

**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 27, 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. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF BILLS: JANUARY, 2007. The list of bills are provided under separate cover.
- 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 in March 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.

5. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of January are enclosed for your review.
6. BUDGET PREP SCHEDULE. The first draft of the budget will be released to the Village Board at the March 13th meeting. A workshop on the budget will then be held on Tuesday, April 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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 on January 31st will be reported on 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.

4. VILLAGE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES FOR BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM. The Village's contract with Star Disposal provides for brush pick-up ½ day each week for \$0.79 per month per household and any time over this is charged at market rates. Last season, we went over the ½ day regularly due to the growth of the Village and this was costing \$350 extra each week. For the 34 week season, this amounts to \$11,900 per year. There needs to be an examination of alternatives to this arrangement since these extra costs are not in the formula for the rates we charge residents. To compound matters, yardwaste bags are being picked up at the same time and Star is getting \$1.80 per bag. Several options are under consideration, including adding an extra packer truck to the route, have public works pick up a portion of the town, or providing tote to all customers for yardwaste. Public Works personnel and Star representatives will be meeting in the near future to discuss which options are best for both the Village and Star, and the Committee will be asked to meet to discuss the best options.

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 A MOTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,800 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE SHED AND CONCESSION STAND IN WELTON STEDT PARK. The Village had three options from which to choose from for this grant funding for a brick and mortar project and the application was due last week. Therefore, the Committee Chair decided to apply for a concession stand/ storage building since this was the only one of the three projects which did not have alternative funding. This will require a match of 50% from the Park Fund for a total project cost of \$56,400 in 2007. A motion to concur with the application is required.

2. CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF OLD FOOD STAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOD STAND BEGINNING IN AUGUST, 2007. The Fourth of July Commission approached the Board last month for approval of the new food stand and the Board deferred until a recommendation was obtained from the Firemen's Park Board. This meeting was held on February 15th and the Committee Chair will provide the recommendation.

3. FIREMEN'S PARK BOARD/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE

4. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE

5. CONSIDER BID AWARD: NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK INSTALLATION. Bids on these projects were opened on February 21st. The Committee needs to meet with the two developers to discuss the bids before a recommendation can be made. If this meeting occurs before the meeting, an award will be considered.

6. MUNICIPAL FACILITIES UPDATE. Preliminary plans were provided for review and comment and further discussion by the Board at the meeting.

7. 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 Hamiester's driveway. This will be discussed further at the meeting. Please see the attached layouts.

4. MGM PUD PROPOSAL UPDATE. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on the site plan as it was submitted by MGM last Thursday night. The Plan Commission will deliberate on the site plan at its March 22nd meeting and make a recommendation to the Village Board for consideration at the March 27th meeting.

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

7. VILLAGE TO HOST A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON THE USE OF RAIN GARDENS AND BIO SWALES. This meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, March 24th at the Washington Township Center. All Trustees are invited and encouraged to attend this session which is now an acceptable and encouraged best management practice in the Village.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. STATUS OF PRAIRIE CROSSINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. Another meeting was held on February 15th but a vote was not take since the residents were concerned that there were too many outstanding issues in the subdivision. Another meeting was scheduled for March 15th. This will be explained further at the meeting.

2. RESULTS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 30TH. 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. STATUS OF CENTERPOINT PROJECT LOCATED SOUTH OF CRETE.

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

7. CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BEECHER PLAN COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DOUG SHORT who has verbally provided his resignation but has not yet submitted a letter. The Village President may wish to address the Board on this issue at the meeting.

H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS