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Trustees want firm to conduct study

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NORTH AURORA – Village trustees want to make sure that growth pays for itself.

Trustees are looking to hire a firm to conduct an impact fee study.

“We want to make sure we are still keeping up with the cost of our growth,” North Aurora management analyst Wes Kornowske said. “We haven’t updated them for at least two years.”

The village collects nine different development impact fees, including fire protections fees, library fees, and traffic impact fees. North Aurora also collects land/cash fees for the school and park districts.

Developer fees helped for a second fire station that recently opened on the village’s west side.

“Impact fees have to be directly attributable to the cost of growth,” Kornowske said.

The village continues to grow. Village officials are expecting a recently completed partial special census to show the village to have a population of between 15,000 and 16,000.

The U.S. Census Bureau certified North Aurora’s population at 13,764 after a special census in 2004.

Census takers counted the fastest growing areas of North Aurora in the partial special census, such as the village’s west side.

The impact fee study is expected to cost about \$20,000. Village officials have said the study could not cost more than \$20,000.

North Aurora will see whether its taxing bodies want to share in the study’s cost.

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