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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
APRIL 27, 2015 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: Trustee Kypuros.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Kim Koutsky, Deputy Treasurer Nelson Collins and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Mary Pat Frye, Roberta Patzer and Frank Basile.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 23, 2015 Board meeting, March 30, 2015 Budget Workshop and April 13, 2015 Board meeting. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the minutes with the following three corrections: On March 30, 2015 Frank Basile should be listed as a guest, on the April 13, 2015 minutes on Page 2, Trustee Wehling made the motion to approve payment from Firemen's #1 Lights Account and a correction to the time of the National Honor Society race on Page 3. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer and Kuhlman.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) There were no objections to a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness month. 3) Clerk Conner read aloud a thank you card from the family of former Treasurer Marcella Hameister who recently passed away. She was Village Treasurer for 35 years.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A public hearing was held at 7:04 p.m. to consider a budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

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RESOLUTION #2015-02 - A Resolution adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-02. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1222 - An Ordinance adopting an appropriation ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2016. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve ordinance #1222. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-03 - A Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-03. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary reported that ComEd has notified the Village of residential delivery charge changes.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Superintendent Cowger provided an update on Firemen's Park ballfield lights. Administrator Barber said the lights are coming in Tuesday. Superintendent Cowger said once the lights are received they should be installed within three days. Adjustments to the lights will need to be done after dark to angle the lights correctly.

An update was provided on Firemen's Park buildings. Beecher Rec and the Fourth of July Commission are planning on constructing a concession stand and a storage garage in Firemen's Park. Trustee Wehling reported that the next meeting with Beecher Rec will be held on May 7, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall to discuss the buildings. Beecher Rec has obtained bids and material costs for the concession stand and that will be discussed at the May 7th meeting. President Szymanski reported that the beer stand is close to completion.

President Szymanski provided a report on the golf course, stating that there was a possible purchaser that looked at the golf course last week. The course is getting mowed and being maintained.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Ahrendt reported on the results of the April 23, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting. Public hearings were held for a rezoning request for DeJong Equipment and a special use request for a beer garden at Pin and Tonic bowling alley. Trustee Ahrendt stated that DeJong Equipment wishes to rezone the back half of their property from residential to commercial and build a steel frame building at the back of the property. Some flooding and drainage issues have been addressed. The PZC discussed the height of the building and if there was going to be a fence. Future landscaping and lighting will be discussed further in the future. At the Pin and Tonic public hearing it was discussed if there would be bottles or glass in the beer garden, an enclosed fence, hours of operation, lighting not leaving the property, banners on the property and handicapped accessibility.

A presentation was held on the IL #394/Route 1 corridor study at the PZC meeting on April 23rd. Administrator Barber reported that the presentation included a proposal for a roundabout at Eagle Lake Road and Route 1 and the PZC was receptive to the idea.

A letter was sent to the Governor regarding suspension of our planning grant. Administrator Barber reported that unless we get any news it will no longer be on the agenda.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Chief Weissgerber reported that dog tag enforcement has begun. Letters were sent to residents who had dog tags last year but haven't purchased their dog tags yet this year.

Chief Weissgerber said he received a request from a resident to put a stop sign at the corner of Penfield and Gould Streets. A traffic study of the area will be conducted. The Police Department will do a traffic count which will monitor speed, direction and the amount of traffic. Chief Weissgerber will provide a detailed report to the Board and provide a recommendation whether any traffic control device is warranted. Administrator Barber explained the past history of requests for a stop sign in this area, and other similar areas.

Resident Roberta Patzer said she noticed that there are private property signs posted around the golf course. Chief Weissgerber was aware of this and he is working with the management company on enforcement on the golf course. Trustee Cleary noted that all residents around the golf course need to be aware that this is private property and they shouldn't be on the golf course.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Water and Sewer Department monthly reports were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Cleary said Public Works is working on leak detection and still working to get the pumped to billed ratio up. Superintendent Cowger provided an update on leak detection. It is labor intensive and are they are now working on Linden Circle where he believes there may be a leak.

Superintendent Cowger still needs to go back to Prairie Crossings and look closer at the service lines. Most of these problems are on service lines in empty lots. A listening device is being used on these.

Trustee Cleary reported that the oxidation ditch was repaired at the sewer plant at a cost of \$6,581. During repairs it was found that the original bearings in the system were in good shape and didn't need to be replaced at this time.

Trustee Kypuros asked that discussion on the ordinance to increase the water rate be deferred until he is able to attend the Board meeting. This will be discussed at the May 11, 2015 Board meeting.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve a two-year agreement with Lange Excavating for the winter use of one bay in the old Public Works garage for the storage of a front end loader in exchange for dredging the dry basin pond at Miller and Donoho. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

The dredging of the dry basin pond at Miller and Donoho would normally cost \$5,000 but Lange would reduce the price by \$3,600 in exchange for two years rental of the garage. The Village would then pay Lange \$1,400 once the work has been completed. Trustee Ahrendt asked what dredging the pond would entail. Trustee Cleary explained the need to remove the sludge from the pond, which is losing storage capability in the pond. More grass seed or a straw blanket will be put back into the bottom of the pond to stabilize it.

Three proposals were received for herbicide and fertilizing of Village properties and were provided in the packet for review. Heritage Landscaping submitted the lowest proposal. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve a proposal with Heritage Landscaping in the amount of \$2,915 for herbicide and fertilizing Village properties. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer reported that Codespear was used in the last month to notify residents in Prairie Crossings of a planned water shut-off and NIXLE was used to notify residents of the Hodges Street railroad crossing closing. Trustee Cleary noted that he didn't get the Codespear call at his house about the water shut-off. He has had a reduced flow in his neighborhood and wasn't sure if this water shut-off affected his home.

Trustee Meyer said the Smartphone app has been upgraded to a new platform and there are still some issues that need to be fixed. Trustee Cleary commented on some of the issues he found with the app. Trustee Meyer said all the fixes are being worked on and it is still in development.

Spring 2015 newsletters were mailed on Thursday, April 16th.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski reported on the railroad quiet zone study. President Szymanski recently ran into the engineers in Springfield and they stated the report was almost complete and he was encouraged by the report.

President Szymanski provided a report on the Will County Governmental League meeting lobby day held on April 21st where he sat down with the Governor. The Governor is not backing down from his cuts and is now indicating that the revenue municipalities get in Illinois is more than in neighboring states. President Szymanski will meet with the Governor again this week at Illinois Municipal League lobby day. The Governor is still asking municipalities to pass a resolution in support of his turn around agenda, stating that if his agenda is approved he won't cut the Village's revenues. The governor is just passing the State's problems down in order to deal with them at a local level. Administrator Barber explained the local taxes we receive from the State of Illinois and how the State wants to cut the taxes that the Village receives.

Another lobby day will be held this week through the Illinois Municipal League (IML) and South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA).

President Szymanski requested an executive session be held to review executive session minutes for approval and release to the public. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:52 p.m. to consider executive session minutes for approval and release to the public and consider destruction of executive session audio recordings more than 18 months old. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to return to regular session at 8:36 p.m. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve executive session minutes as reviewed by the Board. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-04 - A Resolution releasing certain executive session minutes as approved by the Board. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-04. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-05 - A Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain audio recordings of executive sessions more than 18 months old. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-05. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber reported that the Beecher Manor Nursing Home has filed for a new addition. This will go to the PZC for site plan approval and come back to the Village Board for a vote. This request is similar to what was presented some years ago.

Administrator Barber said a letter was received from the State indicating the Enterprise Zone is still alive. It may be a good thing for the golf course because the club house is in the Enterprise Zone.

Administrator Barber reported on a letter that was received from resident Kim Coleman requesting property to use for a community garden project. The Board was asked if there was any problem letting her use the Village property in front of the Washington Township Center where the bark park was proposed at one time. She wants to allow the growing of vegetables and give them to those in need. There is a hydrant there for getting water. Trustee Cleary asked if the water would be metered. Trustee Kuhlman asked if there was going to be any control of how this garden will look. President Szymanski indicated these things will be discussed with Kim Coleman. The garden will be tended by the community and will get the community and youth involved. There were no objections by the Board to the project or using the property owned by the Village that is located in front of the Washington Township Center.

Administrator Barber reported that a capital bill is being proposed by the state using gas tax to pay for it. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers are recommending bringing a list to lobby day of capital improvement projects that the Village would like done. The Administrator prepared a list and asked the Board if they had anything to add. Trustee Cleary proposed putting the Penfield Street project local match cost on the list. Other items suggested were money for removal of ash borer trees in the amount of \$150,000 and money for a new water tank.

Administrator Barber reported that after committee reports at the next meeting Clerk Conner will swear in new Trustee Frank Basile, photos will be taken, new business will be discussed and committee appointments will be made.

President Szymanski said that when the Board sees a letter of recommendation from the PZC for the Pin and Tonic Bowling Alley beer garden proposal that he had concerns about outdoor bands, outdoor speakers and hours of the beer garden and asked the Board to think about what they want when this comes up at the Board meeting.

President Szymanski reported that Tubby's wants to take a portion of their liquor store, install a bar and have video gaming machines. The owner was asked to come up with plans for this and picked up a building permit application and beer and wine license application last week. The Board was

asked to think about this issue. Trustee Cleary questioned that if this is only for wine and beer tasting if that would qualify for video gaming machines. More information will be obtained when the owner comes in with a specific plan.

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

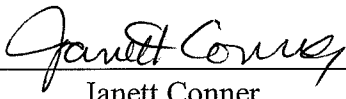
AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk

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**PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 27, 2015**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL, 625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS BEGINNING AT 7:04 P.M. ON APRIL 27, 2015.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.
ABSENT: Trustee Kypuros.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Kim Koutsy, Deputy Treasurer Nelson Collins and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Mary Pat Frye, Roberta Patzer and Frank Basile.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to open a public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to consider a budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

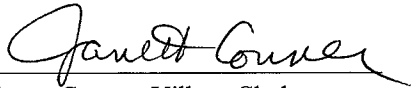
Administrator Barber provided a presentation on the budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016, explaining highlights of this year's budget and the budget process. Administrator Barber noted that this is the fourth year of 0% property tax levy increase. He explained the threat to the budget is the Governor's possible taking of Local Government Distributive Funds (LGDF). He also explained some of the changes in the expense and revenue items in the budget and upcoming repairs and projects in the new budget year. The Board and audience were asked for questions or comments.

Administrator Barber read aloud a letter from the Senior Services Center of Will County asking for a financial contribution of \$500 from the Village. Mary Pat Frye was present and explained the Senior Services Center, their programs and services and residents that were served by their organization in the last year. Trustee Meyer asked if Washington Township has also been approached for this. Ms. Frye said they are asking to be on the agenda for all meetings of Will County villages and townships.

When there were no further questions or comments, Trustee Cleary made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner, Village Clerk