

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 25, 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

VI. PRESENTATION: CONSIDER A DESIGN PROPOSAL AND COST ESTIMATE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY: JMA ARCHITECTS. The Architects are prepared to present the latest design concept and cost estimate to the Village Board for their review, consideration and feedback. If the design is approved, more detailed drawings will be prepared. If there are suggested changes, these changes will be made and brought back to the Board for further review. The cost estimate will be just as important as the design.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE. This is a planning document only and was the subject of a workshop held last week. The plan is enclosed for your review.

2. CONSIDER A MOTION ADOPTING A FOUR YEAR COMPENSATION PLAN GUIDELINE FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE 5/1/09. We are in our last year of the 10/8/6/4 plan which provides for a 4% increase on 5/1/08. The five year financial plan calls for increases of 3.5% in the first two years and 4% in the last two years. This plan is a guide only and does not bind any future Board to making changes to the plan at any time, but gives the employees and our future financial consultant an idea of what to expect in the coming years.

3. CONSIDER A MOTION APPROVING CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL MANUAL EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008. Every other year the Committee reviews the personnel manual for changes and updates in order to keep the manual current. Enclosed is a memo which outlines the changes proposed for this revision. These items were discussed at the January 22nd and February 19th workshops. Staff recommends approval of these changes effective May 1, 2008.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. YOUTH BOWLING EVENT sponsored by the police department was held on February 18th. The Chief will provide a report.

2. FUTURE YOUTH AND SENIOR PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS will be made by the Chief.

3. STATE WIDE TORNADO DRILL is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. All schools will be participating.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. FUTURE OF CHURCH ROAD EAST OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. The condition of this road is deteriorating rapidly and is need of repair. The road surface needs to be ripped up and mixed with road mix and rolled. A 3" layer of binder and 2.5" layer of surface needs to be applied. The cost of this project is about \$75,000. In addition, Church Road on each side of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks is also alligatoring and may only last another year. It is anticipated to cost \$50,000 to make this repair in 2009. This will be another \$125,000 to keep Church Road hard-surfaced. The Village Board needs to begin thinking how to raise these funds to repair this road.

2. I.D.O.T. HAS REQUESTED FULL PHASE I REPORT FOR DIXIE/CHESTNUT TRAFFIC LIGHT: STRAND ENGINEERING REQUESTS AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000 IN ENGINEERING FEES FOR COMPLETION OF DESIGN. As a result of legislator inquiries, IDOT has made a determination that a full Phase I report is required. We are in essence back to square #1 on this project. In order to update the Phase I report, Strand is requesting an additional \$30,000 in fees on top of the \$42,000 already spent for this light. The Village is trying to make 80% of this amount eligible for STP funds which means the cost to the Village will be \$6,000. However, the project will not be ready for bid until January 1, 2009 and there are other concerns.

First off, there is no guarantee that this light is going to be approved by IDOT. Secondly, staff has doubts that the original \$224,000 cost of this light may go significantly higher and STP is running low on funding. This means that the Village would have to kick in more funding for the light.

The Village needs to prioritize its spending on projects. Is this light more important than Church Road? Do we do both projects and borrow the money and tap out the new sales tax for many years to come before we even get our first check? If we abandon the traffic light, this means that we spent \$42,000 in engineering fees and have nothing to show for it. However, there is no guarantee that if we spend another \$30,000 that we will get the light. And how much do we

spend on Church Road if it is not serving any Village residents? This needs candid Village Board discussion. Please see the enclosed letter.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER AD WOODMAN TO EXPAND THE VILLAGE'S F.P.A. BY 160 ACRES SOUTH AND EAST OF EAGLE LAKE ROAD AND SOUTH PARK AVENUE FOR \$8,000 IN ENGINEERING FEES AND \$1,600 IN APPLICATION FEES. This proposal was requested by the Board at the January meeting. This FPA should not be contested and allows for contiguity with the expansion already approved for the Village to the north.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE to be provided at the meeting.
2. VILLAGE BEGINS PROCESS FOR SPRING NEWSLETTER. This year, the main article will be on the Village's plans to build a new PW facility and a request for voter approval of the G.O. Bond authorization. What other articles would the Board want to include? Now is the time to let us know.
3. CONSIDER A CONTRACT FOR CLEANING THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425/MONTH WITH SOUTH SUBURBAN SWEEPS. The current contract is for \$400/month. Prior to this, we were paying \$100/week. This new contract is still less than what we were paying two years ago. Staff recommends approval.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. PZC TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7:00 P.M. to hold workshops on the Riechert PUD and Trinity Industrial request for I-T upon annexation.
2. RESULTS OF COMMUNITY VISIONING MEETING. About 12 residents showed up to this meeting and expressed concerns to CMAP about the impacts of intermodal development and the airport on the Village. They stated that the Village is reacting to developers and not playing a role in coordinating planning of the area. The rift between Beecher and Crete has damaged the quality of life of the area by allowing two intermodals to come in. These types of reactions were expected given the current events of the day.
3. STATUS OF NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VILLAGE. Enclosed is a report indicating the number of dwelling units in the Village, the number of housing units either under construction or completed but not yet occupied, and the number of platted lots approved by the Village without permits being issued. We currently have a total of 3,046 residential units either existing or approved for construction, which would make our population 7,067 upon full build-out. Our current treatment plant can handle 6,000 population equivalents (P.E.) but due to

inflow and infiltration in the older part of town a population of 7,067 would produce about 10,661 P.E. of flow. If and when we expand the plant on existing property to 12,000 P.E., we still have about 1,500 P.E. of remaining capacity. The sewer plant expansion has now been targeted for 2013, based on current growth rates, and may be pushed back even further if home building remains in decline. In 2017, the old plant expansion loan is paid off which frees an additional \$225,000 annually for debt service based on current rates. The slower growth rate is a double-edged sword, we see less tap-in revenue but the capital needs can be deferred.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. LEACHATE REPORT PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE ENGINEER. Please see the enclosed letter. In short, the Engineer wants another \$5,000 to conduct a more thorough study. Trinity Industrial has agreed to pay the \$5,000 to complete the study, and Sexton has agreed to furnish the new information. However, this study is being funded on the hope that if it is feasible to treat the leachate, the Village will agree to negotiate a fair long-term contract to treat the leachate which will include safeguards for the Village, a treatment fee which will provide some profit, and a monthly capital assessment fee which will be set aside for future treatment plant expansion in the debt service fund. Trinity plans on using some of the landfill site for a rail spur for its project which will require cooperation from Sexton and possible annexation. Is the Village willing to continue with this process?

2. HILLCREST DRIVE UPDATE. Marcy Meyer has drafted a letter which will go to all the property owners on Hillcrest. We have uncovered a 20' right of way which now runs through the property which shows up on the County's tax maps. This is also being researched.

3. VILLAGE RECEIVES FIRST UNOFFICIAL TALLY FROM SPECIAL CENSUS: 1,138 NEW RESIDENTS SINCE 2004 FOR A TOTAL POPULATION OF 4,108. The certification of this number is expected in 60-90 days. In 2000, the population was 2,032. In 2004, the population grew to 2,970 as a result of a special census. In 2007, this number is now 4,108. Due to the economy and the lack of new development in the area outside the special census, staff is projecting a population of 4,400 at the 2010 census.

Another immediate aspect of this new population count is the availability of liquor licenses. Two new licenses are available in each category as a result of this new population.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS