

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO BE HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER, 30200 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, BEECHER, ILLINOIS AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

AGENDA

- I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
- IV. VILLAGE CLERK REPORT
- V. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 1. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- 3. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING A TAX LEVY FOR 2007 COLLECTIBLE IN 2008. Enclosed is the proposed notice of hearing and a draft of the tax levy ordinance which calls for an increase in the operating levy of 19.99% and an increase in the debt service levy of 12.31% as required by our debt service schedule. The overall levy request increase is 19.12%. At this time we anticipate a 16% increase in the value of new construction on the tax rolls during the 2007 calendar year and a 3.4% cost of living adjustment for existing properties. Under the tax cap law, the levy on existing properties on the tax rolls prior to 2007 can only be increased by the cost of living. This proposed levy will allow the Village to capture the full value of assessment on the new homes and businesses added to the tax rolls in 2007. In reality, the Village's tax rate on existing property has been steadily decreasing in the past six years and this trend is expected to continue for at least one more year.

It should also be noted that the levies have been adjusted per auditor recommendation to reflect the actual amount being spent out of each of the levies for Village services and changes to state law in 2006 now allows us to make these adjustments without affecting the aggregate amount of the levies. Staff recommends approval of the hearing on the enclosed draft.

- 4. RESULTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 4TH. The members of the Committee met with Trinity Industrial to discuss the possible terms of an annexation agreement for this project and the results of the meeting will be presented Tuesday night.

5. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE EASTERN WILL COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT. This ordinance authorizes the Village President to sign an amended cooperative agreement which prohibits the inclusion of new member communities and allows for the transfer of insurance from Humana to Blue Cross. Staff recommends approval of the enclosed ordinance.

6. CONSIDER A TRANSFER OF \$74,784.05 FROM GENERAL FUND TO PARK FUND. Please see the enclosed memo. This transfer allows for the final payments of the Nantucket Cove and Welton Stedt Park bills and will cover the expenses of the Park Fund for the remainder of the fiscal year. It will also allow us not to break the \$380,000 CD early which matures on 11/30/07. When Montalbano pays \$74,784.05 for Nantucket Cove Park (we have been told the check is in the mail), the General Fund will then keep this funding and reimburse the Park Fund.

7. ILLINOIS STATE COMPTROLLER RELEASES BEECHER'S AUDIT FIGURES FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2006 COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGES. The bottom line is we are quite average, with the exception of the Enterprise Funds where we are way above average for retained earnings. Expect these numbers to drop for 2007.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT for September is enclosed for your review.
2. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT UPDATE will be provided the Supt. His will be the last update for the year.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. YARDWASTE BAG DISTRIBUTION DAYS ARE ON THE NEXT TWO SATURDAYS FROM 9 AM TO 12 PM. Trustees Cleary, Szymanski, and Ahrendt will hand out bags from 9-12 on Saturday, October 13th, and Trustees Kuhlman, Wehling, and Gardner will handle Saturday, October 20th. The Village Clerk will provide the team with two lists for cross-offs; one list for the 10 bag distribution and one list for the 20 bag distribution. Mark off the account as the resident picks up his or her bags.

2. VILLAGE TO BEGIN FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM. \$2,000 has been budgeted for this project which will allow for the purchase of twelve 2.5" caliper trees from a nursery for planting by public works. Ironically, this is about the same number of trees we removed this year from parkways.

There are also several trees which were balled last year from the new public works facility property which can also be planted and the Supt. will provide an update on the status of these trees.

3. RESULTS OF LEGISLATORS BREAKFAST HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28TH. Trustees Cleary and Szymanski attended this breakfast briefing and will provide an update. It should be

noted that the Illinois State Senate will be holding a series of public hearings on SB 1429, the Streamlined Sales Tax legislation. One of these hearings will be held at the IML conference and another will be on Wednesday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Empress Casino in Joliet. We will be carpooling the Empress hearing and will be leaving the Village Hall at 9:00 a.m. Contact the Administrator if you can attend this important hearing.

5. CHESTNUT/DIXIE TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE. Trustees Cleary and Szymanski were introduced to Darcie Grabisko of Strand Engineering at the legislator's breakfast and discussed the status of the traffic signal. An update will be provided.

6. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

1. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.

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3. WELL #5 UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer.

4. SERIES OF WATERMAIN BREAKS OCCURS ON PENFIELD STREET. Two more breaks occurred on Penfield by the Trim Creek bridge.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE. A pre-construction meeting was held on October 2nd and the contracts have been forwarded to the Village President for signature. This project will begin this Fall and be completed by Spring. Public Works will be soliciting bids for the hydroseeding or the sodding of the park upon completion early this Spring and will water the seed until July 4th.

2. PUBLIC WORKS WATERING SEED AND SOD AT NANTUCKET COVE PARK AND WELTON STEDT PARK. The amount of seed in the outfield areas of Welton Stedt Park appears to be thin but was chiseled in so we will see what happens later this Fall. Nantucket Cove was covered with a straw blanket and looks more promising. A final walk-thorough needs to happen on both parks by Design Perspectives.

3. PRAIRIE PARK COMPLETELY SEEDED AND BEING WATERED BY CASTLETOWN HOMES. This park will be ready for improvements next year and the seeded areas should be ready for use.

4. PUBLIC WORKS EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT HOW THESE NEW PARKS WILL BE MAINTAINED. Welton Stedt Park especially will need almost daily attention during the baseball season and at this time public works lacks the equipment or storage ability needed to maintain these parks. This matter needs to be discussed since there was talk of the school district providing a maintenance shed out on the property.

5. NEWSLETTER UPDATE. The newsletter has been mailed and should be in everyone's box by Wednesday.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. RESULTS OF WORKSHOP ON TRINITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. The proposed intermodal facility was set for public hearing on Thursday, October 25th.

2. RESULTS OF WORKSHOP ON CHANGES TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ORDINANCE. The PZC has decided to hold a hearing on an amendment to the accessory structure ordinance which requires a maximum building line ratio of 3 feet of depth for every 2 feet of frontage of any accessory building over 250 square feet in size. This should eliminate the linear appearance of larger accessory buildings which can now be built at a ratio of 2 feet of depth for each foot of frontage.

3. STATUS OF FENCE AT 263 ASPEN. The owner of the property has been given the enclosed letter stating that the fence has to be in compliance or a variance granted within 90 days or the Village will seek legal action. The owner has since called the Village and asked for an extension of time and was advised by staff that only the Village Board can grant an extension. He may be at the meeting.

4. BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT for August and September is enclosed for your review.

5. CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT for September is enclosed for your review.

6. CONSIDER A MOTION ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN PRAIRIE CROSSINGS UNIT III UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FOR \$16,500 IN ENGINEERING FEES AND \$3,989 FOR ONE MISSING STREET LIGHT. Please see the enclosed letter from the Village Engineer. A maintenance bond has been drafted for the amount requested.

7. SPECIAL CENSUS UPDATE. The Census Bureau has been very slow since they have received an unprecedented number of special census requests out of the Chicago regional office. At this time our census has been scheduled for December 13th but this can change. Staff has been pushing for a date after the holidays since many residents begin leaving town if our current date gets pushed back another week or so. As long as the State certifies our number by May 1st we should be OK, but at this point the sooner the better for cash flow.

8. STATUS OF HUNTER'S CHASE WEST FINAL LIFT ON ROAD AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SUBDIVISION. Staff has been pushing to get this portion of the subdivision completed since most of the homes are built and there is a need to button up the loose ends. The Village Engineer will provide a status report.

9. CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR NANTUCKET COVE (MONTALBANO) PERTAINING TO FENCES AND AIR

CONDITIONER UNITS. Montalbano wishes to change the restrictive covenants (CCR's) to allow fences which follow the Village Code and to permit air conditioners in interior side yards the front yard setback of corner lots if they are landscaped. The fence request appears plausible, as long as chain link fences are not permitted. The air conditioner unit request is made because there are air units in the front yard setbacks already and they need to be landscaped but I am not sure we should allow any more of these in the front yards. There is also the issue of foundation plantings which Montalbano should address since this has been an issue with the Village for quite some time. Action on this matter is at the discretion of the Board. Please see the enclosed material.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT

1. STATUS OF CRETE AND BEECHER F.P.A. EXPANSION REQUESTS. The full CMAP Board will be considering these FPA expansion applications on Wednesday morning, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. on the 8th floor of the Sears Tower. The Village President plans on attending with the engineers to testify on our behalf. A status report will be provided.
2. CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR 2008. The Will County Governmental League wants to know if any of its members desire to propose or support any new legislation for the upcoming Spring session. Please see the enclosed form.
3. ADMINISTRATOR AT ICMA CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH and will be returning on Thursday.
4. QUORUM ISSUES FOR THE OCTOBER 23RD MEETING. Both Brian Cleary and Greg Szymanski will be out of town for the October 23rd meeting so we need to do a quorum check before we set an agenda. The meeting can be moved to October 24th or just canceled if a quorum cannot be achieved.
5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REMOVING THE SELLING TIME RESTRICTIONS FOR PACKAGE LIQUOR. His continues to be a request of the package liquor licensees and the Village President wishes to discuss this matter again.
6. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION. The Village Attorney has requested this closed session to discuss upcoming strategy for the MGM lawsuit.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS