

**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,
JANUARY 23, 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. VARIANCE REPORTS for the month of December are enclosed for your review.
- 2. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM QUESTIONS FOR INCREASING THE MUNICIPAL SALES TAX BY 0.5% FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW FOR THE APRIL 17TH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. Enclosed is a draft ordinance for consideration.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT for 2006 is enclosed under separate packet for your review.
- 2. CONSIDER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BEECHER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2007/2008. Please see the enclosed agreement. The costs of the officer are fully covered while the officer is on school property. The school district has already approved the agreement and staff recommends approval.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

- 1. CONSIDER PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 308,067.48 TO IROQUOIS PAVING FOR 2006 RESURFACING PROJECT USING MFT FUNDS. The original amount of this contract is

\$446,828.75 and the final invoice is for \$437,778.90 so the project came in \$9,045.85 under bid. After a meeting with Village staff, the Village President, the contractor and the engineer, it is recommended that \$129,711.42 be retained until May to see how the job looks at that time. Iroquois Paving has agreed to replace the final lift on all the streets if there is any type of failure which exceeds state standards at that time and perhaps provide a 10 year warranty bond on the work. This will be explained further by the Engineer in his report.

2. VILLAGE NAMED TREE CITY FOR 2006. Please see the enclosed letter.
3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

D. WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

1. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT will be provided at the meeting for your review.
2. SEWER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT is enclosed for your review.
3. REPORT ON WATER BILLED VS. WATER PUMPED AND WATER TREATED for 2006 is enclosed for your review. It should be noted that despite adding 160 costumers to the system in 2006, water and sewer revenues went down since 2006 was an excessively wet year which lessened the demand for water. However, costs remained about the same due to the treating of excess flows at the sewer plant. The sewer plant treated over 200,000,000 gallons of water in 2006; a new record. Average daily flows were 549,000 gallons per day and the plant is rated at 600,000 gallons per day. The IEPA rates the plant's capacity based on the average of the three low flow months of each calender year. In 2005, this was 278,000 gallons per day. In 2006, it jumped to 425,000 gallons per day and this was due to higher than average rainfall in each month of 2006. We anticipate being placed on critical review status in 2008 and restricted status in 2009 based on these flows. However, we are making progress toward sewer plant expansion and at this time we anticipate a 2009 construction date.
4. UPDATE ON WATER SERVICE FOR THE BEECHER PLAZA ON DIXIE HIGHWAY.
5. REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER:
 - A. Well #5
 - B. Country Lane Watermain
 - C. Completion of Improvements in Area #1 Sanitary Rehab (George Kennedy Construction)
 - D. Response to IEPA Review letter on Phase I Sewer Plant Expansion

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. FIREMEN'S PARK UPDATE

2. WELTON STEDT PARK UPDATE

3. NANTUCKET COVE/PRAIRIE PARK UPDATE

4. UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY DESIGN. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall for the architects to interview the Public Works Supt. And other staff about the details of the new facility and exact space needs. The working budget is \$750,000 for the PW facility building, \$60,000 for site work, \$19,000 for engineering, \$50,000 for architect design/observation, and \$10,000 for furnishings for a total budget of \$889,000. We are attempting to complete this project with cash and we have already committed to the well project at \$595,000. Therefore, we need \$1,484,000 and we only have \$793,000 on hand in the capital improvements fund. We may have to wait until the Spring of 2008 to break ground on this project and borrow from the General Fund in the short term to make this building a reality in 2008. We do not want to borrow money from a financial institution at this time since we are preparing for sewer plant expansion and any more debt loading will violate our commitment to build this plant without a rate increase.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CONSIDER A MOTION OF REFERRAL OF THE MGM PUD AMENDMENT REQUEST TO THE BEECHER PLAN COMMISSION FOR WORKSHOP SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH AT 7:00 P.M. This item has been placed on the agenda again at the request of the Village Attorney. Please see the enclosed letter which was sent to the petitioner's Attorney.

2. PLAN COMMISSION MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH. Agenda items may include the prior item listed plus a continued public hearing on the new land use plan for areas north of the Village and consideration of a final plat of subdivision for Creekside located on the Crescenzo property. The Plan Commission will also discuss amending the zoning ordinance pertaining to the Village Board referral process.

3. BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT is enclosed for your review. Last year, the Village issued permits for \$22,412,703 in new construction and collected \$1,116,843.38 in fees. Permits for 154 new homes were also issued.

4. CODE ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL REPORT is enclosed for your review.

5. STATUS OF HUNTER'S CHASE WEST PONDS FAILURE TO DRAIN to be provided by the Village Engineer.

6. STATUS OF PRAIRIE CROSSINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION CREATION AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE SUBDIVISION. A meeting was held with the 122 property owners on January 18th where several questions were answered by the Village and discussion of creation of a homeowners association was held. The Village President will provide an update.

7. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE CREATION OF A NEW SUGGESTED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT. At the last meeting a point system was discussed which seemed to have favor with the Board. Terry Burghard was contacted and he has experience in setting up this type of an agreement. However, we need to establish a ceiling of fees and work down from this number with the point system. This ceiling appears to be in the \$25,000 to \$33,000 range. Perhaps we can start at \$33,000 and create a point system which brings the fee down to \$23,000. A proposal would have to be drafted which would first distribute the \$23,000 in fees, and any fees collected above the \$23,000 could go to the school district. For example, we could guarantee the school district \$7,414 at the \$23,000 fee if all points are achieved but any fees collected above \$23,000 would go to the school district. This is just an example of how this fee structure could work. This is for discussion only.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. CONSIDER HIRING MARCY MEYER OF BEECHER AS A PART-TIME ANNEXATION STRATEGIST FOR PROPERTIES NORTH AND WEST OF THE VILLAGE AT THE RATE OF \$1,500 PER MONTH. This item was discussed in executive session after the last meeting. Marcy would be used as a liaison between the property owners to the north and the Village when new developments or annexations are discussed.

H. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS