

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 MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008

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. BUDGET PREP BEGINS. Department Heads are due with their budget requests this week. The first draft of the budget will be prepared and distributed to the Board around the end of February. The various committees can then meet if they so desire to discuss their specific budgets with the departments. On Tuesday, April 1st, we will hold the budget workshop, and on Tuesday, April 28th, we will hold the public hearing on the budget and adopt an appropriation ordinance.
- 4. CONSIDER A MOTION TO HOLD A VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER.
- 5. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.
- 6. VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND AT 6:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed five year financial plan and changes to the Village's personnel manual. The meeting is scheduled to end by 9:00 p.m. and an agenda is provided under separate packet.
- 7. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW 12 MONTH AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY

BY FORMAL BID PROCESS THROUGH NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE (NIMEC). Bids will be going out in mid February and we are required to award the bid within 24 hours of bid opening. This year, we expect to receive three bids for \$20 million in electricity on behalf of 110 municipalities. The bid will run from June of 2008 through May of 2009. We are being told to budget a 10% increase in the cost of electricity mainly due to the cost of oil and natural gas for peaker plants. Street lighting bids are not yet an option but may be in future years. Please see the enclosed material from NIMEC.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT for December is enclosed for your review.
2. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL: ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF FULL TIME OFFICER AND OFFERING POSITION TO CURRENT LIST OF CANDIDATES.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

1. UPDATE ON THE CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL. The latest round of winter storms have taken a toll on some of our older trucks. Since October, the Village has spent \$2,300 on the 1990 International bucket truck, \$3,700 on the 1988 Ford dump truck, and \$4,400 on the 1990 GMC dump truck. Some of these repairs were deferred last year but had to be completed this year to pass federal safety inspections. As a result, we will be keeping these trucks for at least one more year. This is for information only and the Supt. Can answer any questions.
2. LETTER TO HEARN/RUHE ON RESULTS OF VILLAGE INVESTIGATION OF DRAINAGE PROBLEMS has been delivered to the parties and is enclosed for your review.
3. LETTER FROM IDOT acknowledging our withdrawal from an agreement for \$385,000 in grant funds for Reed St. Streetscape improvements is enclosed for your review.
4. UPDATE ON RESURFACING OF IL ROUTE #1. The Chair of the Committee would like to remind residents that IDOT intends to resurface Dixie Highway from Goodenow to Church and from Pasadena to County Line Road in the fourth quarter of its fiscal year 2009, which is the Summer of 2010. This information was provided by District #1 and the Village is on record requesting resurfacing from Church Road to Pasadena as well by testimony given at the November WCGL Transportation Committee meeting. Updates will be provided when they are received.
5. 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. WATER BILLING REGISTER for the months of November and December is enclosed for your review.
4. WELL #5 UPDATE to be provided by the Village Engineer at the meeting.
5. CONSIDER MOTIONS WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SCADA SYSTEM IN WELL #5. The entire water and sewer system is serviced by one vendor for computer controls and it is not logistically possible to competitively bid the work in Well #5 unless we install an entire new SCADA system for both the water system and sewer plant. This motion requires a 2/3 vote.
6. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM KAMP/SYNERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,900 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SCADA SYSTEM AT WELL #5. This was left out of the bid process to avoid GC costs since we knew from the beginning that Kamp/Synergy would complete the installation under the direction of the Water Supt. The enclosed proposal allows for the incorporation of Well #5 into our computer control and monitoring system. An allowance was provided for this work in the project budget.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK/OSLAD GRANT UPDATE
2. MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR PARKS. The Public Works Supt. wishes to address the Board on a plan for the maintenance of the parks in 2008. Deenik Landscaping has agreed to a three year mowing plan at \$19,995 each year which reduces the amount of grass to be mowed each year leaving the price the same. Public Works will pick up those areas which will not be mowed by the contractor. The new employee, Bruce Bernhard, hired by the Village on January 2nd takes the place of Elliott Pequette and Bill Waterman (both part-timers) and will be responsible for park maintenance and mowing. The Village is also considering trading in the Ford tractor in Firemen's Park and replacing it with a larger mowing tractor for roadsides and large areas like the west side retention pond (Lion's Park). This will be discussed more at the meeting and during our budget workshops.
3. DISCUSSION ON PARK RULES FOR FIREMEN'S PARK. After the Village obtained ownership of the park, the Firemen's Park Board established rules and fees for the use of the park which are enclosed for your review. There were also groups which used the park at the same time each year which were never charged a fee or signed an agreement on the park's use. The Village is now receiving requests for class reunions and family picnics to be held in the park, and there are questions as to what to charge these groups and the deposits required. This all came about when request to have liquor in the park was made but this brings up the issue of liquor in the park for Beecher Rec games and liability. The Village President wanted to bring this matter up for discussion so that we are consistent in our policy.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GARDEN HOMES OF PRAIRIE CROSSINGS SOUTH UNIT II UPON RECEIPT OF MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,729.80. This is Keenan Court built by TWR.. The Village Engineer recommends acceptance in the enclosed letter.
2. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM BAXTER AND WOODMAN TO PREPARE PLATS OF ANNEXATION FOR 30 ACRES OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF DIXIE HIGHWAY NORTH OF OHLENDORF. During an investigation of annexed lands it was learned that the Schwalm piece and Henry Riemersma piece on the west side of Dixie north of Ollie's was never recorded as being annexed. This was during the time we were switching Village Attorneys and it fell through the cracks. Plats of annexation need to be made and recorded with the County. According to the annexation agreement, the Village was to pay for these plats. Enclosed is a proposal from Baxter and Woodman to complete this project at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. In light of our border issues with Crete, we better get these recorded right away.
3. VILLAGE BOARD TO MEET WITH PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN JOINT SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH TO DISCUSS THE ROLES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AND THE PZC IN THE PLANNING AND VARIANCE PROCESS AND VIEWS ON FENCES. This is where the Village Board can propose changes to the application process for a variance which will be discussed at the 1/22 Village Board workshop.
4. BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
5. CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT is enclosed for your review.
6. CENSUS UPDATE. The census will begin in full swing next week. 70 applicants were tested on January 3rd and the selection process has begun. The census office is located in the old Knuth grocery store next to the dollar store. The special census will wrap up in the end of February. We expect 1,000 new residents to be counted with a new total population of 3,900.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. CRETE/BEECHER F.P.A. UPDATE. At the CMAP Water Resources Committee meeting last week, a recommendation was made to allow Crete to expand the Thorn Creek FPA to lands east of Route #1 north of Offner Road, and to allow Beecher to expand its FPA to Eagle Lake Road from Ashland to the old Milwaukee Railroad tracks and then north to Offner to Cottage Grove. Please see the enclosed map. The areas in which the Beecher and Crete FPA's overlap were not recommended for inclusion into any FPA at this time. This will be explained in more detail at the meeting.
2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AN APPLICATION FOR F.P.A. EXPANSION FOR THE EAST SIDE OF BEECHER FOR ALL AREAS WEST OF COTTAGE GROVE FROM OFFNER TO CORNING ROAD.

This squares off the east side of our FPA and will make the new northerly area of our FPA contiguous. This area would be served by the Cardinal Creek lift station.

3. CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF TREATING LEACHATE FROM THE SEXTON LANDFILL. At the last meeting, the Village Board discussed this matter but did not reach a consensus as to whether this should be pursued. There was a desire to tour the landfill and see its post-closure operation before discussing the landfill any further. This tour occurred on January 5th. Enclosed I a copy of the proposal from 2001. This matter is for discussion only.

4. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION: FLOOD COMPLAINT AT 1434 CROOKED CREEK. The Village President has been working with this household to resolve a flooding issue prior to the issuance of threatened litigation and wishes to address the Board on this matter and hear from the Village Engineer as to possible solutions to this litigation.

5. CONSIDER A LEGISLATOR FORUM AT AN UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETING. In past years, the Village Board invited its elected County and State legislative representatives to a certain Board meeting where each invitee was given five minutes for a presentation and then a Q and A from the Village Board. Last year, the decision was made to not hold such an event in 2007. Do we want to do this in 2008? These sessions usually took about 90 minutes and a brief Village Board meeting followed.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE IMPACTS OF LEGISLATION FOR BAILING OUT THE RTA AND THE CTA. As of this printing, the Illinois legislature was nearing approval of a 0.5% sales tax increase in the six county metro area with 0.25% of the tax going to the CTA and RTA as a bailout and the other 0.25% going to each County for highways and public safety. The ramifications of this legislation is huge for Beecher since Beatty lumber is now facing a 7.5% sales tax in Beecher for its phone orders whereas Seneca and Morris are still at 6%. We may not be able to rebate Beatty enough dollars (80% of our original 1%) to keep our sales tax agreement alive and they may choose to terminate the agreement and run their orders through Seneca or Morris. Although it is now illegal to enter into new sales tax agreements with any town on phone orders, Beatty has the right to choose where their phone orders go. This is a serious situation which may impact our general fund budget next year by about \$65,000 in net revenues. The economic development committee will meet with Beatty in February to discuss the implications of this new metro tax.

7. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS