

**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, MAY 15, 2007**

AGENDA

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION FOR THE OUTGOING TRUSTEES WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP CENTER.

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 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 3 OF THE BEECHER VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO VEHICLE STICKERS. This ordinance repeals the requirement to purchase and display vehicle stickers. Dog tags will still be required.

4. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL ½% SALES TAX FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. This is the ordinance which the voters have granted the Village the authority to impose. The tax will be applied to the sale of tangible personal property by both retailers and service providers which have a state tax i.d. number. The tax will not apply to sales of service, prescription drugs, vehicle sales, or groceries. The tax will be imposed starting January 1, 2008 with the Village receiving its first monthly payment in April, 2008.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$36,187.24 IN MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. This is the formal resolution which grants approval from the State for the use of MFT funds. This enclosed resolution follows the budget approved at the last meeting.
2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2007 THROUGH MAY 31, 2013. Please see the enclosed letter. This will reduce the fee they charge the Village by \$0.30 per household per month with this revenue being used to pay for the brush chipper over the next five year period. The Village will also keep its 30 yard brush box at the public works garage for vines and other yardwaste. The Village will also have sufficient surplus funds to pay for the rate increase in 2009 without raising rates to residents. Staff recommends approval of the amended agreement.
3. STATUS OF 2006 RESURFACING PROGRAM to be provided by the Village Engineer.
4. RESULTS OF ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION which was held on Thursday will be provided at the meeting.
5. 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. WATER BILLING REGISTER. There have been some technical difficulties getting the water bills printed with the new software which has delayed the billing process. An update will be provided at the meeting.
4. COUNTRY LANE WATERMAIN UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer.
5. WELL #5 UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer. A pre-con meeting is being scheduled.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK OSLAD GRANT UPDATE.
2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. A pre-con meeting was held on May 2nd.

3. NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE. A pre-con meeting was held on May 2nd.
4. MAINTENANCE SHED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN HUNTER'S CHASE PARK. Public works will be purchasing a kit to construct a small garden shed at the west end of this park to house a rider mower and maintenance tools for the three parks in this area to avoid having to transport mowers. A new mower is also being purchased and will be designated for this area. The part-time maintenance man assigned to Firemen's Park will also maintain these parks.
5. RESULTS OF 4/30 TOWNSHIP MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF PARKS AND BEECHER REC. The results of this meeting will be discussed by the Chairman.
6. NEWSLETTER UPDATE. The mail date for the newsletter is May 18th and the most recent draft will either be enclosed or be provided at the meeting for review.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR A FENCE IN THE FRONT YARD AT 246 ASPEN AT LEAST THREE FEET FROM THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK.. Please see the enclosed material. The Prairie Crossings HOA and the PZC recommended approval of the variance. The PZC recommendation was contingent on the fence being at least three feet from the public sidewalk. There was no opposition stated at the public hearing on the variance, but one written anonymous comment was received. The petitioners will be present to answer any questions. The Attorney is preparing the ordinance and will have it available for the meeting.
2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING AND REGULATING OUTSIDE STORAGE CONTAINERS AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. The PZC unanimously recommended approval of this ordinance after public hearing on April 26th. The ordinance is being prepared by the Village Attorney and was not yet ready at press time. Therefore, it may be available as a separate packet or provided at the meeting. Action can be deferred until the next meeting if the Board so desires.
3. CONSIDER A MOTION APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR FIELDGATE PENDING VILLAGE ENGINEER SIGN-OFF, AN AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN FINAL PLATS FOR PHASES OF THE SUBDIVISION WHEN A PROPER LETTER OF CREDIT IS POSTED. The PZC unanimously recommended approval of the final plat at its April 26th meeting. The petitioners will be at the meeting to present the plat and to answer any questions. They intend to begin phase I consisting of 21 lots this year off Cardinal Creek Boulevard and to post a letter of credit for same. The Village Engineer will update the Board on any remaining issues for final approval but this project is near sign-off. Also enclosed is a copy of the draft covenants which will run with the subdivision. It grants the Village the right to lien property in the event of non-compliance but the Board should ask the petitioner to grant the Village SSA rights which is better than a lien. Any approval should be subject to the Village having SSA rights in the event of default.

4. CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: GARDEN HOMES OF PRAIRIE CROSSINGS UNIT I. This includes Keenan Drive and Grove from Keenan to Fir. If approved, TWR will provide the one year maintenance bond in the amount of \$19,596.55 and the letter of credit will be released.

5. UPDATE ON AMENDED PUD REQUEST FOR THE PRESERVE AT CARDINAL CREEK. To the surprise of the PZC and staff, the petitioner's attorney requested a public hearing on Options B and C in lieu of a vote on Option A. This request was granted and a public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, May 31st.

6. HOUSING STATUS REPORT for the Village as of My 1, 2007 is enclosed for your review.

G. CALL FOR ANY REMAINING OLD BUSINESS

H. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING TRUSTEES

I. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW TRUSTEES

J. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OFFICES. A motion is needed to affirm the appointments.

2. POLICY DIRECTION OF THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD. There are several outstanding policies of the Village which need to be re-addressed now that a new Board has been seated. These include policy positions on the third airport and its governance, the development district, development fees in annexation agreements, architectural codes, annexation policy, our position on industrial and commercial development and on the Centerpoint project, the use of economic incentives, etc. This can be discussed tonight, but perhaps these issues can be discussed one at a time at the next Village Board meeting on May 29th in lieu of extensive committee reports. We also need to know if there are additional issues which need to be discussed as a Board which can be placed on the agenda. Staff has been pushing for the drafting of a strategic plan once again, and should this be done with outside help or amongst ourselves?

3. CONSIDER AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR A NEW INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE. There are some major prospects looking at Beecher right now and the question always is: "what can Beecher do for us to get us to locate here?" The Village President, Marcy, or myself cannot always answer that question. Enclosed is a copy of a letter we once offered to the McWhorters for the development of their property. Would this proposal be acceptable to other properties? What about a TIF District? Do you support this? Are you willing to garner the support from other taxing bodies on this issue? The Village is currently working with a prospect who wishes to assemble 56 acres of commercial land and 400 acres of industrial land for a major non rail-served (but truck served) development which would contain 350,000 square feet of

commercial space and about 5,000,000 square feet of industrial space at full build-out. What would we do for a project like this? Incentives could also have deadlines for progress of the development. This item is for discussion and some type of consensus.

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT