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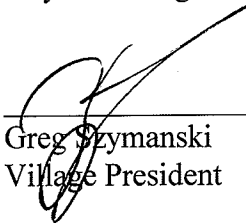
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**MEETING OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

***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 31st 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Beecher Village Hall Board Room  
625 Dixie Highway***

As the Beecher Village President, I welcome all elected and appointed officials of our various local taxing bodies to meet at least once 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.

  
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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. RESULTS OF FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION. After the second year of holding the carnival in the fire district parking lot and on Penfield Street there are still some logistical issues to address. For example, there are still complaints regarding a lack of handicapped parking and there was an unusual amount of litter in the area when the carnival pulled out. A discussion will be held about what to do next year to make everyone as satisfied as possible if we continue using the lot and the street.

V. FUTURE OF FIRE DISTRICT PARKING LOT. The fire district has approached the Village regarding the replacement of the pavement in the parking lot. In 2002, an agreement was signed between the Village and the Volunteer Fire Department regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the parking lot. It also mentioned the community hall but that party never entered into the agreement. The lot was last re-paved in 1992 and is now in need of repaving again. Representatives from the Fire District and the Village have met to discuss this issue and it was agreed that this year some patching would occur and the lot would then be seal-coated and striped. This would last for another three years and then the lot would be repaved at such time Penfield Street gets improved. The question is how to pay for it. This is a community parking lot used by the Fire District, Village Police Department, Fourth of July Commission, Beecher Rec, the Community Hall, St. Lukes Church, Beecher Pre-School Co-Op, and anyone who uses Firemen's Park. It may cost \$80,000-\$100,000 to resurface the lot and we have to decide how this will get paid. This is a community issue.

VI. FUTURE OF BEECHER EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY. Both the Fire district and Township have signed an agreement with the Village which now creates this Agency. The Village is in the process of hiring a part-time Director who will help in the recruitment of volunteers to provide support services to the fire and police departments throughout the whole Township. An update will be provided at the meeting.

VII. COMMONWEALTH EDISON TO BEGIN INSTALLING SMART METERS IN THE AREA. Please see the enclosed letter and map.

VIII. UPDATE ON PENFIELD STREET PROJECT. Design work is nearing completion on this road project. Preliminary plans will be provided to the group at the meeting for review. Some of the key components of the project will be the change from pull-in parking to parallel parking along Penfield west of the creek, and new parking lots at Reed Street and Maxwell Street to offset the loss of on-street parking. The other big ticket item of the project is the replacement of the Penfield Street bridge which will require the road to be closed for a period of time during construction. The earliest start date for the project is the Spring of 2019 but the more likely dates are the Spring of 2020 or 2021. Since this is a federal grant project the approval process is very slow. However, the watermain should be replaced sometime this Winter. A temporary patch will be made over the trench which will last until the total road reconstruction occurs.

IX. GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILROAD UPDATE. A description of this proposal and a status report will be provided at the meeting.

X. THE FUTURE OF BALMORAL RACE TRACK. In the last two months much has happened after the sale of Balmoral to the HITS group. Several members of the Village Board have attended meetings with the new owners where plans for the use of the facility were unveiled. Other properties have also been purchased in recent weeks by the HITS Group adjacent to or near the racetrack. The Village will discuss with the group what it knows about this project.

XI. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE. This project should be nearing completion at the time of the meeting and an update will be provided.

XII. GOULD STREET RENOVATION. Two new businesses will open or are planning to open in the 600 block of Gould street. The Village will be keeping its word to spend funds to improve the old historic downtown business district by building a boardwalk over the cement walkway to create an historic feel to the street. There is also talk of possibly creating a mural on the east side of the street to eliminate the "wall" appearance of the block. The watermain and the street pavement also needs to be replaced and this planned in the coming years. Much is happening down there and the Village is happy to see the activity.

XIII. TAXING BODY ROUNDTABLE

XIV. FACT OR FICTION? Here is your chance to ask the Village or any other taxing body about rumors you may have heard in the community and what the truth really is.

XV. NEW BUSINESS - next meeting in six months or one year from now?

Monday, January 30, 2017 or Tuesday, January 31, 2017 (six months)

Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (1 yr)

XV. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT BY 8:30 P.M.