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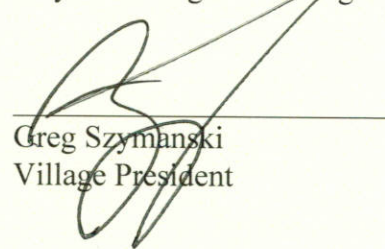
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**MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

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

***Wednesday, August 26th 2015 at 7:00 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

A G E N D A

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL FOR THOSE TAXING BODIES HAVING A QUORUM

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. A DISCUSSION ON THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF RE-LOCATING THE CARNIVAL AND THE USE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT FOR CAMPGROUND. Due to a wet June, it was impossible to get the carnival rides into the park. The Fire Department offered the use of the parking lot for the carnival but it was not large enough prompting the closure of Penfield Street for additional rides. Before this was done the library district, a community hall board member, the school district, and the post office were contacted. Now that we have had one festival under our belts with this last-minute arrangement, we need to discuss if this was more or less beneficial to the community. Many people, especially

young families with strollers, loved the hard surface for the carnival. However, there were serious inconveniences for handicapped parking and for the fire department, library, and post office employees. Is this something we would like to try again? There is some tweaking necessary like relocating the generators and rubber mats over the cables to the rides. The Beecher Postmaster and the Chairman of the Fourth of July Commission will be invited to the meeting to participate in this discussion.

V. IMPACT OF STATE'S FISCAL CRISIS ON BEECHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. The Village is being affected and this will be explained at the meeting. We are also interested in hearing how other local governments in the community are being affected.

VI. ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY MOTHBALLED INDEFINITELY AND THE RESULTING CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING THAT WILL RESULT. The Village has suspended its land use planning process and will stick with the 2007 plan which includes only the Beecher bypass and the South Suburban Airport. The County is discussing the creation of its own truck corridor from using Peotone-Wilmington road and Beecher-Peotone Road but one of the real choke points for this route is Indiana Avenue through Beecher especially at Dixie Highway. This will further enhance the need for the western bypass using an Ashland Avenue alignment. This will be discussed further at the meeting.

VII. SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT UPDATE. IDOT continues to buy land using escrowed funds and is running Bult Field as a public commercial airport. Executives from Panduit and other large companies have been using the facilities. The FAA has not yet released a Record of Decision on the Master Plan. Property tax reimbursements from IDOT to the local governments will continue but sunsets in 2020 requiring a new bill in about five years. The saga continues.

VIII. UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN TOWN SINCE OCTOBER, 2014

- Basil Bistro
- Rinky's Cafe
- Cardinal Creek Golf Course
- Pin and Tonic/Buddy's
- purchase of Wehmhoffer Hardware, Teapots and Up the Street on Gould Street
- Buchmeier building

IX. TAXING BODY ROUNDTABLE

X. ANY RUMORS? This is the portion of the meeting where anyone can ask a question as to what they heard to see if it is true or just a rumor. Much misinformation is out there and here is the opportunity to put it to rest.

XI. NEW BUSINESS - date of next meeting Thursday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.?

XII. ADJOURNMENT BY 8:30 P.M.