

**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,
NOVEMBER 28, 2006.**

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

A. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER A TAX LEVY FOR 2006 COLLECTIBLE IN 2007. A motion is needed to open and close the public hearing. This year the Village Board is requesting a 26.66% increase in the operating levy and a 4.5% decrease in the debt service levy for a combined increase in the overall levy of 22.37%. All but 3.4% of this increase will come from new construction added to the books in 2006. Therefore, Village residents that paid a property tax bill in 2006 will not see more than a 3.4% increase in the amount they pay to the Village next year, and most likely this increase will be even less or lower than what was paid in 2005. This is due to a drop in the debt service levy and what will be added to the tax rolls in the fourth quarter of 2006. A handout (which is enclosed) will be provided to those in attendance at the hearing which will show that Village residents will be paying less in property taxes to the Village in 2007 than what they paid in 1994, and that our tax rate has dropped from 0.7508 in 1994 to 0.5898 in 2007.

2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX LEVY FOR 2006 COLLECTIBLE IN 2007. A copy of this ordinance is enclosed.

3. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of October are enclosed for your review. This is the half way point now in our fiscal year and this report will be the basis for which the proposed budget will be drafted.

4. COMCAST ADVISES VILLAGE OF 3.6% RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE 1/1/07. Please see the enclosed letter.

5. CONSIDER A MOTION CANCELING THE 12/26/06 REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007. This is standard practice over the holiday week and the make-up meeting for the year is in March when we hold the budget workshop as a special Board meeting. This year that will be on third Tuesday of the month.

6. UPDATE ON PROPOSED 0.5% SALES TAX REFERENDUM. Public hearings will be scheduled for the December 12th and January 9th Village Board meetings. President Lohmann has agreed to make the presentations at these hearings. At the Board meeting, a handout will be provided for review which will be distributed at these hearings. We have also asked to speak before the Chamber of Commerce at their January meeting. The referendum would be held on April 3, 2007, with the Board voting on an ordinance to approve the three required referendum questions at the second meeting in January, at least 61 days prior to the referendum.

7. VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1ST. This year, we are implementing the purchase of stickers by mail, and all residents will receive a mailer and a form for purchasing by mail in this week's mail. A \$2.00 processing fee is required for buying stickers through the mail which will cover the cost of the mailer and postage. This is being done to reduce traffic in the Village Hall which has become a problem as the Village is growing.

8. CONSIDER A SPECIAL CENSUS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE FALL OF 2007. Please see the enclosed letter from the census bureau and the attached report. This will be explained further at the meeting.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. UPDATE ON SPRING SENIOR BREAKFAST sponsored by Washington Township and hosted by the police department will be provided by the Chief.

2. REPORT ON UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMS will be provided by the Chief.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. M.F.T. ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE will be provided at the meeting.

2. LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM COMES TO AND END, DECORATIONS ARE UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS. The Supt. Will report on how many loads were collected this year.

3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

4. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A 35' BLUE SPRUCE TREE BEHIND THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF REED AND PENFIELD. Several members of the beautification committee believe that this tree has become too

large for decorating and takes up too much room behind the memorial. If the tree is removed, smaller trees in a grouping would take its place. The tree can be removed by public works but since we have a policy against removing healthy trees and the fact this tree is on Village property we are seeking a decision from the Village Board on this matter.

5. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WILL COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC WORKS RESOURCE SHARING AGREEMENT. This is a more formal way of establishing a network for rapid response to pleas for help from public works departments in the County in the event of an emergency, such as an ice storm, tornado, high winds, floods, etc. Most if not all of the communities in Will County will be entering into this agreement and it will greatly help smaller communities such as Beecher due to our limited resources. Please see the enclosed agreement. The Public Works Supt. Will provide more details at the meeting.

6. CONSIDER A TREE PLANTING POLICY FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS. Until such time the Board considers new ordinance, this enclosed policy would be in effect and letters would go out to those who are not in compliance. MGM has already complied, but there are about 30 other locations in new subdivisions which need to comply. Julie Riechers is administering this policy at this time.

7. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SNOWPLOW TO REPLACE 1990 GMC PLOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,700. This requires Board consideration because it is not in the budget. Please see the enclosed memo. The Supt. will answer any questions. The memo explains where this money will come from in the public works budget.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. DUNBAR/MILLER WATERMAIN RESTORATION UPDATE.

2. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,450 WITH AN ANNUAL \$1,200 MAINTENANCE FEE. The Village Clerk and Utility Billing Technician solicited four proposals for a new billing system. The current system is 10 years old and needs to be replaced since the Village has outgrown this aged system. \$29,000 was placed in the budget for this purpose. Of the four proposals, it was determined that the proposal from CUSI of Phoenix, Arizona was the most cost-effective alternative for upgrading the system. It is recommended that this proposal be approved. The Village Clerk will explain this proposal which was included under separate cover in each packet.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. The Administrator will be going to Springfield Wednesday morning to attend a mandatory grant workshop at the IDNR. A proposal has been received from Design Perspectives, Inc. to administer the grant project and the fee is currently being negotiated by the Chairman. Consideration of this proposal is anticipated at the next meeting.

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. The weather has not cooperated and this project may now be delayed until the Spring,. An update will be provided.

3. NANTUCKET COVE PARK/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. MGM DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR REFERRAL OF AMENDED PUD FOR THE PRESERVE AT CARDINAL CREEK has been postponed once again at the request of the petitioner until the December 12th meeting. Staff met with MGM representatives last week and a new site plan was still not ready for submittal. What we were told is that the multi-unit buildings would be placed closer to Indiana Avenue and that the detached townhome product would be placed nearer to Fairway Drive. We reserved comment until we see the site plan to determine if it conforms with the development agreement.

2. STATUS OF CLEAN-UP OF PROPERTY AT 460 FAIRWAY DRIVE. We again advised MGM that this property needs to be cleaned-up and re-graded. MGM stated that they would comply but as of this date no action has been taken.

3. REPORT OF THE BEECHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Enclosed is a summary of the results obtained from a recent meeting with several businesses in the community. The BEDA Chair will present this report at the meeting.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. THIRD AIRPORT UPDATE. The Village President attended a meeting with the County where the County's intentions of proposing legislation for an airport authority were introduced. There are some aspects of this legislation which do not conform to our resolution of support for the Halvorson Airport Authority proposal submitted last Spring and these differences were laid out to the County. An update will be provided.

H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS