

# Village of St Anne

## President's Report

October 12, 2009

1. Water Tower Grants – I have been speaking with an Ashley Sunley from Senator Hutchinson's office concerning our Grant money. I provided her with all the grant information that she needed. Ashley has been in contact with the Comptroller Office concerning our situation. Kathy from Rep. Lisa Dugan's is also still working on this from her side. Hopefully we can get some movement on this issue soon. Once I know more I'll let you know.
2. Phoenix Fabricators. We have made a payment of \$5000.00 to this company two months ago. We are going to have to make another \$5000.00 payment to them this week. Phoenix has been very patient with us. They understand our predicament, but they still need to be paid something.
3. \$100,000.00 from the State of Illinois for infrastructure repairs. I have not heard anymore on this issue that I told you about last meeting. Once I hear more I will let you know.
4. Poker Machines – The topic of Poker Machines came up at our last Mayor's Meeting. There are new laws going into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 that deal with the licensing of these machines and the taxation of their payouts. The tax monies raise by the State is earmarked to help with Capital Improvements throughout the State. However, individual Municipalities can opt out of the legalization of these machines and by doing so would ban these machines from their jurisdictions. The problem with opting out is that we could lose out on Capital Improvements if we ban these machines. No one at our meeting knew what would happen since the law is silent on this issue. The general thought at our meeting was that we wanted to try and make our decision as whole so that we would not be pitting one entity against another. Since we do have some of these machines in our Village, we are going to need to discuss this topic at our next meeting and try to agree on what we as a village want to do.
5. Thank you, I want to thank all the Board Member and Ken Blum for your help with Pumpkin Festival. I believe that this year's event was one the best and most well attended of the last few years. I would also like to thank everyone who helped out at the event. I know we had a lot of the town's people and even former citizens who helped make the year's event a success. The Pumpkin Festival is one of our best marketing tools and it shows our visitors what a great town we have and how special the people of our town are.