

**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, JULY 17, 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. RESULTS OF 2007 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION. Preliminary numbers are in and it appears that the festival generated about \$32,000 in net revenue. This compares to the \$43,000 netted last year. Overall the festival generated few problems. The prep work before the festival and the clean up provided by the Village public works crew and the Township was incredible. By 5 pm. On Thursday, July 5th the only signs that a major festival took place in the park was the worn grass paths of the midway and some seagulls. Everything else was gone.
- 4. FINANCING OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY. At the last Board meeting, questions were raised as to how this project can be financed. The first question which should be asked is how much is the Village Board willing to spend on this facility? When we last met with the architects, they were instructed to design a 11,000 square foot public works facility for a budget of \$750,000, and provide as an alternate bid the construction of the public works office annex with a budget of \$350,000 with this annex being used temporarily as a Village Hall so that the police dept. can move into the existing Village Hall. Bids would be let in February of 2008 with construction beginning next fiscal year.

We currently have \$400,000 unencumbered in the Water and Sewer Capital Fund. It was our thinking last Winter that by Spring of 2008 we would have at least the \$750,000 in cash from tap-in fees to pay for the building. This was assuming that 115 building permits would be issued this fiscal year. As of

May 1st, we have issued 20 building permits for new homes and 12 permits are currently in the hopper. We are on target for 72 new building permits, and several of these permits have waivers. Based on this recent trend data, we will fall about 40% short of our projections. Therefore, there will only be \$400,000 available in cash in the Spring of 2008 for the public works facility.

The Finance Committee met on July 11th and discussed the financing options listed below:

- a. Wait until we have the cash to proceed. This will require no more capital spending for at least two years after the Well #5 project to meet the \$750,000 goal. Construction could be delayed until 2009 or 2010. With this option, public works was examining the stop-gap measure of providing temporary office space and a lunchroom for the employees. This was not another alternative but a temporary measure.
- b. Borrow \$350,000 from the bank through a 10 year installment contract. This option would be difficult since there is no guaranteed revenue source to pay off the debt.
- c. Re-authorize \$800,000 in 20 year General Obligation Bonds at a tax rate of .0805 or \$60,344 in debt repayment per year, which is the amount levied in 2006. The amount generated by such a levy is \$1,206,880 which would be sufficient for repayment on an \$800,000 bond at 5% interest which would require \$1,200,000 in repayments. This type of financing would require voter approval in a referendum which could be held in February of 2008. The last year of payments on existing bond issue would have to be rolled into the new bond to avoid a double payment in one year. This would bring the amount provided by the bond at about \$740,000. If this option fails with the voters, options #1 and #2 are still available. However, a split board vote on this option greatly reduces the chances of a successful referendum. There is also about a \$20,000 cost of issuance fee which would have to be paid to a financial consultant to sell the bonds.
- d. The hybrid option. This option combines Option #1 using \$400,000 from the Capital Fund, and requesting \$100,000 from the General Fund and \$100,000 from the Park Fund. Any amount of the project over \$600,000 could be borrowed over 10 years and would be easier to repay.

The Chairman will discuss with the Board the findings of the Finance Committee and any recommendations it is prepared to make.

5. DISCUSSION OF A CAPITAL SPENDING POLICY FOR VILLAGE PURCHASES. .

Some concern has been expressed regarding the ability of Department Heads to order major items without Village Board approval, such as the Ford Expedition, the Hustler mower and trailer, and computers. The Department Heads are of the opinion that if the item is budgeted and is below \$20,000, they have the right to order it. However, several Board members and the Administrator agree that a more firmer policy is needed to ensure proper cash flow for the payment of these large capital items if they are ordered all at the same time, such as in the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Finance Committee met on July 11th to discuss this matter and will submit a proposal for the Board to consider at the July 31st workshop.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
2. RESULTS OF SECURITY PROVIDED FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION will be provided by the Chief of Police.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. REPLACEMENT OF SINKING SIDEWALK AT DAVE TIKSUS RESIDENCE. The pine tree in the parkway was taken down and the sidewalk was replaced by the resident and the Village has been invoiced for its \$250 share. This project is complete.
2. 2007 TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM. One tree in the 500 block of Oak Park Avenue has been targeted for contractual takedown by public works. In the coming weeks, a windshield survey of the parkway trees will occur and public works will conduct tree trimming. Contractual trimming will be kept to a minimum this year.
3. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING ZONES AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO PRAIRIE CROSSINGS SUBDIVISION AT LINDEN AND CHESTNUT. These short feeder roads are not posted for no parking and the Committee Chair believes they should be. Staff concurs. A motion is needed to authorize the posting of these signs in both directions of the street.
4. 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 for the months of May and June are enclosed for your review.
4. UPDATE ON VILLAGE'S IEPA NDPES OPERATING PERMIT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. The IEPA has yet to issue the Village a renewal of a five year operating permit for the plant and they are now two years behind. The latest sticking point is a requirement for disinfection of the effluent through U.V. lighting which could cost the Village \$300,000. A meeting with the IEPA occurred last week and an update on this matter will be provided.
5. CONSIDER BID AWARD: PUMP FOR WELL #5. Two bids were received: one from Water Well Solutions (Oconomowoc, WI) in the amount of \$54,860 for a Goulds/Hitachi pump and one from Layne Western (Beecher) in the amount of \$66,537 for a Byron-Jackson pump and

\$57,580.00 for a Goulds/Hitachi pump. The engineer's recommendation is enclosed for your review. This item was tabled at the last Village Board meeting after a motion failed to purchase the Hitachi pump by a vote of 2-3.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION.

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. Staff is concerned that this project has not been let for bids as of yet. It was originally planned for construction to commence on July 5th immediately after the July 4th celebration so the park is ready for next year's baseball season.

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. On June 29th a proof roll was conducted on the property and it passed with flying colors. There are no other excuses to delay this project. The contractor was instructed to begin work immediately so that these fields would be ready for play in the Spring of 2008. However, work has not commenced. We have now been advised that work will begin on Monday. We will wait and see.

3. NANTUCKET COVE PARK UPDATE. We were advised that this work would also begin on Monday. Public Works also needs to mow the weeds down on this parcel and maintain the untouched portion of the property during construction.

4. RESULTS OF LADYCATS VICTORY PICNIC ON JULY 9TH.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER AN AMENDED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PRESERVE AT CARDINAL CREEK: THREE OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POD WEST OF THE EAST BRANCH OF TRIM CREEK (MGM DEVELOPMENT). After two public hearing and several workshops, the PZC recommended denial of each of the three options based on the findings of fact contained in the enclosed memo drafted by the Village Planner. If the Board chooses to approve, any conditions placed on the planned development must be read into the record. If the Board chooses to deny the project, then the findings of fact, or the basis of the denial, must also be included in the motion. Please see the enclosed material.

2. BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review. Permits for 11 new homes were pulled in the month of June.

3. CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.

4. CONSIDER A MOTION OF CONDEMNATION: 1202 DIXIE. This item was tabled at the last meeting due to the death of the property owner.

5. LETTER ADVISING BEDA MEMBERS OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BOARD is enclosed for your review.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. AGENDA FOR THE 7/31 WORKSHOP at the Beecher Village Hall will be provided at the meeting. This will be your only reminder.
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET ON JULY 19TH to discuss a new downtown grant program and a change to the sales tax agreement with Beatty Lumber in light of the new ½% sales tax increase effective in 2008.
3. CONSIDER AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARCY MEYER AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR. A copy of the agreement is enclosed for your review.
4. VILLAGE OF CRETE FILES FOR FPA EXPANSION TO EAGLE LAKE ROAD CITING MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPANSION IN THIS AREA AS THE BASIS FOR PROVIDING SEWER SERVICE TO THE AREA. Please see the enclosed application. This conflicts with our FPA expansion to Offner Road. The Crete application is in response to our application and clearly shows the expansionist plans and empire building that Crete intends to pursue. In fact, their expansion touches our Village limits at Eagle Lake and Monhegan east of Route #1. A meeting was held with Baxter and Woodman to discuss our strategy and this will be discussed by the Board at the meeting. We may request a motion calling for a public hearing by NIPC on this matter which would be held on August 6th at GSU.
5. STATUS OF CROP DAMAGE COMPENSATION TO MARTISEK, AND FARMLAND EAST OF HUNTER'S CHASE. The Engineer has been sent the letter as directed by the Board. A meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday with the Engineer and the Village President will provide a status report.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS