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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, August 29, 2013 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.

  
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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. GUEST SPEAKER: SCOTT BERTRAND, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMONWEALTH EDISON. Recent Summer storms have caused frequent power failures in our service area. Mr. Bertrand will explain the notification and response procedures for power failures which are available to local governments in order for them to stay informed. Smart grid technology will also be explained, followed by a question and answer session.

**"A Proud Past....A Promising Future"**

V. ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY UPDATE. A corridor council group has formed and stakeholder meetings are to begin soon. An update will be provided at the meeting.

VI. SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT UPDATE. Legislation was adopted granting IDOT the authority to quick take land in the inaugural site, and to use a private contractor to build and operate the airport for profit. This is the same type of process being used to build the Illiana and is called a public-private partnership (P3). There is no local airport authority, no ALNAC and no city of Chicago. The State will own and control the airport. Since this legislation was adopted, the State has been reaching out to local governments allowing them to sit on some advisory boards but it remains unclear how much input we will have in the governing process. The issue of surrounding land uses and development controls have also not yet been addressed. These matters will be discussed further at the meeting.

VII. IL-#394/IL ROUTE #1 CORRIDOR STUDY. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association obtained a \$250,000 grant to come up with a corridor improvement study from I-80 south to the Kankakee County line. The Village of Beecher has agreed to participate in this study, and the first meeting is scheduled for the week of this meeting. More details will be provided at the meeting.

VIII. VILLAGE BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION. The Village President and Board have decided to join this group and an explanation will be provided at the meeting.

IX. VILLAGE TO UPDATE ITS MASTER WATER, SEWER AND LAND USE PLANS. In response to the Illiana and the South Suburban Airport, the time has come to comprehensively update these plans even though the cost will be quite significant. The Illiana Corridor Group may fund a portion of this cost. The decision has been made to include the entire Beecher School District in the plans since this is also the extent of our legal boundary agreements with the exception of the territory to the north.

X. THE FUTURE OF CARDINAL CREEK GOLF COURSE. There have been many rumors about the future of the course and concerning Buddy's and the bowling alley. We will tell you as much as we know at the meeting, and the Village would also like to discuss the future of the golf course with the other taxing bodies.

XI. VILLAGE RE-FORMS ITS COMMITTEES, CREATES A NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO BE CHAIRED BY TRUSTEE MEYER. Trustee Meyer now Chairs the committee and becomes the go-to person for any other local official to contact if they have a concern about the Village or if they wish to involve the Village in any type of project or program. The economic development portion of the committee is obvious; the community relations portion of the committee's work includes social media, Village newsletter, and how the Village communicates with or is perceived by others.

XII. USE OF INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT, RETAIN OR EXPAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. The Village anticipates another request for an incentive from the taxing bodies very soon. This has led to the question of whether an incentive should be standardized for all the local taxing bodies or should each taxing body consider incentives on a case by case basis. All cases are unique, but the Village has heard from prospects that approaching each taxing body is time-consuming and cumbersome and could affect our ability to market to prospects. This is for discussion only on the future use of these tools.

XIII. TAXING BODY ROUNDTABLE

XIV. NEW BUSINESS - date of next meeting Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT BY 8:30 P.M.