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PRESS RELEASE

Campton Hills -- The Village of Campton Hills is disappointed that the Fox River and Countryside Fire/Rescue District has not been acting in good faith in its relationship with the Village.

Virgil Leasing filed an application under the guise of a "commercial building" when the actual use was for a fire station, including housing. Virgil Leasing secured a conditional permit from Kane County for a "Shell Only" building with the Village's condition that the permit was restricted to only "footings and foundation" until a Special Use Permit is granted for a Fire Station. The Village has not given permission as required by Agreement between the County and the Village of Campton Hills for any further construction; Kane County provides building permitting and inspection services to the Village. It is the Village's understanding that Virgil Leasing and the Fire District have entered into a lease purchase agreement for the building, but the Village has yet to receive a copy of the document.

In an effort to work cooperatively with the Fire District, the Village at the specific request of the Fire District called a special meeting for a Friday evening and issued the partial permit to allow the installation of the foundation and footings. As part of that process, the Fire District applied for the required Special Use Permit. The Village accelerated the processing of that application, arranging for

special meetings of the Plan Commission. Then, for a period of over a month and a half, the Fire District did nothing. Repeated requests for information and documents to allow the special use process to go forward were stonewalled and the Village did not even receive the courtesy of a reply to its request for information.

After receiving the requested partial permit for foundation and footings from the Village, today the Fire Protection District notified the Village that they withdrew its application for a Special Use. (See letter below dated 2/28/11 from Fire District). By the Fire District's ill-advised withdrawal of the Special Use Permit application today, they are prolonging the development process because they cannot legally continue building without the proper approvals.

In spite of the Fire District's behavior, the Village remains committed to act in the public interest. Village President Patsy Smith stated, "What is needed at this point is for the Fire District to end its "gamesmanship" and deal with the Village and the citizens of the Fire District in a straightforward manner. The lives of our citizens are at stake and the Village Board does not appreciate the Fire District's deceptive methods of conducting business."

The Village attorneys do not agree with the Fire District's 11th hour attempt to avoid the Village approval process.