

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TO BE HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,  
30200 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, BEECHER, ILLINOIS AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 9, 2007**

**AGENDA**

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IV. VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

V. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

VI. PRESENTATION: TWO PROPOSED LAYOUTS FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT. Susan Shea, Director of Aeronautics of IDOT, has been asked by the Village President to present to the Village Board the two proposed layouts for the Inaugural and Full Build-Out of the South Suburban Airport which have been submitted to the FAA. The Village has until January 18<sup>th</sup> to submit its questions and comments and it was felt that this could not be done adequately unless the full Village Board weighs in on the two layouts. Following the presentation, the Village Board will be asked to consider the enclosed draft letter which can then be sent to IDOT has our official comments on the layouts.

VII. CONSIDER A LETTER STATING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE LAYOUTS PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> PUBLIC HEARING TO BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

**A. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** CONSIDER A 0.5% INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL SALES TAX TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. A motion is needed to open and close the public hearing. Enclosed is the material that will be handed out at the hearing to those in attendance. The Village President will lead this discussion.

4. CONSIDER A MOTION MOVING THE SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING CONCERNING THE BUDGET WORKSHOP FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> TO TUESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>. The municipal elections have been pushed back to April 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Christian and Jewish holidays which frees up Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the budget workshop. This will allow two more weeks for more accurate budget figures. The hearing date would remain April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Copies of the first draft of the budget will be provided to Trustees prior to the second meeting in February at which time the various committees could meet if they wish to do so. Some of the outstanding issues in the budget will not be addressed until the budget workshop but at least the operating expenses will be nailed down.

5. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE TO STATE THAT NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ASSUME THE OATH OF OFFICE AT THE FIRST MEETING IN MAY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS. A major problem has developed in the State when the Board of Elections moved the Municipal elections from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Passover. County Clerks are not required to certify election results until 30 days after the election. Newly-elected Board members cannot receive their oath of office until the certified results are received by the Village Clerk. This may not happen before our May 8<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting. Some towns have pushed their May meetings back one week so that this does not pose a problem and this is an option for us. We can move the May meetings to the third and fifth Tuesdays in May, or we can set an agenda for the meetings on the current dates and swear in the new Board members at the end of the meeting in which the certified results are received. In any event, we need to change our ordinance to state that newly-elected Board members assume their seats at the first meeting in May in which certified results are received.

Another option is to set the inauguration for the second meeting in May. This will be explained further at the meeting.

6. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING INVOICES FOR SERVICES RENDERED: BEECHER SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,520.89, DIXIE COMMONS (CARMEN KNUTH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,142.01, AND BEECHER PLAZA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$793.00 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN REVIEW AND OBSERVATION FROM BAXTER AND WOODMAN. These amounts would normally be charged to developers but in these cases Village Ordinance is not specific and requires a policy motion by the Village Board. The school district is another governmental entity, and the Beecher Plaza and Knuth's Dixie Commons are less than one acre. In the past, the Village Board has approved invoicing for Doc's Drugs and Beecher Self-Storage. Action on this matter is at the discretion of the Board.

## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT for December will be provided for your review.

### **C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE**

1. MFT RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer.
2. LETTER FROM POPOVICH GUNS EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE RAILROAD TRACK AT INDIANA AVENUE is enclosed for your review. The Union Pacific Railroad responded to the letter by sending out a crew to repair the tracks.
3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

### **D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE**

1. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
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3. WATER BILLING REGISTER for the months of November and December is enclosed for your review.
4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS IN 2007. The Village is qualified to request funds for watermain replacement in the Winter of 2007/2008 in an area south of Miller and east of the railroad tracks. Several projects have been discussed since the last meeting, and the Committee is now leaning on filing an application for replacement of watermain on Penfield from Dixie west to the creek. This main was installed in 1910 and is subject to frequent repair and loss of service. The number of patches along the road shoulder is proof of this. The engineer first needs to provide a cost estimate and the application would be filed in March.
5. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,800 TO EXPAND THE VILLAGE'S FACILITIES PLANNING AREA TO INCLUDE AREAS SOUTH OF EAGLE LAKE ROAD AND EAST OF ASHLAND AVENUE. There is 480 acres in this quadrant which are not in the Village's FPA and the Village Engineer agrees that this area can be serviced by sanitary sewer in the future by the Village once the sewer plant is expanded in 2009. \$8,000 of this fee would go to Baxter and Woodman and \$4,800 would be paid to CMAP for review of the application and public hearing in Chicago. Staff recommends that the FPA be expanded to include this area.
6. REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER:
  - A. Well #5
  - B. Country Lane Watermain
  - C. Completion of Improvements in Area #1 Sanitary Rehab (George Kennedy Construction)
  - D. Response to IEPA Review letter on Phase I Sewer Plant Expansion

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR RECOMMENDS INSTALLATION OF 10" MAIN FROM GRANT PARK BANK NORTH TO CHESTNUT. The Village received a bid of \$36,990 on its own to complete this work which included \$3,200 for a stainless steel sleeve. The Committee will meet with the contractor to discuss the outcome of this project.

8. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION FOR SEWER PLANT EXPANSION.

#### **E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM DESIGN PERSPECTIVES FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT OF THE OSLAD GRANT FOR FIREMEN'S PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,680. This fee includes \$29,180 for Design Perspectives and \$9,500 for outside consultants. Design work would begin immediately and the project would be bid for a July 5, 2007 construction start date. The proposal is enclosed for your review.

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE

3. NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE

#### **F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

1. CONSIDER REFERRAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR ITS JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING: REQUEST FOR AN AMENDED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PRESERVE AT CARDINAL CREEK (MGM DEVELOPMENT). A proper application has been submitted and is enclosed. The site plan will be presented at the meeting for review and referral. The Village Attorney has recommended the completion of several outstanding items prior to the referral in his enclosed letter and as of this printing it appears that all of the legal conditions placed on the petitioner have been satisfied.

The Village Planner has begun a full review of the submittal prior to the referral since there is only two weeks from the Board meeting to the Plan Commission meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. A copy of his comments are enclosed and will be shared with the petitioner. There are several potential conflicts between the site plan and the development agreement such as the definition of the south 9 holes of the golf course, the reference to the north side of Indiana Avenue, and the required connection to the collector road (Cardinal Creek Boulevard) which is not addressed by the site plan. However, the Attorney must comment on the legal requirements the Village Board faces in this referral: can it not be referred if we believe the site plan does not conform to the development agreement or is the petitioner granted the right of due process before the Plan Commission prior to the Village Board's vote on the site plan as it pertains to the terms of the development agreement? The Plan Commission must be made aware of conflicts between the site plan and the development agreement prior to its recommendation but the development agreement is not the basis for the Plan Commission

recommendation. Conformance with the development agreement rests with the Village Board when it actually votes on the site plan. Action of the Village Board on this matter is at the direction of the Village Attorney.

2. CREEKSIDE SUBDIVISION UPDATE. The Village President and staff has met with the developers of this project located on the Crescenzo property located south and west of Church and Dixie. There are several outstanding matters which have to be addressed in a development agreement prior to the Village's consideration of a final plat of subdivision such as phasing, recapture and Church Road improvements. An update will be provided.

3. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ARCHITECTURAL PROVISIONS AND FEES TO BE INCLUDED IN SUGGESTED ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS. At the last Board meeting, the Board favored placing the architectural code into annexation agreements as opposed to adopting an ordinance which would impact all existing subdivisions. This removed opposition from the realtor and homebuilder lobbies, and would not affect current residents in the event their homes were destroyed and had to be re-built.

Staff recommends that in lieu of calling this new document a template annexation agreement we change the name to a "suggested" annexation agreement. The most-recent formally-adopted agreement established a fee of \$25,000 but since this adoption the Village Board demanded a \$33,000 fee on the last three developments. These developments refused to pay and have since been removed from consideration. Since that time, staff has been approached by several new developers about annexation and the first question asked is "what does the Village expect in fees?" We have now agreed on architectural guidelines to include in the annexation agreements but are we all in line with what the fees should be? Enclosed for your review is the agreement with the \$33,000 figure. Action on this matter is at the discretion of the Board.

#### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY UPDATE. Illinois and Indiana have agreed to a corridor study with Indiana taking the lead on coordinating the study. A consultant will be hired this Spring and the process will begin. Several possible routes will be studied, some both north and south of Beecher.

2. CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLAN COMMISSION REPLACING MIKE TURCOL.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REMOVING THE RESTRICTION ON ALCOHOL SALES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of the Liquor Commissioner to determine if the Village wishes to continue having local liquor ordinances which exceed state law.

4. INVITATION TO BEECHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION WINE TASTING AND SILENT AUCTION for Beecher Village Officials is enclosed for your review.

5. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. This closed session is to discuss hiring a specific individual to assist the Village in obtaining pre-annexation agreements with landowners north and west of the Village.

**H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**