

**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, NOVEMBER 27, 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. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF TAX LEVY FOR 2007 COLLECTIBLE IN 2008. A motion is needed to open and close the public hearing. Due notice of the hearing has been published. The Administrator will explain the tax levy at the hearing and the handout provided to the public, and then testimony, if any, can be taken. The handout is the one page summary of tax levies from 1994 to the present which is enclosed for your review.

2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX LEVY FOR 2007 COLLECTIBLE IN 2008. Please see the enclosed ordinance. The Village is asking for a 19.32% overall increase in its levy which on its face sounds large but is covered mostly by new development which went on the tax rolls in the latter part of 2006 and in 2007. Current estimates actually show the amount paid to the Village on a \$235,000 median value home going down by \$2.32 from \$421.87 in 2007 to \$419.55 in 2008. However, residents need to be reminded that this is the Village's portion of the tax bill and not the total tax bill.

3. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of October is enclosed for your review.

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$100 FOR ALL POLICE TOWS INVOLVING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. The last draft of this ordinance is enclosed for your review and comment. The Village Attorney and Village Prosecutor are working on a new draft which may be available for review at the meeting. Based on 100 such tows each year, this fee would raise about \$10,000 annually.

2. CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A FOUR WAY STOP AT LANGE AND ORCHARD (SIMPSON). With the north leg being attached to this intersection, there has been an increase in

north-south traffic at this location. Mr. Edward Simpson who lives northwest corner of Orchard and Lange has trimmed his bush away from the corner but states that the real problem is speeding eastbound traffic on Orchard. When a request like this is made, the police are typically asked to conduct a traffic study to determine the warrants of the stop sign request. The Chief should be asked to conduct a traffic study and make a recommendation.

### **C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE**

1. CONSIDER A BANNER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE BEECHER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Larry Sanders of the Beecher Chamber will be at the meeting and would like to propose a banner replacement program for the Village's three seasonal banners at 47 different locations for a total of 141 new banners. Each participating business would contribute \$150 and their name would be placed on the banner, and the Chamber would provide \$2,500. The Village is also being asked to contribute \$2,500 toward this program and make a commitment to hang the banners for a period of five years. The total cost of the project is \$15,100. The Village is currently spending about \$1,500 each year to keep up the old banners we have so an additional \$1,000 next year would actually help us save money over the five year period. The banners may actually last longer than five years; our current banners are 10 years old.

2. LEAF COLLECTION is in full swing. Last week was the heaviest yet and it appears that all the leaves have finally fallen. This is the latest Fall in years. The leaf collection machine will be out all this week yet and possible on Monday of next week one last pass will be made. However, we have to get the truck ready for salting and plowing.

3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

### **D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE**

1. CONSIDER PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,207.81 TO CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY FOR TWO MONTHS ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THE WELLS AND SEWER PLANT. Somehow this bill did not get paid in October and since we do not meet again until December 18<sup>th</sup> the staff wants to get this bill paid to avoid interest penalties. This bill is paid out of the O+M of the Water and Sewer Funds.

### **E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. CONSIDER A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DALE SCHILLING FOR ONE RETAIL LOCATION IN THE OLD KNUTH GROCERY STORE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700 UP FRONT FOR THREE MONTHS FOR SPECIAL CENSUS OFFICE. This works out to \$900 per month and is reasonable. This will be for January, February and March. Please see the enclosed agreement.

2. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. The watermain has been installed and the concrete has been poured. Asphalt work is expected to be completed this week and then the pavilion and bathrooms will be constructed. There was a question at the last meeting if dormant

seeding should occur this Fall. This will be discussed further at the meeting.

3. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE. There is a need for a maintenance shed and a fence along the pond but these projects can be completed later in 2008 when the \$190,000 reimbursement from the OSLAD grant arrives.

#### **F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

1. PZC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>. The Commission is expected to make a recommendation on the concept plan submitted by Trinity for the intermodal park northwest of town. This will then be considered by the Village Board at its December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR PRAIRIE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION (BRUTI): 42 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS SOUTH OF WOODWARD AND SOUTHFIELD DRIVES. At the last meeting a traffic study was presented and a discussion about the history of the road extensions and the “doughnut hole” park occurred. Staff was asked to present some of the historical information on this subdivision and this was provided at the workshop and is also enclosed in your packets for review. If an agreement is drafted, a public hearing would have to be held on the agreement prior to its consideration.

3. RESULTS OF VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP HELD ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>. A wide range of issues were discussed from building inspections to code enforcement to architectural codes.

#### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

1. CMPA MEETING TO DISCUSS BEECHER AND CRETE F.P.A. APPLICATIONS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 A.M.

2. VILLAGE PRESIDENT ROGER CLAAR OF BOLINGBROOK HOSTS SUMMIT WITH CRETE AND BEECHER VILLAGE PRESIDENTS TO DISCUSS LATEST BOUNDARY DISPUTES. The results of this meeting, if it occurs prior to the Board meeting, will be discussed.

3. PACE BUS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT UPDATE will be provided at the meeting. Formal consideration of a program will be made at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE CHRISTMAS MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Haley mansion in Joliet. Please RSVP with Bob Barber if you and your spouse plan to attend.

#### **H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**