

WORKSHOP MEETING JANUARY 12, 2010

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 6:30 P.M. ON JANUARY 12, 2010.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Lohmann (arrived at 8:00 p.m.) and Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: Trustee Cleary.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Robert Barber and Economic Development Coordinator Marcy Meyer.

GUESTS: None

It was the consensus of the Village Board to direct staff to complete the following:

1. Permit Norm Lange to house his big tractor in the old public works garage for 2010/2011 Winter in exchange for regrading Village parcel east of public works garage at an estimated value of \$2,500.
2. Permit the Fire District to house the brush truck in the old garage for the winter months as long as space is available.
3. Do not permit vehicles from outside agencies to use the new garage until public works fully accounts for its new space.
4. Permit the Lieutenant to use the 2003 Crown Vic as a take home car under the same restrictions as the Chief of Police.
5. Do not pursue a 50% grant for the installation of battery back-up for the traffic signals.
6. Offer all non-union employees the same benefits as offered in the police union contract with a 2.75% COLA increase on the merit pay scale effective 5/1/10. These figures are to be placed in the budget for the coming year.
7. Place on the agenda at the next Board meeting an ordinance establishing a progressive fine structure for violations of the liquor ordinance.

8. Have the attorney draft an ordinance requiring BASSET Training for all liquor license establishments who are found guilty by the Liquor Commissioner of an offense of the Village liquor code. The length of time this requirement stays in place shall be determined in the findings of the liquor commissioner.
9. Establish a capital equipment sinking fund based on the 1/12/10 report of the Village Administrator. The implementation of the fund will be contingent on available fund balance and may be in FY 10/11 or FY 11/12.
10. Authorize the attorney to draft an ordinance implementing a \$4 per billing flat water fee to be used for replacing water system infrastructure. The proceeds from this flat fee shall be deposited at a minimum of once annually into the Water and Sewer Capital Improvements Account and be set aside for the replacing of aging water mains and appurtenances. The fee would take effect on the May, 2010 billing.

The Village Board then discussed a strategic plan for the Village based on the results of a survey taken by the Trustees. The drafting of the plan was not completed and it was decided that due to the late hour another workshop would be held to complete the plan. A date was not set.

When there was no further discussion, Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adjourn 9:36 p.m.. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert Barber, Village Clerk Pro-Tem