

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, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 August are enclosed for your review.

2. VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL. An agenda will be handed out Tuesday night. The items to be discussed are as follows: review of FY 2006 audit, reconsider template annexation agreement fees, and the proposed Tree Board ordinance. The meeting will adjourn by 9:00 p.m., and pizza will be provided for dinner. Architectural guidelines also need to be discussed and staff suggests a workshop on this item in November since we will need a few hours to discuss this item and Don Thomas will also be asked to participate.

3. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION OF THE VILLAGE'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES FROM HUMANA TO BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2007. Please read the enclosed report. This is good news for both the employees and the Village. Service to the employees should improve with the new plan and the Village will save \$33,497 due to the lower rates negotiated.

4. FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION UPDATE: FOOD STAND AND STATUS OF CARNIVAL. The Fourth of July Commission will meet on Monday night and discuss a new carnival for next year and progress on the new food stand.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. STATUS OF CROSSING GUARDS AT NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL to be provided by the Chief.

2. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT UPDATE to be provided by the Supt.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. YARD WASTE BAG COLLECTION DAYS ARE SCHEDULED FOR Saturday October 13th and October 20th from 9-12 at the bingo stand in Firemen's Park. Do not forget your assigned date to work.

2. AT+T ANNOUNCES MASSIVE BUILD-OUT PROGRAM CALLED PROJECT LIGHTSPEED. At last week's Will County Governmental League meeting, it was learned that AT+T is required to wire up 35% of the state with new video cable by 2010 and we are in their target zone. This means that in 2008 or 2009 AT+T will file with the Village a permit to construct a new cable system and offer a competing cable service. In the coming months the Village will enact new ordinances which will allow AT+T to have the same benefits and pay the same franchise fees and taxes as Comcast. They will also be required to provide our local access channel for Village Board meetings. They will also be installing about 20-30 new transmission boxes throughout the Village and some have already been installed in MGM and on Church Road. They will provide the Village with \$1,500 for each box for landscaping around the box.

Enclosed are materials explaining the new services to be offered and the types of boxes they will be installing. The Village will have the right to tell them where to put these boxes as long as they are within 300 feet of the spot AT+T engineers designate for the boxes. A permit will be issued for each box. This is for information only at this time and later this Winter we will enact the new ordinances which will conform with the new state laws on these matters.

3. THE COMPLETE 2007 TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL LIST is enclosed for your review. Note that there were 12 takedowns and 35 trees trimmed.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. WATER BILLING REGISTER for the months of July and August are enclosed for your review.

2. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. CONSIDER BID AWARD: SOIL BORINGS FOR PROPOSED MUNICIPAL FACILITY. Before engineering can be completed and a public works building designed for Village Board review, soil borings are required to make sure there are no sand veins or peat in the area of the proposed foundations and to determine load bearings. The architect has received three bids and recommends that the lowest bid from SEECO be awarded in the amount of \$5,137.00 for 12 borings. Please see the enclosed materials.

2. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. The Village has received permission from the State to proceed with the amended bid which replaces Firemen's #2 with a new field. The

Village has also received a concern from Beecher Rec about the timing of the project interrupting Spring use of the fields for the baseball program and this concern was told to contact the Chairman for discussion and resolution. A contract for the project is being prepared for the Village President's signature upon his return.

3. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. This project is near completion and the Village has agreed to restore some of the school property which was disturbed during construction. An access road used for trucks hauling materials was seeded by the school district's contractor but the ground was too hard for seeding. Public works will loosen the soil this Fall and re-seed the access road.

4. NEWSLETTER UPDATE. Most of the articles have been written and the newsletter will be sent to the printer next week. A draft may be provided at the meeting or at the workshop. The newsletter will be mailed on Monday, October 8th.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: FENCE VIOLATION AT 263 ASPEN. The resident at this address was at the last Board meeting requesting relief from the fence ordinance since his fence was installed much higher than the 5' maximum allowed in a residential district. He must either request a variance or lower the fence height. He is expected at the meeting to state his intentions and provide a recommendation from his HOA's ARC Committee..

2. PZC TO MEET IN WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. Items on the workshop agenda include Trinity Industrial Development Intermodal Park request for PUD zoning upon annexation, a proposed zoning classification for intermodal facilities, and amendments to the zoning code pertaining to accessory uses.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. BEECHER AND CRETE F.P.A. EXPANSION APPLICATION UPDATE to be provided by the Administrator.

2. RESULTS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON IMPACT FEES HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12TH to be provided by the Administrator.

3. RESULTS OF LEGISLATOR HEARINGS ON THE IMPACTS OF THE STATE BUDGET ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES to be provided by Trustee Szymanski.

4. ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH OCTOBER 6TH-10TH. I will be away during this period and will not be at the next Village Board meeting. However, Board packets will go out on the Friday before as usual. The cut-off date for all bills will also be on Friday and not Tuesday.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS