

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, AUGUST 28, 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. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of July are enclosed for your review and consideration.

2. AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE. The audit is in full swing and you can imagine the fun we are having since this is the first new auditor we have had in over 30 years. Every process is being examined merely to establish the learning curve of where the Village is with its internal control procedures and what the auditors are familiar with. A target date to complete the audit is Tuesday, October 9th.

3. LIST OF OUTSTANDING DEBT INSTRUMENTS as provided to the Village Auditor is enclosed for your review. This gives you an idea of what our overall debt position is in the Village.

4. DISCUSSION ON ATTORNEY DRAFTS OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSIONS OF THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER RESOLUTION. We have been working for some time trying to get the various commissions that we have to work under a legally-constituted ordinance to protect both the volunteers of the commission and the Village. Three ordinances have been drafted and are enclosed - one for the Fourth of July Commission, one for a Tree Board, and one for a Beautification Commission. These ordinances are for discussion and comment at the meeting. Formal adoption will be considered once all comments have been satisfied.

5. CONSIDER DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOPS. The Chair of Finance wishes to continue having workshops to discuss major issues in a more informal setting without the push for action always being required. A list of topics for these workshops include architectural plan, landscape ordinance, strategy for improving the downtown

area, facilities planning, declining revenues of the Village, and overall strategic planning. Action on this matter is at the discretion of the Board.

6. CONSIDER A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,900 TO MELROSE PYROTECHNICS FOR 2008 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY. This contract is enclosed and was approved by the Commission at its August 8th meeting. This is the same company which has been doing the Beecher display since 2002.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. UPDATE ON YOUTH/SENIOR ACTIVITIES to be provided by the Chief of Police.
2. UPDATE ON UPGRADES TO THE WARNING SIREN SYSTEM to be provided by the Chief of Police.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. YARDWASTE BAG COLLECTION DAYS have been scheduled for Saturday, October 13th and 20th. Which Trustee will be working which day?
2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF CLOTHING COLLECTION BOXES IN THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER. The Village Attorney has been instructed to draft this ordinance which will either be enclosed in the packet for your review or provided at the meeting.
3. TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL LIST for the west side of town is enclosed for your review.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. VILLAGE RECEIVES OVER 9 INCHES OF RAIN IN THE LAST WEEK: WELL #4 SUFFERS LIGHTNING STRIKE KNOCKING OUT MANY ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN THE BUILDING. This has been a rough week for Beecher in the weather department, but not as bad as some other parts of the Chicago area. All pumping stations and the sewer plant have been operating at over 100% capacity for the past week. The Village has been running on one well, Well #3, for the entire week due to a lightning strike at Well #4 and there has been a large degree of troubleshooting at Well #4. Until all electronics are tested and repaired, the well cannot be placed on line. The Supt. will provide a status report.
2. CONSIDER PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,205.00 TO JEFFERY PORTER CONSTRUCTION AS INITIAL PAYMENT FOR WORK COMPLETED ON WELL #5. Please see the enclosed invoice and recommendation for payment by the Village Engineer.
3. REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER VALVES is enclosed for your review. The Village has paid M.E. Simpson \$9,445 to complete this report.

4. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAXWELL STREET WATERMAIN FROM INDIANA TO PENFIELD. The proposal will be ready in time for the meeting, but we expect the proposal to be in the area of \$30,000. We were going to wait until next year to do this project, but the Sewer and Water Chair is concerned that each watermain break on this stretch costs \$5,000 and two or three breaks this Winter may cost ½ the total cost of replacement. Money for this project would come from the Water and Sewer Capital Account.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. CONSIDER BID AWARD FOR FIREMEN'S PARK: OSLAD GRANT AGREEMENT. This is a \$380,000 budgeted project with \$190,000 being reimbursed from the State through OSLAD. Six bids were received and opened and a bid tab sheet is enclosed for your review. The lowest bid came from George's Landscaping in the amount of \$474,000. A recommendation from Design Perspectives will be provided at the meeting.

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE

3. NANTUCKET COVE PARK UPDATE

4. CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR THE OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP. Enclosed is a policy document drafted by Washington Township as an official open space policy and initiative which the Village is being asked to support. The areas under consideration for acquisition are not disclosed, but the Supervisor has claimed that an initial purchase of 200 contiguous acres would be the goal of the initiative.

5. REQUEST FOR ARTICLES FOR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER. At the last meeting Trustees were asked to come up with any articles they would like to see in the newsletter. Do you have any ideas or do you want the staff to come up with them?

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A SITE PLAN: BEECHER MANOR NURSING HOME EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS. The PZC met Thursday night and unanimously recommended approval of the site plan as submitted and enclosed. The petitioners will also be at the meeting to present these plans and ask for approvals to proceed to specific design and engineering. Staff recommends approval since the plan meets the terms of the annexation agreement and increases the architectural significance of the structure. There will also be increased tax base and jobs with this expansion.

2. UPDATE ON LANDSCAPE/TREE ORDINANCE. The enclosed ordinance provided by Tod Stanton basically deals with tree preservation and replacements and not the meet of foundation plantings and bump-outs. The thought now is to discuss these ordinances in workshop so the whole Board can participate and take ownership of the draft. This can also be discussed further as to how to proceed.

3. OTHER PZC MATTERS. The PZC also discussed the problems accessory structures solve and also impose in residential areas and are working toward a new ordinance to further define their design and use. An update will be provided.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT 7:00 P.M. to discuss annexation fees and other items on the agenda for that evening. Lou Vitullo is also scheduled to attend and provide a presentation on TIF Districts.

2. STATUS OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS WITH HUNTER'S CHASE EAST. The issue of the bike path and the illegal discharge of storm water onto an adjoining farm field has been resolved and the Village President will provide an update.

3. CROP DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENTS AND LETTERS have been sent out and are enclosed for your review.

4. UPDATE ON MEETINGS HELD ON BEECHER AND CRETE'S FACILITIES PLANNING AREA EXPANSION REQUESTS will be provided by the Village President at the meeting.

5. CONSIDER A HARD MATCH OF \$15,000 IN FY 08/09 FOR A GRANT APPLICATION BY WILL COUNTY TO STUDY A REGIONAL SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY AND AUTHORITY. This \$385,000 project is being funded by a 50% grant from the federal government, \$50,000 by Will County and Peotone and Beecher are each being asked to contribute \$15,000 toward the study next fiscal year. Enclosed is the scope of services for the grant project and a summary of the grant application costs. This study is being conducted to determine if the eastern Will County region would benefit from a shared treatment facility in the Kankakee River watershed which would include Peotone, Beecher, and all unincorporated land in Washington, Will, Peotone and portions of other townships. The Village President and Administrator will comment on this project at the meeting and ask for opinions from the Village Board.

6. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION. MGM has filed a lawsuit against the Village seeking relief from the denial of their PUD request on the golf course. The Village Attorney has requested the executive session to discuss strategy and the retainage of special counsel.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS