

WORKSHOP MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2009

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL, 724 PENFIELD STREET, BEECHER, ILLINOIS BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. ON NOV. 24, 2009.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Lohmann and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Robert Barber and Marcy Meyer.

GUESTS: None

Board members discussed finishing the inside of the new Public Works garage including; adding a break room, mens washroom and locker room, a video security system, keyless entry system, wire mesh for a tool room, meter room and repair shop and seal coating the cement floor.

A curb cut on Cardinal Creek Boulevard and installation of a deep stone ramp entrance to the PW facility was discussed. Board members wanted to avoid mud and stone on the roadway at all costs. The consensus was to eliminate the long road heading to Town Center Road and improve the roadway which turns into Township Drive just east of the fuel pumps. This road will be used for fueling and salt loading.

Norm Lange will be given one bay in the old Public Works garage for storage of a payloader in town during the Winter months. The Village will receive use of the equipment and a driver in trade for moving snow piles in town. This arrangement will start once PW moves some of its equipment to the new facility.

Dr. Gabris will be invited to the December 14th meeting to take a survey of the Trustees at the end of the meeting.

The Village Planner and Attorney will be asked to define slab on grade. Once a definition can be drafted this amendment will be referred to the PZC to have them prohibit slab on grade in all single family residential districts.

An attempt will be made to negotiate with all current home builders under annexation agreement to not build slab on grade homes. The one at 1519 Saddle Run is an example of an undesired raised ranch home, even though there is nothing that can be done about this home at this point.

The process of condemnation will begin on the lean-to portion of Wehmhoffer Hardware building on Gould Street. Code Officer Julie Riechers will need to check with the Attorney on

the process and notify the building owner in writing to demolish it or the Village will pursue condemnation.

Board members agreed to grant Buchmeiers a building permit extension until July 1, 2010 and state that this will not be extended anymore. Trustees Ahrendt and Cleary will check on progress of the building.

Part-time public works will be considered for peak season use only, if the Village can afford to do so next year.

Consensus was reached to award the observation portion of the escrow projects and Church Road east to the SEC Group. An RFP will be obtained from the SEC Group for Route #1 design and observation.

It was agreed by the Board that assisted living is desired for Beecher and several locations were determined to be plausible. The Economic Development Director will be instructed to follow up on this effort.

There were concerns expressed that the Village Board is asked to shift gears too quickly on certain policy positions at meetings. Staff and the Village President were reminded that the Village Board's frame of reference is not the same as theirs and that more time for education and thoughtful discussions are needed.

The next workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

When there was no further discussion, Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adjourn 9:45 p.m.. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert Barber
Village Clerk Pro-Tem