

**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 11, 2016 -- 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 Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber and Treasurer Lynne Orr.

GUEST: Shirley Biery, Jill Grosso, Joe Skold, Kim Koutsky, Kayla Dousias and five members of the Beecher Soccer Team.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 28, 2016 budget workshop and Village Board meeting. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Kayla Dousias provided a presentation to the Board on mental illness and suicide risk factors. She explained about the loss of her son to suicide. Five members of the Beecher Bobcats Soccer Team attended and handed out lime green ribbons and information about mental health awareness. Members of the Bobcats soccer team spoke to the Board about mental health awareness and said a soccer game will be held on April 25th to raise awareness and encouraged support of their game and their cause. They want to break the mental health stigma and make it easier for those having problems to reach out and talk to someone. They also plan to put lime green ribbons on trees to raise awareness.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next Beautification Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 7 p.m.

Trustee Kuhlman provided a report on the Fourth of July Commission. Bids were received and reviewed by the Car Committee and the raffle car has been selected. Work on the storage building is moving along.

Trustee Kuhlman made a motion authorizing the award of a bid for the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Challenger from South Oak Dodge in the amount of \$24,999. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Youth Commission Mother-Son Dance was held Saturday and was extremely successful.

President Szymanski encouraged Board members to attend the different Commission events and support the hard work of the Commissions.

Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The ribbon has been built and is being painted for installation this spring.

There was nothing to report for the Historic Preservation Commission.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was provided to the Board for review and the Treasurer was present to answer questions. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the preceding month were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totalling \$132,782.91 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1238 - An Ordinance adopting the ½% Public Infrastructure Sales Tax. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1238. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed a special use permit for the Beecher Community Library District for an L.E.D. monument sign. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) unanimously voted to approve the sign as submitted, subject to the following conditions: day/night switch, amber light, and four lines of text. Shirley Biery thanked the Village for their support on this sign.

ORDINANCE #1239 - An Ordinance granting a special use permit to the Beecher Community Library District, 660 Penfield Street, for an L.E.D. monument sign. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1239. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Derek Wold of Baxter and Woodman provided a Power Point presentation on plans for the rehabilitation of the Beecher wastewater treatment plant and approval of a Phase I plan. A technical memorandum explaining the details of the improvements was provided for review. The information was provided to the Board to explain how the Village plans to move forward with completion of the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$9.2 million, according to Mr. Wold, subject to how bids come in. Mr. Wold went over the timeline for getting started. He estimated 8-10 months to design, then submit for permits next year for bids to get the lower Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan interest rate of 1.82% which will save the Village a significant amount of money. Fall 2018 would be the project completion date with the accelerated schedule to get the better interest rate. Administrator Barber said since this is being moved forward faster we need an additional \$600,000 to do this. The Village may have to do a bridge loan and borrow short term. President Szymanski, Trustees Kypuros and Basile, and Administrator Barber toured a sewer plant in Plainfield to get a better idea of the way our plant will work once improvements are done. Trustee Kypuros noted the belt press will require additional manpower to operate.

ORDINANCE #1240 - An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign the Village's participation in the Regional Emergency Operations Plan for Eastern Will County. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1240. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a proposal from DeJong Equipment in the amount of \$9,080.28 from the Capital Equipment Sinking Fund to replace the 2013 skid steer loader with a 2016 model. Trustee Kypuros explained the proposal. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal from DeJong Equipment in the amount of \$9,080.28 to replace the 2013 skid steer loader with a 2016 model. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

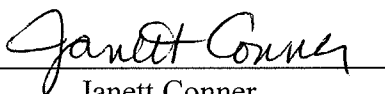
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner

Village Clerk