

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 MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008

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 December are enclosed for your review.

2. RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 22ND WORKSHOP. At the workshop, the Village Board discussed the future of the old Knuth Grocery Store building, pay scales and fringe benefits for employees, changes to the Village's personnel manual, and the five year financial plan. These items will be brought up for discussion at future Village Board meetings.

3. CONSIDER A MOTION TO HOLD AN ADDITIONAL VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL to continue discussions on the five year financial plan.

4. CONSIDER A REFERENDUM IN THE FALL OF 2008 FOR THE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF 1996 G.O. BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$995,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY AT INDIANA AND TOWN CENTER ROAD. In 2009, the 1996 G.O. Bonds for the sewer treatment plant will be retired, and the \$66,000 annual property tax levy used to pay off these bonds will also come off the tax rolls. If the voters were to approve a re-authorization of this bonding authority, the Village could borrow up to \$995,000 for 20 years at the existing bond levy amount. This would not increase property taxes, since the residents are already paying this debt levy. However, allowing the bonds to retire would drop this levy resulting in a property tax decrease. These are rough numbers but the concept is what needs to be discussed here. The Village currently has no other way of funding the public works facility without dipping into funds pledged for sewer plant expansion in 2013. This is for discussion only at this time and if the Board is serious about taking this discussion to the next level financial consultant would have to be hired to produce the bond schedule and Finance Committee would have to solicit proposals for this service. The decision to hold a referendum would have to be made prior to September 4th.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BEECHER SCHOOL DISTRICT 200-U FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR. Enclosed is a copy of the agreement which uses the same formulas as in prior years for reimbursement of about 2/3 the officer's total salary for the year. The School District has already passed this agreement. Officer Andrew Leroy is the designated officer and the District is satisfied with our program. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPROMISE TICKET PROGRAM FOR LOCAL CITATIONS. This ordinance was not ready at press time for the packet but may be provided at the meeting for your review.

3. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STATE SMOKING BAN PROVISIONS AS LOCAL ORDINANCE. A copy of this ordinance was provided at the last meeting and is also enclosed for your review. The ordinance must be adopted with the understanding that it may have to be modified if the State changes the law later this Spring as it struggles with the enforcement language.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007 is enclosed under separate cover for your review. The Chief will highlight the important statistics in the report at the meeting.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING CHANGES. Officer Sean Marenkovic has resigned his position to work for the District of Columbia Police Department. The Chief was given the authority to replace the open position at the last Board meeting in executive session and a status report will be provided.

6. ESDA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING has been scheduled for Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center. A shelter preparation exercise is being considered using our new CERT volunteer force.

7. ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT for 2007 is enclosed for your review. A total of 42 animals were taken to the animal shelter in 2007 including 27 dogs, 13 cats, one rabbit and one blue heron. Fourteen dogs were returned to their owners, and new homes were found for ten dogs and eleven cats. The blue heron was treated and taken to a rehab facility. Only one cat was euthanized. The total cost of the 2007 program; \$1,664, was paid for by dog at large fines and dog tags.

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LETTING OF BIDS FOR A 2008 FOURTH OF JULY VEHICLE. Please see the enclosed bid notice which was presented at the last meeting for review.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. UPDATE ON RELIEF EFFORTS IN FLOOD-STRICKEN WATSEKA. The Public Works Supt. Did extend a helping hand to the Supt. In Watseka and there were plans to send two dump trucks there this week. An update will be provided.
2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT is to be provided at the meeting for your review. The Supt. will highlight the main points in the report.
3. CONSIDER A SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL PLAN. At the last meeting there were two residents who requested that the Village remove the snow on Route #1 sidewalks and the Board directed the Committee to explore possibilities. Staff is of the opinion that the sidewalk on the north side of Church Road from Dixie to Cardinal Creek should also be done if Route #1 is to be done since this is a designated walkway for school children to the new Junior High and there is no responsible party to clean these walks. If the Village wanted to try out a pilot one time project prior to committing to such a program it is suggested that the Village rent De Jong's 42" skid steer loader for \$165 per day for one day the next time it snows heavily to see if this piece of equipment will work and how long it would take. A report would then be made to the Board as to how the procedure worked and a plan would be drafted for such a program along with associated costs. Renting a piece of equipment may not be feasible since the equipment may not always be available when we would need it on a day's notice.
4. CONSIDER A MOWING CONTRACT FOR THE 2008 AND 2009 SEASONS WITH DEENIK LANDSCAPING AND NURSERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,998 PER YEAR. These are the same prices as last year but the amount to be mowed is lessened each year as public works gradually assumes the role of park, retention pond, and right of way maintenance. In the third year (2010), public works is planning on taking over the entire mowing operation and save the Village this amount in the budget each year. Or, the Village could option to continue with some contractual mowing in 2010. This plan was developed by the public works department as a phased in-house operation in lieu of a reduction in force.
5. CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH TERRY ZIELENGA OF 801 DONOHO FOR THE MOWING OF THE LANGE'S PHASE III RETENTION POND IN 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$995. This is probably the least year Mr. Zielenga will do the mowing of the pond at this price due to the cost of fuel. However, this year it is a good deal for the Village and staff recommends approval. Payment must be made prior to the start of the mowing season.
6. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WING WALL ON THE INLET SIDE OF THE HUNTER'S CHASE RETENTION POND AND IN THE REAR OF 1434 CROOKED CREEK TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE STORM SEWER TRENCH. Staff believes that this work can be done for less than \$20,000 which only require that proposals be taken without formal bid letting and specifications which increase the cost of this project. This project will control the flow of water which is occurring in the trench and affecting some of the sump pump discharges in the area.

7. UPDATE ON ROUTE #1 RESURFACING. At the WCGL Transportation Committee meeting held on January 23rd, IDOT advised the Committee of several delays in projects. One of these delays is the Route #1 resurfacing. Work is now scheduled from IL-394 to Church Road in the Spring of 2011 and from Pasadena to the Kankakee County line in the Fall of 2011. The area between Church Road and Pasadena is not scheduled for resurfacing for at least 10 more years.

8. CHESTNUT AND DIXIE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. We were also advised that the traffic signal project has been pushed off by IDOT to a Spring, 2009 bid letting, prompting objections from the Committee since the STP Funds for this project expire on October 1, 2008, requiring a new application. IDOT will investigate these concerns and report at the March 26th committee meeting.

9. CHURCH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. This project involves the widening and improving of Church Road from Dixie to Racine as a Class II truck route for industrial park expansion. The project is now estimated at \$2,950,000 with \$1,840,000 coming from federal STP funds and \$1,110,000 coming from the Village. This project is expected to be engineered in the Spring of 2012 and be under construction by the Fall of 2012. The one question that remains is where the Village is going to come up with its share of the money. The Committee was advised that the Village may have a TIF in place by then or be able to borrow funds off the new ½% sales tax. I frankly did not know what to tell the Committee when put on the spot. The Committee will be asking for a written proposal on local funding in 2010.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. SEWER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007 is enclosed for your review. It should be noted that the average daily flow in the three low flow months dropped from 425,000 gpd in 2006 to 378,000 gpd in 2007. Also, the average daily flow for the year was 549,000 gpd, the same daily flow as last year.

2. WATER BILLED AND WATER PUMPED ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007 is enclosed for your review.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PROPERTIES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE

2. SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE VILLAGE and this Committee will be meeting on January 29th at the Village Hall. Perhaps the Public Works Supt. should also attend this meeting to provide input to the Committee on maintenance activities and schedules and the delegation of duties.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007 is enclosed for your review. 52 new residential units were added to the Village last year, and the total value of new construction in the Village was estimated at \$10 million.
2. CODE ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL REPORT is enclosed for your review.
3. CENSUS UPDATE will be provided by staff at the meeting. By this time at least one contact should have been made to all residents in the census area.
4. RESULTS OF JOINT VILLAGE BOARD/PZC MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24TH TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. The most recent decision of the PZC not to hold a hearing on changes to the fence ordinance proposed by the Village Board at workshop prompted some comments by PZC and Village Board members that may be the result of miscommunication. A joint meeting was held on January 24th to discuss these issues of mutual concern and to consider changing the application process for variance, rezoning, and special use requests to eliminate the appearance of co-optation by either the Village Board or the PZC.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR VILLAGE TO TREAT LEACHATE FROM THE SEXTON LANDFILL. Sexton has provided the Village with two years of sampling data of its leachate and the sewer treatment plant operator and the Village Engineer are reviewing this data to determine if it feasible to treat this leachate with our present plant design. An update will be provided.
2. TRINITY INDUSTRIAL INTERMODAL PROJECT UPDATE. There have been some recent developments and the Village President will provide an update. The petitioner has increased the size of his project in an effort to achieve the 1,280 acres desired for full build-out and he plans to submit to the Village Board at the next meetings his plans for Phase II which would include annexing and zoning for intermodal additional parcels of land. This will require additional hearings for the pre-annexation agreements and rezoning of the parcels upon annexation. Development agreement discussions have not yet begun until the end user is brought forward and the full scope of the project is known.
3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER. The agenda has been provided to you under separate cover.
4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF BRAD COATS FROM THE PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT. The Village President may be in a position to recommend a replacement appointee at the meeting or at the next Village Board meeting. Please see the enclosed letter.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS