

**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, DECEMBER 12, 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. 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 RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY. Every three years we have to be re-certified to accept surplus property and adoption of a resolution is one of the requirements. Staff recommends approval.
- 5. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FRANCHISING OF COMMUNITY TELEVISION SYSTEMS. The Mayor's Caucus has hired legal counsel which has drafted the enclosed draft of an ordinance which requires such systems to be franchised. This is in response to AT+T's project lightspeed which offers television over phone lines. The Village has a franchise agreement with Comcast and a cable television franchise regulation ordinance adopted in 1998 and this will be provided to the Attorney also for review. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a fair playing field for all TV providers. It is recommended that the Attorney investigate this matter on the part of the Village.

7. VILLAGE RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR 2005. Please see the enclosed letter.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT for November is enclosed for your review.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. MFT ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer.

2. 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. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS FOR REPLACING WATERMAIN ON MAXWELL FROM PENFIELD TO INDIANA AND ELM STREET FRM CATALPA TO THE CREEK, AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE. This area has already been pre-qualified for funds by the County and these mains are undersized and subject to frequent failure. This project is in the CIP for completion in the winter of 2007/2008.

4. REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER:

A. WELL #5 UPDATE: The wellhouse and pump are currently being designed. The engineer will report on when these projects will be ready for bid.

B. UPDATE ON WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN. This plan is being funded by a surcharge being placed on new developments which was agreed upon last year. The engineer will state when this plan will be presented to the Board.

C. AREA #1 SEWER REHAB. The Village has not yet been billed the \$53,000 for this portion of the work but the work has been completed. The engineer is to review the tapes to make sure that the lines were properly slip-lined.

E. DUNBAR/MILLER WATERMAIN UPDATE. This project is in the punch list completion stage.

- F. DESIGN OF COUNTRY LANE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT. All services and utilities have been located. The project will be bid right after the holidays with completion by April 30, 2007. This is a \$160,000 project with \$100,000 being provided by a CDBG Grant.
- G. CLOSE-OUT OF MEADOW LANE WATERMAIN PROJECT. This project is still not closed out and the engineer will explain. We cannot start on the Country Lane project until this project is closed out due to the CDBG rules.
- H. FACILITIES PLAN FOR SEWER PLANT EXPANSION REVIEWED BY IEPA AND COMMENT LETTER PROVIDED. This letter is enclosed. The engineer will explain.
- I. ENGINEER RECOMMENDS LOOPING OF WATERMAIN ON THE EAST SIDE OF DIXIE HIGHWAY IN FRONT OF BEECHER PLAZA. Please see the enclosed letter. The cost of this project is \$22,000 and the developer has agreed to complete the work, but is willing to provide the Village \$11,000 in cash if he does not have to put it in. This matter will be discussed by the Village Board.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE OSLAD PROGRAM. The enclosed agreement requires the Village to spend up to \$380,000 on Firemen's Park per the plan and upon completion and payment in full and after certification of compliance by the Village Auditor, the IDNR will inspect the project and recommend the release of grant funds for 50% of the project cost up to \$190,000. The Village has until 12/31/09 to close out this project. If we do not spend the funds by this date, the grant goes away but we are not obligated to complete the project. There have also been some questions about financing and te Chairman will respond to these questions at the meeting. At any rate, if we do not approve this agreement by December 31st we lose the grant.
2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. A meeting with the contractor was held last week and an update will be provided.
3. NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE. A meeting was held with Castletown Homes last week to determine if they would be wiling to install their park earlier than required so that both parks could be installed at the same time. An update will be provided.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. STATUS OF CLEAN-UP AT 460 FAIRWAY DRIVE. There is an illegal sign on the property and window wells and debris on the site. The site also needs to be leveled. The owner of the property will be at the meeting and can be asked these questions.

2. STATUS OF EASEMENT FOR SANITARY FORCE MAIN ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INDIANA AVENUE. This is also an MGM issue which needs to be resolved. The Village is conveying sewage through a pipe that is on private property and the current property owner is threatening litigation to resolve this issue.

3. CONSIDER REFERRAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR ITS JANUARY 25TH 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. Due to the short time of the submittal, staff has been unable to provide full comments on the proposed plan but some comments will be made by staff at the meeting. The Village Attorney recommends referral to the Plan Commission as required by state law and the motion to refer is not to be considered approval of the plan.

4. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF STORAGE BUILDING AT 1202 DIXIE. Enclosed are all the correspondence on this matter including a letter from the property owner that the storage building would be repaired by September 15, 2006. The owner has been asked to attend te meeting to respond why this work has not been completed.

5. RESULTS OF 11/30 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING. A public hearing was held with several of the property owners affected by the amended land use plan to the north of the Village. The Chair will explain the results of this meeting.

6. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ARCHITECTURAL CODE. The Village Attorney has been attempting to draft a legally-defensible ordinance for this code and has run into some difficulty which requires Board consideration. Please see his enclosed letter. This will be presented and discussed by the Attorney at the meeting.

The Village has also received additional correspondence from legal counsel to the Southwest and Will-Grundy Homebuilder's Associations and this item is enclosed for your review.

7. CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE CREEKSIDE SUBDIVISION. This is the 188 home project on the Crescenzo property. There are several outstanding issues in the enclosed letter from the developer's attorney which need to be resolved before the final plat of subdivision is approved which include the right to recapture for oversizing, the contribution for the improvement of Church

Road, and the phasing of the project. The Village President needs to appoint a development agreement committee to resolve these issues.

8. SUBDIVISION ISSUES UPDATE. The Village Engineer will update the Board on the following issues of concern which have surfaced in the past month:

- a. VILLAGE RECEIVES REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING APPROVALS ON HUNTER'S CHASE AND HUNTER'S CHASE EAST. An engineer has been hired by Don DeGroot to examine if the Village violated any laws in approving this subdivision. The Village Engineer responded that they would fulfill this request if properly compensated for the work requested. An update will be provided.
- b. MGM DEVELOPMENT: STATUS OF LIFT STATION FINAL WALK-THROUGH AND TESTING OF GENERATOR.
- c. STREET LIGHTS IN MONTALBANO. These lights will be owned and maintained by the Village and Comm Ed is awaiting word on when to hook them up. The Engineer will explain this Rate 25 procedure.
- d. HUNTERS CHASE WEST PONDS FAILURE TO DRAIN. A plan has been devised but requires the approval of Tim Schwalm. We are awaiting his approval.
- e. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS AT CHURCH AND DIXIE (LONDON) Permits need to be obtained for this crossing.
- f. SCHOOL DISTRICT SANITARY SEWER LINE has finally been installed. The school district needs to re-plant the trees which were located along the trench line.
- g. PRAIRIE CROSSINGS UNIT #1 WET BOTTOM POND EROSION ISSUES AND TROUGH CLEANING IN DRY BOTTOM POND IN UNIT #2. The Village has again received letters of concern regarding the condition of these ponds. Apparently the grates were never installed on some of these outfall structures. The Engineer will provide an update.
- h. MARTISEK'S PONDING WATER IN FIELD. The Martiseks have granted permission for the Village to enter the property and fill in with black dirt to an elevation which will allow this pond to drain. Lotton has agreed to pay for the spreading of 300 loads of black dirt in the low spot but does not want to be responsible for any more claims. If this does not work the Village will have to claim responsibility or leave the rest of the low spot since it was a pre-existing condition.

- k. CREEKSIDE (CRESCENZO PROPERTY) SUBMITS FINAL ENGINEERING PLANS. These plans for 188 units are currently being reviewed. Phase I would consist of that portion on the east side of the creek by the Baptist Church. Phase II would be the entire west side.
- l. FIELDGATE SUBMITS ENGINEERING PLANS FOR 383 UNITS AROUND NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. These plans are also currently being reviewed.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. STATUS OF COMED RATE FREEZE will be provided at the meeting.
2. MIKE TURCOL RESIGNS FORM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION since he is moving out of the area. Please see the enclosed letter.
3. VILLAGE RECEIVES WORD FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE SCULLY THAT IT WILL RECEIVE A 50/50 MATCHING GRANT FOR A SKATE PARK AND NEW WARNING SIREN SYSTEM. Each of these grants is for \$14,100 and each will require a match of the same or greater amount. The warning siren project is budgeted as a 50/50 grant which includes a total of \$28,200 for upgrades to the warning siren system and a new siren at the Township Center. The second grant is for a minimum of \$28,200 in skate spot improvements with at least \$14,100 coming from the Village as a match. The Board needs to decide where to do the skate spot project an how much money will be spent since were advised that it may take as much as \$50,000 to \$75,000 for such a facility.
4. THIRD AIRPORT UPDATE. A public hearing has been scheduled by IDOT for Tuesday, December 19th at 4:00 p.m. at the Beecher High School old gym to present the two airport layout plans and to take testimony on those plans. All residents and elected officials are invited and encouraged to participate in this hearing. Please see the enclosed notice.

H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS