April 1st by the Fire Company over a three year period (beginning April 1, 2004) with interest charged at the average Illinois Funds rate.
- **Transfer to Capital Projects Fund** – In FY07/08, a total of \$2.5 million was transferred to the Capital Projects Fund to keep pace with our 20 year street program which had fallen behind due to lagging revenues and increases in the scope of scheduled improvement projects and construction pricing.
- **IMRF Early Retirement Incentive** – In FY08/09, the Village paid the final installment of its obligation under an early retirement incentive program offered in 2006 through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). This program was offered as a means of further reducing staffing costs through the elimination of positions in the Public Works Department and by rehiring replacement staff at lower pay rates.

The early retirement of this obligation in FY08/09 provided the Village an estimated present value savings of \$200,000 as opposed to financing this obligation with IMRF over a period of 10 years.

- **Purchase of 825 N. Main Street** – The Village purchased 825 N. Main Street with the intent to guide redevelopment of this entryway property.