

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,
30200 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 30, 2007 -- 7:00 P.M.**

JOINT TAXING BODY MEETING

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

The meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Lohmann and Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Ahrendt and Heldt.

ABSENT: Trustee Peterson.

All other taxing bodies called roll.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Robert Barber, Annexation Strategist Marcy Meyer and Economic Development Chair Nelson Collins.

OTHER TAXING BODY MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, State Representative George Scully, Attorney Lou Vitello, Will County Board member Lee Deutche, Marge Cook, Brian Claus, Dale Murray, Dave Lagesse, Bob Howard, Rick Krabbe, Noel Biery, Tom Stluka, Ted Deery, Randy Stone, Debbie Vonalven, Shirley Biery, Brad Coats, Wayne Wiechen, Mike Stanula, Marla Heldt, Karen Stone and George Willy.

A joint taxing body meeting was held to share information relating to each taxing body. The Village, School District, Fire District, Library District and Township representatives present discussed various issues.

Administrator Barber explained possible annexation plans by the Village of Crete along the railroad all the way down to Eagle Lake Road. It was noted that this information was obtained by word of mouth and can't be verified. If it is true, the other taxing bodies have the potential of losing future tax revenue on the land if annexed to Crete. Representative Scully offered to facilitate a meeting between Beecher and Crete to discuss this matter. A need for regional cooperation was urged.

Attorney Lou Vitello provided a presentation on TIF districts and members present discussed how a TIF district might affect the local taxing bodies in the event that Crete does annex within Washington Township.

School Board President Tom Stluka announced that construction on the new junior high is going well and there is an estimated completion date of April 20, 2007.

President Lohmann briefed the group on the status of the Eastern Will County Development District legislation.

Administrator Barber announced a legislative initiative grant. The legislature wants to fund a “brick and mortar” project with the grant. Suggestions for the grant included a new concession stand in Welton Stedt Park, replacement of the food stand in Firemen’s Park or improvements to the Community Hall.

The Fire District provided a brief report.

An economic development update was provided by Nelson Collins.

Shirley Biery gave an update on library operations.

Township Supervisor Bob Howard provided an update on the senior program, youth programs and new generator at the Township building.

Trustee Wehling provided an update on Firemen’s Park , Welton Stedt Park, Prairie Park and Nantucket Cove Park.

Administrator Barber reported on the new Public Works facility.

President Lohmann explained the ½% sales tax referendum that will be on the April 17th ballot.

The next Joint Taxing Body meeting was scheduled for May 30, 2007 at Washington Township Center.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rehborg seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk