

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, FEBRUARY 11, 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. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- 3. VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Beecher Village Hall. The five year financial plan is scheduled for discussion.
- 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the Beecher Village Hall. Items on the agenda include an attempt to "make whole" Beatty Lumber from the new ½% sales tax as is discussed in our agreement and a discussion with Bob Tully on the future of the Gould Street downtown area.
- 5. FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION UPDATE. The Commission met last week and the schedule for the 2008 Fourth of July Celebration was set and the new food stand was examined. An update will be provided.
- 6. CONSIDER A MOTION SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT TO SERVE THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER FOR THE YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2012. This solicitation would include consultation on the GO Bond issue for the public works facility and associated referendum, any TIF consultation work that may be required if the Trinity project moves forward, and any type of special service area activation in the event of default of a homeowners association to perform their maintenance duties. This would create a relationship similar to what we have with Baxter and Woodman or with Austgen and Kuiper where we would benefit from the consultants prior knowledge of our projects and community over time. We would solicit about six proposals, and choose two or three for a formal interview. The Committee

would then make a recommendation to the Board as to the firm to hire. Please see the enclosed solicitation. Staff is requesting approval of this process.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPROMISE TICKET PROGRAM FOR LOCAL OFFENSES. This proposed ordinance is enclosed and has been the subject of several past Village Board meetings. The Village Attorney drafted the ordinance.
3. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING STATE STATUTE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS. This ordinance has also been discussed at several past Village Board meetings and the latest draft is enclosed. This ordinance was drafted by the Village Attorney.
4. ESDA BOARD UPDATE. The Board met last week and viewed the new trailer purchased for the storage and transportation of sheltering supplies. The use of CERT volunteers in a shelter exercise was also discussed. An update will be provided.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007. At the last meeting this report was distributed but the Supt. was ill and could not present the report. The Supt. will be at the meeting to answer any questions from the report.
2. WILL COUNTY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED IMPACT FEES TO BE IMPOSED ON MUNICIPALITIES WITH ALL NEW SUBDIVISION PLATS. Please see the enclosed notice. Almost all of the municipalities and building trades are opposed to this new ordinance which add to the cost of development and in light of the fact that the County is now receiving \$19 million per year from the new 0.25% sales tax given to them by the State via the RTA bailout plan. The public hearing appears to be the setting for a free-for-all. Please advise me if you wish to attend this hearing.
3. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION. This session is being requested to discuss the options the Village has to correct a flooding problem at 1434 Crooked Creek. Please see material under separate cover.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
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3. WELL #5 UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE
2. RESULTS OF MEETING WITH BEECHER RECREATION TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF PARKS AND REC IN BEECHER.
3. PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY UPDATE. JMA Architects have been instructed to provide the Village Board with an update of the PW facility design at the February 25th meeting.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
2. CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
3. CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE BEECHER ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIRING A MAXIMUM OF 2 FEET OF DEPTH FOR EVERY FOOT OF FRONTAGE OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE EXCEEDING 144 SQUARE FEET IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. After due notice and hearing, the PZC unanimously recommended approval of the amendment based on their finding of fact.
4. CONSIDER REFERRAL TO THE PZC OF A REQUEST FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: CREEKSIDE UNIT #1. Ron Riechert of TWR Builders has obtained a contract to purchase the east phase of Creekside Subdivision east of Trim Creek south of Church Road and west of Dixie. He is proposing a commercial lot on Church Road, transitioning to senior housing behind the commercial and single family homes backing up to Catalpa. There is also a commercial lot facing Dixie which is labeled as a future L+H purchase. This plan will be presented at the meeting.
5. CONSIDER REFERRAL TO THE PZC OF A REQUEST FOR REZONING UPON ANNEXATION FROM AG-1 TO I-T INTERMODAL INDUSTRIAL FOR ADDITIONAL ACREAGE LOCATED NORTH OF EAGLE LAKE ROAD AND WEST OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TRACKS. This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of the petitioner if he is prepared to present in time for the meeting. He is in the process of obtaining additional lands under contract to bring the project site from its current size of 746 acres to the maximum size of 1,280 contiguous acres permitted under the I-T zoning. If he does not attend the meeting, he then intends to present his expanded plans at the March 11th Village Board meeting.
6. WILL COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT SENDS LETTERS TO OWNER OF 28835 DIXIE HIGHWAY. This is the location of several complaints of free roaming farm animals unsanitary conditions. This property is on the east side of Dixie south of Eagle Lake Road.
7. CMAP TO HOST A COMMUNITY VISIONING TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP CENTER. It is imperative that the

Village be represented by some elected officials at this meeting. There will probably be some generic questions asked of the audience, which will lead to wide range of responses. Please advise us at the meeting if you plant to attend. Please note that a reservation must be placed by calling 312-386-8734.

8. CONSIDER A MOTION REQUIRING ALL GENERATOR INSTALLATIONS TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT FROM THE VILLAGE. This issue was discussed at the last workshop and continues to re-surface since no formal action has been taken. Many generators were installed in the last two years without a permit and only two or three installations have obtained a permit. The building inspector claims that the installation of a generator should be inspected due to the potential of backfeeding into Comm Ed's system from an improper installation. However, this is a new and ever mor popular technology which is not addressed in our handout literature and yet we are seeing two to three new installs per month in town. One proposal is to pick a date and from this point forward all generator installs need a building permit. All prior installs are grandfathered. All generator installers will be provided with a latter from the Village notifying them of the need for a permit, and the code enforcement officer will be keeping a watchful eye on violators. It makes sense to inspect generator installations since there are life-safety issues here. Why would we not inspect an electrical hook-up but yet require a permit for a garden shed? Which poses a higher risk to life safety?

The building department supports this recommendation.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. UPDATE ON LEACHATE TREATMENT PROPOSAL. We have been awaiting an analysis to come back from the Village Engineer on sample data for the past several quarters which has been provided to us by Sexton. This analysis should be made available at the meeting.

2. RESULTS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 30TH. This was a very informative meeting and one of the outstanding items which the Board needs to address is the status of Hillcrest Drive. There are about 11 homes on this private drive outside of the Village limits which pose life safety concern to the school district and the fire district. The Village Board has agreed to plow this road for the remainder of the Winter until such time it is determined how this road can be maintained. Trustee Wehling has a lot of experience in this area and lead the last "crusade" to get these residents annexed and fix their problems. Enclosed are materials related to that last effort. The use of CDBG money to solve the problem may be possible but we would have to arrange a site visit with the County first. A Trustee should be selected to lead the next effort since it will be important to have elected officials involved in this process. The cemetery board should also be involved.

3. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM HILLCREST DRIVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS WINTER. This makes the consensus action of the Board from the intergovernmental committee official policy.

4. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SEND A LETTER EXPLAINING THE BOARD'S POLICY TO PROVIDE SNOW REMOVAL FOR THIS WINTER AND TO SET A DATE AND TIME TO MEET WITH THE RESIDENTS TO

DISCUSS ANNEXATION AND ROAD DEDICATION. This motion would be the result of discussion at the meeting as to how to proceed with this effort.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS