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## MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Washington Township, Beecher School District 200-U, Beecher Fire District, Beecher Library District, Village of Beecher, Washington Township Plan Commission, Beecher Community Hall Board, Washington Township Road District, Beecher Planning and Zoning Commission

Thursday, January 30th, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. Washington Township Center 30200 Town Center Road

As the Beecher Village President, I welcome all elected and appointed officials of our various local taxing bodies to meet at least twice each year to discuss issues of common concern and to attain a better understanding of situations each taxing body may be facing which affects all of us as constituents and local leaders. In the agenda is the roundtable, where each taxing body has the floor to express any concern or relay any type of accomplishment. It is through this roundtable that we learn directly from those officials as to what they are facing as a local government entity. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Greg Szymanski Village/President

## AGENDA

- I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
- II. ROLL CALL FOR THOSE TAXING BODIES HAVING A QUORUM
- III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. PRESENTATION: THE APPLICATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. Mike Hoffman of Teska Associates is the new Beecher Village Planner and has recently given a presentation to the Beecher Village Board on how TIF's are formed and how they are used to attract industry to improve decaying downtown areas. The Village Board has asked him to tailor his presentation to the other taxing bodies so that all of the questions, concerns and issues with this type of economic development tool are adequately addressed. The Village is not considering a TIF at this time, and will not do so until we all become thoroughly educated on how it works

and how it would apply to our community in terms of benefits and costs. There also needs to be a vision plan for the old downtown before any type of program or incentive is considered and this would be the next step. Right now we are simply in a learning phase and input from the other taxing bodies would be quite helpful. After the presentation there will be open discussion on the use of TIF's and the future of the old downtown area.

- V. ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY UPDATE.
- VI. SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT UPDATE.
- VII. IL-#394/IL ROUTE #1 CORRIDOR STUDY.

VIII. VILLAGE TO UPDATE ITS MASTER WATER, SEWER AND LAND USE PLANS. The Village has completed its water and sewer master plans for the entire Beecher School District as simply a planning tool and is ready to begin the land use portion of the planning process. We are awaiting a grant from IDOT through Will County to begin the land use portion of the process. Exhibits showing maps of the water and sewer master plans will be on display at the meeting.

IX. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE. Since the last meeting, Dollar General has opened in the old Reising Chevy building and a Casey's general Store and service station is under consideration by the Village at the southwest corner of Miller and Dixie. More information can be provided on Casey's at the meeting.

X. NEW VILLAGE HALL PLANNED FOR 625 DIXIE HIGHWAY. In December the Village closed on the old bank building at 625 Dixie Highway at a price of \$125,000. The Village has budgeted \$265,000 for remodeling the structure to include office space, customer service area and a small Village Board room which can also be used as a NIMS-certified emergency operations center in the event of a disaster in or close to the community. All of these improvements are being made using set-aside funds the Village has been saving so no new taxes or debt will be needed to complete this project. Floor plans for the new Village Hall will also be on display at the meeting.

- XI. TAXING BODY ROUNDTABLE
- XII. NEW BUSINESS date of next meeting Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 p.m.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT BY 8:30 P.M.