

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 31, 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. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: DESIGN OF PROPOSED PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY.

Last month, the Village Board requested one month to consider its options for a proposed facility. The options are a base bid for a building with no brick or interior rooms at an estimated cost of \$1,097,770. Alternate bids would be created for brick base around exterior (\$1,139,339), dormers (\$1,170,402), and mezzanine and interior rooms included (\$1,266,935). The Village invited Nugent Construction to review the proposal and they claim that if the project is bid out in the Winter of 2008/2009 the contractors will be hungry due to the state of the economy and that the architects prices may be 10-15% too high even for next year. They also suggested some design features to reduce the cost of the building since the price of steel will drive the cost of the project. They recommended making these changes and bidding the project as is. Another issue is whether to build the public works facility on the east half or the west half of the property. This decision also needs to be made. Wayne Bobiack of JMA Architects will be at the meeting to lead this discussion.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of February are enclosed for your review.

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP is scheduled for this Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center. Pizza and pop will be provided.

3. FINANCIAL CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE. Requests for Proposals are due to the Village on March 28th. The Finance Committee will then review the RFP's and select two or three finalists for interviews. We are due to make a selection by the June 9th Village Board meeting. Please see the enclosed solicitation notice.

4. CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR \$8,000 FROM WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR A DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM. Supervisor Howard attended the last Village Board meeting and

requested on behalf of the Township Board that the Village fund 50% of the Dial-A-Ride Program, which was thought to be around \$8,000. The Village Board asked for a cost breakdown so that the issue could be discussed at the next meeting. Enclosed is copy of the cost breakdown which shows that the annual cost of the program is \$14,588.57 with half of this amount being \$7,294.29. Someone from the Township may be coming to the meeting to continue discussions. If this program is funded by the Village, then \$8,000 in cuts must occur in our proposed operating budget. However, the Township's position is that the Village started the effort to get this program going but is now abandoning the project.

5. VILLAGE ACCEPTS BID FROM EXELON CORPORATION FOR ONE YEAR OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM MASTER ACCOUNT. Three bids were received and opened by the NIMEC co-op. The lowest bid was from Exelon in the amount of 6.11 cents per kilowatt hour. This is 5.27% lower than the current Comm Ed rate but 13.65% higher than the current rate of 5.74 cents which we are now paying to Constellation New Energy. I compared this low bid to what we had budgeted for the coming year and there is sufficient funding in the proposed budget to absorb this increase with \$3,185 leftover for extra power usage which may be needed if it is very dry or very wet year. The bid was accepted and will go into effect on June 1st.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A CHECK TO BE DRAWN FROM THE WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$950 FOR THE PURCHASE OF STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY. In order to purchase used items from the State, a check from the local government is required upon purchase. The public works department would like to purchase two fire-proof cabinets and two map cabinets from the state warehouse but a check needs to be cut to the State at the time of purchase. This requires a motion of the Village Board.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. STATUS OF ORCHARD/LANGE TRAFFIC STUDY for a 4-way stop at this location to be provided by the Chief of Police.

2. STATUS OF DOG TAG ENFORCEMENT to be provided by the Chief of Police.

3. COMPLIANCE TICKET PROGRAM UPDATE to be provided by the Chief of Police.

4. SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING SESSION to be held for all employees and interested Village officials on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Center.

5. ESDA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. before the severe weather class.

6. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN A RENEWAL OF A FIVE YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH EASTCOM DISPATCH CENTER. This agreement is due for renewal and the Village Attorney has also been asked to review the enclosed contract and has approved

its contents. If we enter into this agreement, we are locked into EASTCOMM for the next five years. However, it does not appear that the Village has any other options other than the Will County Sheriff due to the types of radios that we have. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 12 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COMPROMISE TICKETS TO INCLUDE EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS.

This was overlooked when the original ordinance was drafted and the Village Attorney may have this ready for Monday night's meeting. In either case, the Chief can explain the change the Board can authorize its adoption and assign an ordinance number and once the ordinance is drafted it can be signed and executed.

8. CONSIDER AN AWARD OF BID TO VAN DRUNEN FORD OF HOMEWOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,995 FOR A 2008 FORD MUSTANG FOR FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION RAFFLE CAR. Enclosed is a copy of each of the bids and a bid tab sheet. The Fourth of July Commission recommends approval of this bid, which is the lowest bid of the type of car the Commission wishes to raffle. \$22,500 was budgeted for this purchase.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING A \$4 CHARGE FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING ON ALL SEWER BILL ACCOUNTS FOR THE MARCH/APRIL, MAY/JUNE AND JULY/AUGUST WATER BILLING CYCLES. Enclosed is a report detailing the costs of the program over the next six years and the fees which would apply to self-fund this program. In short, the program will cost \$17,607 annually and a \$4 charge on the water bills for the three summer billing cycles would produce \$18,804 on the current number of 1,567 accounts. This can be for discussion only but if the Board wishes to institute such a fee this year the ordinance must pass by the last meeting in April.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A PHASE II STORMWATER PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD 2008 THROUGH 2013. This is now a requirement of the IEPA and we believe that we are in sufficient compliance to now obtain this five year permit as required by state statute. This is the bare minimum required by law to obtain the permit. Staff recommends approval of the enclosed application.

3. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE CONDITION OF CHURCH ROAD EAST OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. The Church plans to build and they want to know what is required of them from the Village since the section of roadway which they wish to connect has deteriorated. Doug Terpstra of Fieldgate entered into a development agreement with the Village to improve this section of road by September, 2007 with the understanding that the residential development would begin by that time. The development has not occurred and the road needs to be repaired. The Village President has sent the enclosed letter to Mr. Terpstra and we are awaiting a response. The Church is concerned that the Village may require them to fix the road fronting their property. Staff believes that it is not their responsibility but we are not sure if Fieldgate can

fulfill its obligation due to the economy. This item is for discussion. Representatives of the Church are planning to be present to ask these questions.

4. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,831 FROM PERM-A-SEAL FOR THE PAINT STRIPING OF VILLAGE STREETS AND PUBLIC PARKING LOTS. This is an annual maintenance contract paid for with MFT funds. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

5. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A SEPTIC VARIANCE FOR THE BEECHER COMMUNITY CHURCH, 180 E. CHURCH ROAD. The church is making plans to build this year but there is no sanitary sewer lines. It would be less expensive for the church to install a septic field now with a stipulation to connect to the Village's sewer lines when they reach the front or the back of the property. This requires a motion of approval of the Village Board. The water line will come from an 8" main which surrounds the new junior high school and an easement will be granted to the Church from the school district for this service line.

2. WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES as prepared by the City of Carbondale is enclosed for your review.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. Buddy has received a bid for \$15,000 to chisel or "brighton" seed the park. However, the Village Board has only provided \$6,000 for fine grading and seeding restoration. The Fourth of July Commission is willing to provide up to an additional \$8,000 on a dollar for dollar matching grant to the Village as long as three bids are received, reviewed and approved by the Commission. Buddy has been attempting to obtain three bids and will present them at the meeting.

2. THE USE OF BALLFIELDS FOR BEECHER RECREATION. Buddy has been asked to determine if the ballfields at Welton Stedt Park are ready for play. Firemen's #1 is ready except for along the right field line where excavation is occurring. Firemen's #2 and #3 are out of commission.

3. UPDATE ON SPECIAL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11TH.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 505 ACRES OF LAND BETWEEN ROUTE #1, CHURCH ROAD, ASHLAND AND OFFNER COMMONLY KNOWN AS "PHASE II" LANDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERMODAL FACILITY. If approved, this hearing would be held at the May 12th Village Board meeting.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN A RESOLUTION REZONING TRINITY INDUSTRIAL PHASE II LANDS UPON ANNEXATION TO I-T INTERMODAL, I-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL AND B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS AS A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ACCORDING TO THE PZC'S RECOMMENDATION. After due notice and another lengthy public hearing, the PZC has recommended approval of the rezoning by a vote of 4-0. Trustee Ahrendt will explain some of the concerns and questions which came up at the hearing but the issues were about the same as with the Phase I lands.

3. OTHER PZC ITEMS. A hearing was held on the Creekside East Subdivision and after the hearing the PZC voted to delay its recommendation until the April 24th meeting to allow the petitioner to respond to questions and issues which were raised pertaining to the maintenance and upkeep of the senior housing units and the impact the project will have on drainage patterns to the south. Also, the Commission authorized a public hearing for Phase III lands of Trinity Industrial including the McWhorter parcel, Al Buitter parcel and 36 acres of the Kuhlman parcel located behind Bolos. This hearing will occur in either April or May depending on the application date of the petitioner.

4. CONSIDER AMENDING THE FEES CHARGED FOR VARIANCE APPLICATIONS IN THE VILLAGE. This item was brought up by PZC member Machtemes at the last meeting and the Board took her comments under advisement. Staff recommends keeping the fee the same for all applications except for those which involve handicapped accessibility which would be provided a fee waiver. The Village has received very few of these requests and the fee waiver would be insignificant.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FILLING THE TERM OF NICK GRUTZIUS.

2. CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. According to the enclosed memo from Don Thomas, the new zoning ordinance requires that the Village President appoint a Chairman with the consent of the Village Board.

3. RESULTS OF WILL COUNTY ROAD IMPACT FEE HEARING HELD ON MARCH 11TH. The Village President attended this hearing and it appears that this proposal is dead on arrival. More will be explained at the meeting.

4. RESULTS OF ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE LOBBY DAY. This day was held in Springfield on March 12th and was attended by Bob Barber. SB 2063 is a shell bill sponsored by Halvorson which will soon contain language on airport governance and possibly the Development District. A capitol bill is also under consideration but may be funded by a 2% income tax increase. It is also suggested that at least two Trustees attend this lobby day next year.

5. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Center. Since the intermodal may be brought up for discussion, it is suggested that as many Trustees as possible attend this meeting.

6. RESULTS OF BUDGET HEARING HELD BY REP. LISA DUGAN ON MARCH 24TH. This meeting was attended by the Village President and an update will be provided.

7. CHESTNUT/DIXIE TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE. A meeting was held on March 12th at IDOT headquarters and the Federal Highway Administration which is funding 80% of this project was at this meeting and told IDOT to get off their soapbox on this project and approve it for construction. IDOT agreed and this project is now back on schedule for a Spring, 2009 letting. Enclosed is the project costing sheet approved at the meeting.

8. THIRD AIRPORT UPDATE. IDOT has begun a very small but meaningful process of condemnation of two parcels of land. Also enclosed is a letter asking for the Village's help in opposing new regulations which allows the FAA to bypass EPA review procedures of air quality in master planning for airports. The Village has agreed to be listed as an opponent of this proposed change.

9. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LIQUOR CODE TO ALLOW CLASS A AND F LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS TO BE OPEN UNTIL 2:00 A.M. ON FRIDAYS. The enclosed ordinance was discussed at the last meeting and allows taverns and bowling alleys to be open until 2:00 a.m. on Friday.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS