

**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, MARCH 10, 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. ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY SURVEY from Burr Ridge is enclosed for your review. They are in the process of updating this survey and our figures will be corrected. This is for information only.
- 4. RESULTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. Two issues were addressed at this meeting. The first was an attempt to make Beatty whole on the sales tax reimbursement agreement as a result of the new 0.5% sales tax increase that went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed between Beatty and the Village that it is not possible to do this, but that the Village could offer about \$10,269.95 in other economic incentives to offset the \$33,000 in additional taxes Beatty will have to pay. Please see the enclosed memo. The Attorney has been directed to draft an ordinance and memorandum of understanding on this matter for the Board's consideration at a future meeting. This matter was also discussed at the November 20, 2007 Village Board workshop.

The second item was the consideration of a request to hold a craft and art fair on Gould Street the weekend of the Driving the Dixie. Two scenarios of the area to be utilized for this purpose is enclosed for your review. Bob Tully is requesting that the Village assist by authorizing a road closure, tables, garbage cans, barricades, and promotion. More on this event will be explained at the meeting.

- 5. FIRST DRAFT OF VILLAGE BUDGET HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND READY FOR REVIEW. You all received under separate cover the first draft of the proposed budget for FY

2008/2009 which will be the subject of a Village Board workshop on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Center. Pizza will be served.

6. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER. Enclosed is the final draft copy which significantly reduced the number of anticipated building permits to 12 in 2008, 16 in 2009, 36 in 2010, 40 in 2011 and 50 in 2011. Also, metered water consumption and sewer charges were reduced dramatically which caused these funds to go into deficit spending starting on 2009. The General Fund also start off in a hole but begins to dig out. The five year plan needs to be updated each year so that we can spot trends before they emerge too late in the game. Right now, the water and sewer system have to be watched closely. If projections hold out, we will need to cut spending by 10% and raise rates by about 10% in order to guarantee solvency of the system. However, here is hoping that our very conservative revenue estimates are just that; too low.

If the Board wishes to defer the decision on the five year plan and hold another workshop on these numbers, please advise. Otherwise, the plan needs to be adopted since it is the foundation in which the budget will be drafted in the upcoming months.

#### **B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
2. RESULTS OF MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> TORNADO DRILL will be provided by the Chief.
3. RESULTS OF EASTCOM BOARD MEETING AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FUNDING FORMULA will be explained by Bob Barber and Jeff Weissgerber at the meeting.

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

1. STATUS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANNER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. As of this date, 38 of the 47 available packages of three banners per pole have been purchased by Chamber members, with March 15<sup>th</sup> being the deadline for purchase. The Village has agreed to put up and take down the banners for a period of five years. The first new set of banners will be going up at the end of May.
2. STATUS OF VILLAGE SALT SUPPLY. The Village currently has about 100 tons of salt on hand which will provide about four more complete salt runs of the Village. 140 additional tons are on order and should arrive in late March. We feel that this should be sufficient for the remainder of the year. Next season, the Village has placed an order for up to 600 additional tons.
3. CONSIDER A RESPONSE LETTER TO WILL COUNTY'S PROPOSED ROAD IMPACT FEE. Please see the enclosed letter drafted by the Village President. He will send it off if the Board concurs.

4. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

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

1. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
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3. WATER BILLING REGISTER for the months of January and February are enclosed for your review.
4. WELL #5 UPDATE to be provided by the Engineer. To date, Jeffery Porter needs to complete \$91,944 worth of work and Kamp Synergy must install the SCADA system of \$23,900. Test pumping of the well occurred last week and we are on schedule for a April 15<sup>th</sup> start-up.
5. CONSIDER RE-APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR \$5,000,000 IN LOW INTEREST LOANS FROM THE IEPA WASTEWATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR EXPANSION OF THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT. This re-application keeps us eligible for the funding. We do not anticipate beginning this project now until 2010 with construction in 2013 or 2014.

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

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE

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

1. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE TO A CONDITION OF REZONING ALLOWING A DIFFERENT ROOF APPEARANCE FOR THE BEECHER MANOR NURSING HOME. The proposed roof lines of the nursing home which was approved by the Village last Fall will not work due to the potential for snow loads which exceed the roof's capability. Landmark Construction proposed a new roof design last month to the PZC which some would argue provides an even better appearance from the highway. This roof line was discussed last month at a joint meeting of the Village Board and PZC. The PZC voted 6-0 to approve the new roof line. Staff recommends approval.
2. CONSIDER NEW VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM. Enclosed is the new variance application form proposed by staff after the joint Village Board/PZC meeting. The PZC voted 6-0 to approve the new form with one change: that any request for a variance that involves handicapped accessibility be charged a discounted fee of \$0 to \$150 in lieu of the standard \$750 fee. A motion to approve the new form is required.
3. OTHER PZC MATTERS. The PZC approved for public hearing on March 27<sup>th</sup> the Trinity Industrial Intermodal expansion and the Creekside East development proposed by Ron Riechert.
4. BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
5. CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.

## **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

1. CONSIDER THE INSTITUTION OF \$1 MONTHLY FEE FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE WATER BILLS. In an effort to raise revenue sufficient for the services the Village provides, the Village President wishes to propose a mosquito abatement fee of \$1 per month per water bill to pay for this service. Based on the current number of 1,551 water customers, this fee would generate \$18,612 annually. The current mosquito abatement program costs \$13,550 for equipment and materials but this does not include fuel, labor and equipment usage to apply the adult sprayings and the larvicide tablets. This item is for discussion only.

2. RESULTS OF EASTERN WILL COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE CO-OP. One of the communities has expressed an interest in changing brokers for the insurance and changing the way the Committee selects the broker. This item was discussed and the Village President will explain the results of this meeting.

3. CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PZC FILLING THE VACANCY OF NICK GRUTZIUS. Nick has resigned from the PZC and there is need to fill his seat and for the PZC to elect a new Chair. The Village President may provide names for filling the vacancy at the meeting.

4. CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN "LIGHTS OUT" CAMPAIGN FROM 8-9 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>. Please see the enclosed press release from Comm Ed.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT, AND THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE HOURS OF THE SALE OF LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES FROM 1:00 A.M. TO 2:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY NIGHT/SATURDAY MORNINGS. The current ordinance allows taverns and bowling alleys to be open until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday nights but only until 1:00 a.m. on Friday nights. The liquor commissioner has been approached by the new Strikers Lounge asking for an extension until 2:00 a.m. on Friday night as well. If the Board so approves, an ordinance number can be assigned and the Attorney can draft the change for approval prior to this Friday night.

6. CONSIDER A MOTION MOVING THE DATE OF THE NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FROM MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>. The Township had already scheduled and posted a special Township meeting for Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. last year prior to us moving our meetings to Monday nights. When asked by the Supervisor if they would consider move their meeting, they proposed that we move ours since they had the date booked first.

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is a fifth Monday in March so moving the meeting back a week is no problem. However, we will be meeting two nights in a row since the budget workshop is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. LISA DUGAN TO HOST LOCAL HEARING ON PROPOSED STATE BUDGET. Please see the enclosed notice.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**