

**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,  
FEBRUARY 13, 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

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

- 1. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- 3. CONSIDER A SPECIAL NEWSLETTER ON THE SALES TAX. Staff has prepared an informative newsletter draft which does not promote the referendum but provides information on the advantages and disadvantages of the referendum. This would be a special newsletter which would be distributed the first week in April. The regular Spring newsletter would be distributed in the first or second week of May featuring retiring Board members and new Board members with photos, in addition to the regular Spring items.
- 4. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A 13 MONTH ELECTRIC PURCHASING AGREEMENT THROUGH NIMEC FOR ELECTRIC USE IN THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS. This municipal cooperative auction will occur on February 20<sup>th</sup> and will require an immediate decision of whether to accept or reject the bid for the purchase of electricity for water and sewer use. Street lights are exempt from co-op purchasing. The current rate for electrical usage is 8.6 cents per kwh and recent bids for municipal pumping have come in at 7.5 cents per kwh. The 2006 rate for Comm Ed was 6.4 cents per kwh. When asked how the Comm Ed rate can be beaten, NIMEC representatives stated that 60% of municipal pumping occurs during off-peak hours and this is incorporated into the rates. Comm Ed's rate includes heavy peak users and the rates are higher. This makes sense.

Currently, the Village has experienced a 25% increase in its pumping rates. The NIMEC bid process should produce about a 15% increase, a savings of 10%. Last year, the Village paid about \$51,000 in electric for pumping. Under the new Comm Ed rate, this cost will be \$69,000 and will continue to go up as the town grows. Under the NIMEC bid, the annual cost is projected to be \$60,000 ; a savings of \$9,000. On May 1, 2008, we will bid our electric use out again but with a much larger pool and more savings could result. If the Illinois General Assembly does not freeze rates, and it appears that they will not or only change the residential rate, we need to lock in a better rate. This is the way that 65 other Chicago area municipalities have gone and I believe now is the time to participate.

## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT for January is enclosed for your review.
2. ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM REPORT for 2006 is enclosed for your review. 26 dogs, 19 cats and 1 rabbit were accepted by the vet clinic from the Village. 17 dogs and 2 cats were returned to their owners, 6 dogs, 15 cats, and one rabbit found new homes. One dog and one cat had to be euthanized, and 2 dogs were handed over to Will County Animal Control. The total cost of the 2006 program was \$1,454.
3. RESULTS OF ESDA EXECUTIVE BOARD QUARTERLY MEETING held last Wednesday will be reported by the Chief.

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

1. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT is provided under separate packet and will be presented by the Supt. at the meeting.
2. STAR DISPOSAL TO CHANGE CURBSIDE RECYCLING DATES SO THE ENTIRE TOWN IS ON THE SAME TWO WEEK CYCLE. Right now pick-up is divided by Dixie Highway and the truck is in town every week. Star wishes to place the entire town on the same schedule and use two trucks. Door hangers will be placed on the east side of town by Star during the next pick-up advising homeowners of this change. The east side will the get two weeks of pick-up in a row during the conversion to the new schedule. Please see the enclosed letter.
3. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF INDEMNIFICATION FOR MUNICIPAL WORK ON STATE RIGHTS OF WAY. This is a standard resolution we adopt every other year which allows our employees or contractors to complete work on state rights of way without a permit. Staff recommends approval.

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

1. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.

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3. 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

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

1. CONSIDER RE-APPLICATION FOR A MATCHING GRANT OF \$28,200 FOR A BRICKS AND MORTAR PROJECT FROM REP. SCULLY. This item was brought up at the intergovernmental committee meeting and there are three projects which qualify:

- 1. Concession stand and garage for Welton Stedt Park
- 2. Food Stand at Firemen's Park
- 3. Elevator for Community Hall

The Township Supervisor recommended that if the Village would commit to the elevator at the Community Hall, the Community Hall Commission would provide the local match for the project. The Supervisor would also obtain donations for the construction of the Welton Stedt concession stand and garage this Summer once the plans are provided. The Food Stand cost is covered by the Fourth of July Commission. Action on this matter is at the discretion of the Board.

2. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE

3. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE

4. NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE

5. MUNICIPAL FACILITIES UPDATE. Preliminary plans were provided and will be on display at the meeting for review and comment.

6. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR TWO PORT-A-JOHNS AT FIREMEN'S PARK AND ONE PORT-A-JOHN AT LIONS PARK FOR THE 2007 SEASON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,365. Please see the enclosed proposal from J+P in Peotone.

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

1. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN NORTH AND WEST OF THE VILLAGE. The Plan Commission, after two public hearings, have unanimously

recommended approval of the amended plan. The plan will be displayed at the meeting.

2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CREEKSIDE SUBDIVISION. This agreement was necessary for the Village to recapture fees for Phase I of Church Road engineering and for the petitioner to recapture for oversizing the sanitary sewer to Beatty Lumber and points north and west. The agreement also requires the connection of Reed Street from Miller to Church Road prior to approval of any final plats for Phase II by posting a letter of credit for the work, and creates a dormant SSA to guarantee maintenance of 27 acres of open space. This agreement was negotiated by the Village President and Administrator and we believe it to be a fair agreement. Please review the enclosed agreement and prepare to ask questions or comment.

3. CONSIDER A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR UNIT #1 OF CREEKSIDE. The Plan Commission, after a discussion on elevations of the property along Willow Lane, the size of three lots along Linden Lane at Dixie, and phasing of the project, unanimously recommended approval of the final plat. Since that time, the Village President has proposed that Linden not connect to Dixie since to access points are already provided and instead a larger commercial lot be provided with access from Hameister's driveway. This will be discussed further at the meeting.

4. MGM PUD PROPOSAL UPDATE. The Plan Commission motioned to hold a public hearing at its February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting on this site plan with two Commissioners expressing their opposition to the site plan as it is currently drawn. We now understand that a new site plan may be submitted for hearing. After the hearing, the Plan Commission will deliberate on the site plan at its March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and make a recommendation to the Village Board.

5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SENDS LETTER ON SERVICES IT PROVIDES. Please see the enclosed letter.

6. VILLAGE ENGINEER STATUS REPORTS:

- A. LARRY MARTISEK'S PONDING WATER
- B. DRAINAGE OF HUNTER'S CHASE WEST PONDS
- C. STREET LIGHTS FOR CARDINAL CREEK BOULEVARD

## **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

1. RESULTS OF MEETING WITH VILLAGE OF CRETE OFFICIALS ON ANNEXATIONS IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

2. RESULTS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>. Lou Vitello was the guest speaker on the use of TIF Districts and Rep. George Scully was also in attendance. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m.

3. THIRD AIRPORT UPDATE

4. ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY UPDATE

5. MEETING WITH THE HOMEOWNERS IN PRAIRIE CROSSINGS is scheduled for this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Center. A vote on whether to create a homeowners association is on the agenda.

6. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CHICAGO SOUTHLAND AND VISITORS BUREAU. Please see the enclosed letter.

**H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**