

**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, APRIL 10, 2007**

**AGENDA**

**NOTE: THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M.**

- 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. RESULTS OF BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>. This workshop produced a budget which will be prepared for public hearing on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman will provide an update.
- 4. VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND PROPERTY TAX RATE for 2006 collectible in 2007 is enclosed for your review. The levy was capped at 16.50% which is 3.3% on existing property and 13.20% for new construction added to the tax rolls. This reduced our overall levy request from \$733,144 to \$685,635 and this new amount will be reflected in the budget for the General Fund. The Village's property tax rate decreased from .5831 to .5440 per \$100 of assessed value, which will produce a Village property tax of \$359.04 per \$200,000 market value home.

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT for February is enclosed for your review.

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

1. STATUS OF 2006 PAVING PROGRAM. An update from the Village Engineer will be provided.
2. CONSIDER AN APPEAL TO THE VILLAGE'S TREE ORDINANCES: PAUL TOEPFER, 321 MAPLE. Enclosed is a letter from Paul Toepfer requesting relief from the Village 1998 Subdivision Ordinance which requires one tree per front yard parkway on a corner lot. Mr. Toepfer has planted two parkway trees in front of his home as required by the covenants and what he thought was the Village Code pertaining to parkway trees which he downloaded from our website. However, the 1998 Subdivision Code was not online. The Village also released his \$500 in escrow money in 2006 for landscaping. The Code Enforcement Officer noticed that a tree was not planted on one of the parkways on his corner lot and cited him for not having the required number of trees. In essence, if he transplanted one of the trees from in front of his home to the side parkway he would be in compliance with the Subdivision Code but not his covenants which require two trees in front of the home. He is requesting relief from the Village Board in this matter. Enclosed are all of the copies of the Village ordinances pertaining to this matter and a draft ordinance which the Village Attorney is working on which is the original Tree Board ordinance with some amendments as suggested by the Village Board in previous meetings. Action on this matter is at the discretion of the Board.
3. CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND 20% OF THE COST OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AND ENGINEERING OBSERVATION (\$80,436), 50% OF THE MAINTENANCE COST FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL (\$150 PER QUARTER), AND 100% OF THE ELECTRICAL COST OF THE SIGNAL (\$12 PER MONTH). Please see the enclosed contracts. These are the same contracts which were approved for the Church Road traffic signal. Due to paperwork delays, this project will not be bid out until August 17, 2007. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.
4. VILLAGE RECEIVES FINAL REPORT FROM THE TRIM CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION. This report is provided under separate cover for your review and comment.
5. COMM ED ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER is enclosed for your review.

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

1. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
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3. STATUS OF COUNTRY LANE WATERMAIN PROJECT will be provided by the Village Engineer.

4. STATUS OF WELL #5 will be provided by the village Engineer.
5. STATUS OF COLLAPSED SEWER LINE AT REED AND HODGES. This line was dug up by public works last week and the results of the repair will be explained at the meeting.

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

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. A bid opening was held on the 10 year \$380,000 loan and the only bid received was a rate of 4.19% issued by First Community Bank which is enclosed. First National Bank of Grant Park was unable to submit a written bid but provided a quote of 2 points below prime at the date of closing. The Attorney will draw up the paperwork necessary for this loan and will be formally considered by the Board at its May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE
3. NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE
4. TOWNSHIP ASKS FOR VILLAGE HELP IN SEEKING FOREST PRESERVE COOPERATION IN ESTABLISHING BIKE TRAILS THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP. Please see the enclosed letter of support. This is part of the open space initiative task force created by the Township for the acquisition of open lands.

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

1. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE: MEETING PROCEDURES AND DEFINITION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. This ordinance is a housekeeping item when some errors were found in the ordinance after adoption last year. The first change is to not require referral of a petition or application to the Plan Commission from the Village Board, but instead the Village Board must be made aware of the application or petition and is then required to refer it to the Plan Commission. This is a requirement of state law. If this ordinance is prepared by the Village Attorney in time for the meeting it will be considered. Otherwise, it will be deferred.

The second change defines accessory structures and requires a firm footing and foundation for any structure exceeding 144 square feet in size. It was believed that this was adopted in a building code revision but it was in the old zoning ordinance. The Plan Commission held a public hearing and unanimously approved the revisions. Staff recommends approval of the changes.

2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW SUBDIVISION CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER. This is the final work product which is the result of over 18 months of work by the subdivision code committee and Baxter and Woodman. The new code contains alternative conservation design as an option for new developments and is one of the first of its

kind in Will County. Creekside will be using some of these elements in its design. The new code also updates all materials to meet today's standards and best practices. Examples include continuous rebar in curbs, handicapped sidewalk ramps, C909 pipe for watermain, Mueller New Centurian hydrants or approved equal, and numerous drainage and erosion control measures during construction. Staff recommends approval of the new ordinance with the elimination of Landscape Section of the Code.

### 3. REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER:

- a. Larry Martisek property ponding water
- b. Lotton's hole on the east side of Dixie across from Hunter's chase West
- c. Status of drainage study on stormwater discharging east from Hunter's Chase East

4. PLAN COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>. Items on the agenda include consideration of MGM's alternative A as an amended PUD, and hearings on the proposed container storage ordinance and a fence variance.

## **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. THIRD AIRPORT UPDATE

2. ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY UPDATE

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. In order to continue discussion on a tax increment financing district for the industrial zoned areas north of the Village, the board is being asked if Lou Vitullo, TIF Attorney should be invited to attend once again. His guest speaking last appearance cost the Village about \$1,000.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**