

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, OCTOBER 23, 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

VI. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR POLICE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TRAINING: CHIEF WEISSGERBER AND LT. EMERSON

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A MOTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2007. The audit has been completed and will be presented to the Board by Curtis Dykstra of Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm at the meeting. A motion is needed to accept the audit.

2. AUDIT WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS has been scheduled for SKDO clients for Tuesday, October 30th from 4:00 -5:30 p.m. in Bourbonnais. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

3. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of September are enclosed for your review.

4. DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULES for all loans, leases and bonds of the Village has been placed on a massive spreadsheet and is enclosed separately for your review. This gives you the “big picture” of how debt payments affect the budget every year. According to this chart, we will have all existing debt paid off by April of 2022 and the total amount of outstanding debt is \$4,996,441.04. Many of our smaller loans and debts will be falling off over the next two years which is good news, but some are recurring such as lease-purchases for squad cars and public works vehicles.

5. NEED TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER WORKSHOP. Outstanding issues are the tree ordinance (three ordinances conflict), the architectural code (Don Thomas to attend for this item), changes to the fence ordinance, and overall building and code enforcement issues. This is another full

agenda. We could meet at 6:30 p.m. (no food) and agree to end by 9:00 p.m. Possible dates are Thursday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 7th, or Tuesday, November 20th. We could also meet on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on November 10th or November 17th. Once a date is set, an agenda packet will be prepared.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. UPDATE ON UPCOMING YOUTH AND SENIOR PROGRAMS to be presented by the Chief.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE TOWING FEE FOR POLICE TOWS INVOLVING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. This ordinance would allow the police department to charge a fee for processing police tows of vehicles involved in the commission of a crime such as suspended or revoked license, DUI, and other misdemeanors and felonies involving a vehicle. Other towns have instituted this fee ranging from \$100 to \$500. For example, a \$250 fee for approximately 100 tows conducted during the year would generate \$25,000. The Board would also have to provide some guidance as to what the fee should be and should it be different based on the type of violation.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. RESULTS OF YARDWASTE BAG DISTRIBUTION DAYS HELD ON OCTOBER 13TH AND THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH. The Supt. Will report on the number of bags given away.

2. LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE to be provided by the Supt.

3. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLANTING OF ASH TREES IN THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER. As we all know, the ash borer is approaching which threatens the entire ash species. At this time, we still allow the planting of ash trees, even on our parkways by builders and residents. This ordinance will eliminate the ash tree as a permitted species and is at the request of the Public Works Supt. The Village has some balled ash trees left but they will be planted in a location where they can easily be taken down by public works at a later date if they become infected. Please see the enclosed ordinance.

4. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER PAYMENT TO JEFFERY PORTER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,900 AS A PROGRESS PAYMENT ON THE WELL #5 PROJECT. Please see the enclosed letter of recommendation from the Village Engineer.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. This project is expected to begin on November 1st. The Public Works Supt. has recommended that the 2" poly waterline running from Hodges and Woodward east to the creek be replaced with a 6" plastic main and has asked the Fourth of July Commission to pay for the materials for this new pipe. This would allow for year-round water availability in the park since the existing poly line must be drained each Fall. There are also concerns expressed about the electrical line which runs under the proposed bathroom building and park pavilion to the carnival hook-up site. This line may also have to be replaced. There is also a discussion whether hydroseed or sod should be used in the early Spring to repair the 1.5 acres of disturbed areas near the ballfields. \$6,000 was allocated to public works to make the restorations.

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. At the meeting we will hear a report as to the germination of the seed on the ballfields. It has been decided to keep the fields closed in 2008 to allow the grass to completely grow and for the areas to settle. This is why we need to get the restorations to hold in Firemen's Park for the Spring.

3. NANTUCKET COVE PARK UPDATE. Public Works plans to plant up to 26 oak trees in the west side of the park which we have stored at the sewer plant. The restoration areas now have full grass and this will be the last update on this project. Montalbano has paid for its portion of the park costs.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. PLAN COMMISSION TO MEET ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH. Public hearings are scheduled on the new intermodal zoning classification, the Trinity Industrial Intermodal project, and the request for a fence variance at 523 Penfield. A workshop will also be held on the request to rezone the west side of Reed from Hodges to Miller to B-1 special use storage facility (Randy Martin).

2. CONSIDER A MOTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN PRAIRIE CROSSINGS UNIT III UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FOR \$16,500 IN ENGINEERING FEES AND \$3,989 FOR ONE MISSING STREET LIGHT. This item was on the agenda at the last meeting but was tabled so that Trustees could inspect the subdivision. The Village will exchange the letter of credit for a maintenance bond on this unit and two checks for the items mentioned above.

3. SPECIAL CENSUS UPDATE to be provided by the Administrator.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT.

1. UPDATE ON REQUESTS FOR F.P.A. EXPANSIONS BY THE VILLAGES OF BEECHER AND CRETE. The Water Resources Committee met on October 11th to consider these items but could not take any action since they were not yet approved as a committee by the Illinois

Legislature. They have since been authorized to exist and will be scheduling a meeting on November 7th or 14th. However, there was some disturbing discussion which occurred and the Village President will explain the dilemma the Village faces with its application, which leads to the next item on the agenda.

2. CONSIDER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH TO CONSIDER A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR 740 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED BETWEEN CHURCH ROAD, ASHLAND AVENUE, THE TOWNSHIP LINE, AND THE UP/CSX RAILROAD TRACKS. In light of our FPA expansion concerns, the developer, the Village President and staff have agreed in terms to a pre-annexation agreement on this land which is good for 180 days and can only be executed if the developer closes on the property within the next 180 days. This agreement lends more weight to our FPA request, and allows the developer to continue his discussions with Beecher. If the FPA goes to Crete, our annexation becomes much more complicated. The Village President will explain this situation and the enclosed pre-annexation agreement. The hearing notice is scheduled to be published in the Thursday edition of the Beecher Herald.

3. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LIQUOR CODE TO PERMIT THE SALE OF CLASS "A" LICENSES AT THE RATE OF ONE PER 500 POPULATION. The current ordinance allows for one per 600 population which is 5 licenses. By reducing the population to one per 500, six licenses can be sold. This would allow the Village President to issue one more liquor license for liquor consumed on premises as was discussed at the last meeting.

4. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF PACKAGE LIQUOR FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 A.M. EACH DAY. This increases the selling time on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. for package liquor sales only as was discussed at the last meeting.

5. CONSIDER A MOTION CANCELLING THE DECEMBER 25TH VILLAGE BOARD MEETING due to the Christmas Holiday.

6. CONSIDER A MOTION MOVING THE DECEMBER 11TH MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH. This will allow a more proper time for the one meeting of the month and still allow us to pay bills in a timely fashion.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS