

**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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

**AGENDA**

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

\*\*MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF 9/11 AND THE FALLEN SOLDIERS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN\*\*

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

IV. VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

V. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. SALES TAX ANALYSIS REPORT. Enclosed is a report on the history of sales tax collections since 1990 and the impact of incentives and the growth of the Village on these collections. The report shows just how significant Beatty Lumber's success is to our numbers, and the amount of leakage that may be occurring as residents shop elsewhere.

4. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION. The enclosed ordinance contains the changes requested by the Board at the last meeting, including making the Village Treasurer the Treasurer of the Commission.

5. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION. The enclosed ordinance contains the changes requested by the Board at the last meeting, including making the Village Treasurer the Treasurer of the Commission.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS TO MEET WITH TRINITY INDUSTRIAL. Staff recommends Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

7. CONSIDER DATES FOR FUTURE VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOPS. Staff recommends the same dates above other than the date at which Economic Development Committee agrees to meet. Items for the workshop include the Tree Board ordinance, architectural codes, and a meeting with the new Village Auditor to go over the contents of the audit and some recommendations on the future use of some of our funds and the future financial picture of the Village.

## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
2. SENIOR BREAKFAST SCHEDULED. The Chief will provide a status report.
3. RESULTS OF ESDA MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> will be provided by the Chief of Police.
4. CONSIDER A MOTION ESTABLISHING TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FROM 4-7 PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>. This year daylight savings time will still be in effect so it will not be so dark.
5. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT UPDATE. With the recent heavy rains, public works has shifted into high gear. Over 1,000 thirty day larvae tablets were installed in catch basins on August 30<sup>th</sup>, and an adult spraying occurred on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Adult sprayings are also scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>.
6. UPDATE ON USE OF CROSSING GUARDS AT NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL will be provided by the Chief.

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

1. YARDWASTE BAG COLLECTION DAY ASSIGNMENTS. Trustees Cleary, Szymanski, and Ahrendt will and out bags from 9-12 on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and Trustees Kuhlman, Wehling, and Gardner will handle Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL UPDATE to be provided by the Supt. at the meeting.
3. UPDATE ON FIELD TILE INVESTIGATIONS AT 1434 CROOKED CREEK AND AT CHILDREN'S PLUS to be provided by the Supt.
4. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER AND WOODMAN TO CONDUCT A STREET SIGN INVENTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000. This study is required to be submitted as part of an application for up to \$25,000 in street sign replacements from IDOT. A similar project was completed in Elwood last Spring. Staff recommends approval if we intend to submit for this grant which is the next item on the agenda.

5. CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO IDOT FOR REPLACING UP TO \$25,000 IN VILLAGE STREET REGULATORY SIGNAGE. Please see the enclosed application. The street inventory mentioned above is part of the application and Will County is also participating. Public Works will install the new signage and retain the old signage as spares. Staff recommends approval of the application.

6. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL: HIRING A SEASONAL WORKER FOR LEAF COLLECTION THIS FALL. The Supt. Has an individual which he wishes to hire for this purpose from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup> and he wishes to discuss this proposal with the Board.

#### **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 July and August are enclosed for your review. It is hard to believe that after all the rain we have had that there was a drought for about 40 days of this billing period.
4. WELL #5 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer.
5. UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO WELL #4 will be provided by the Public Works Supt. Enclosed is a letter which was sent to our insurance company preparing them for a claim.
6. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

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

1. CONSIDER BID AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,998 TO GEORGE'S LANDSCAPING OF JOLIET FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FIREMEN'S PARK (OSLAD). \$380,000 is budgeted for this project, with \$190,000 being reimbursed by the State through the OSLAD grant program. The Chairman of the Committee will present a revised bid for consideration bringing the price closer to the budget.

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE
3. NANTUCKET COVE PARK UPDATE

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

1. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF BARN AT 1202 DIXIE HIGHWAY (LOITZ). This item was tabled last month to determine if progress is being made on the fascia board on the building. The owner of the building is expected to be present.

2. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF WEHMHOFFER HARDWARE BUILDING ON GOULD STREET (VON ALVON). Bob Tully is expected to attend to give the Board a status report on purchasing the building and what plans he has to restore the building.
3. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO MEET SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>. Items on the agenda include a workshop on the proposed Trinity Industrial Development Intermodal park north of town, and a workshop on accessory structures.
4. BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
5. CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
6. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF UNITS #1 THROUGH #8 OF HUNTER'S CHASE SUBDIVISION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: \$336,011.95 MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED, RECORD DRAWINGS (AS BUILTS) DELIVERED, AND DRIVEWAY AT 1671 MALLARD'S COVE. These units have been 99% completed for the past several years and need to be closed out. The letters of credit will be allowed to expire if the three issues above are addressed. Staff recommends approval. Please see the enclosed letter.

#### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

1. UPDATE ON FACILITIES PLANNING AREA EXPANSION PETITIONS OF THE VILLAGES OF BEECHER AND CRETE. Enclosed is a letter we have sent to CMAP responding to their issues and concerns regarding our application. We have been told that the meeting in which a decision is to be made has been delayed until October.
2. RESULTS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>. Was it everyone's impression that a TIF District is something to look into for the proposed intermodal park? Where are we going in terms of a parks and recreation policy for the community? These issues were discussed at the last meeting. The next joint taxing body meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
3. JOINT SCHOOL BOARD/VILLAGE BOARD/FIRE BOARD MEETING is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Washington Township Center to discuss a proposed template annexation agreement and the fees associated with this agreement.
4. STATE REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE SCULLY ASKS FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION AT STATE BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M. This is a Village Board meeting night but perhaps one Trustee could attend this hearing to be held at Homewood/Flossmoor High School and come late to the Village Board meeting. This will be discussed further on Tuesday night.

5. WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE HOSTS LEGISLATOR RECEPTION AND BREAKFAST AT HARRAH'S IN JOLIET FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>. Typically the Village President attends this event with the Administrator but he is out of town and would like a replacement Trustee designated.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**