

PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 25, 2016

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 7:11 P.M. ON APRIL 25, 2016.

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 Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Darrell Hartmann, Pastor Todd Joling, Pete Vanderwall and the Faith United Reformed Church Cadet Club.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. to consider a proposed budget for 2016/2017. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber provided a presentation on the budget for Fiscal Year 2016/17, explaining the highlights of this year's budget and the budget process. This is the fifth year of a 0% tax levy increase. 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.

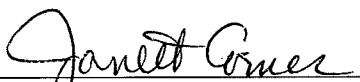
When there were no questions or comments, Trustee Meyer made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner, Village Clerk

**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 25, 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 Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Darrell Hartmann, Pastor Todd Joling, Pete Vanderwall and the Faith United Reformed Church Cadet Club.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT

A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

The Cadet Club from Faith United Reformed Church was present. Mr. Vanderwall provided a background on the church and explained that the Cadet Club is similar to Boy Scouts. The Cadet Club members asked some questions of the Board to understand how local government works. The Cadets were thanked for attending the meeting and showing interest in local government.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A Public Hearing began at 7:11 p.m. and ended at 7:20 p.m. to consider the proposed budget for 2016/2017.

RESOLUTION #2016-04 - A Resolution adopting a budget for fiscal year 2016/2017. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-04. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1241 - An Ordinance of appropriation for fiscal year 2016/2017. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1241. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2016-05 - A Resolution of appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax funds for fiscal year 2016/2017. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-05. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion approving an invoice from the Village Attorney for services rendered in March in the amount of \$2,983.75. The invoice was in the bill file but was mistakenly left off the bill list approved to be paid by the Board on April 11th. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A copy of the 2015 tax levies and rates for 2016 collections from the Will County Clerk's office was included in the packet for review. The Village's assessed value decreased for the sixth straight year and the Village's tax rate increased as a result from 0.7310 to 0.7419.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling reported that the concession stand in Firemen's Park is looking great and was recently painted. Electric work should be completed soon.

President Szymanski provided an update on the storage building in Firemen's Park. The siding was put on and some work still needs to be completed. There is only about three more days worth of work and the project will be completed.

The Board discussed partnering with the Fourth of July Commission for the purchase of portable security fencing that can be used for the ice rink, the beer stand and other special events during the year. Trustee Wehling showed color copies of the proposed fence and explained how it will be used. Administrator Barber said they will still need to figure out how to include a gate on the fence. Trustee Kypuros asked if the Village was still going to purchase security cameras for the park. Vandalism in the park over the last few years was the reason the Village was going to put in cameras and he felt they were still needed but he supported the fence. This fence would be instead of the cameras since a limited amount of money is budgeted. President Szymanski said that after prioritizing it was decided to get the fence first. The fence should help avoid some of the vandalism by securing certain areas. Administrator Barber noted that the Village can only afford one or the other and can't purchase both at this time. Chief Weissgerber commented that there are some issues with the trees in the park for the security cameras and he felt this needed more research before investing in cameras because of the cost for the installation and cables that need to be run. Superintendent Cowger suggested a four camera system to cover the bathrooms, ice rink and new concession stand with the monitor and equipment to be installed in the new Beecher Recreation building. Chief Weissgerber noted that most of these types of security cameras are set so far back that they can't be used to identify people. He felt that cameras would need to be done right so they serve their purpose. The biggest expense is a DVR. Trustee Ahrendt asked if the Fourth of July Commission would partner with the Village on paying for the cameras. President Szymanski said their funds are limited this year but they can be asked. President Szymanski asked if this can be tabled for now so more research could be done on the costs of a full camera system. He wants to make sure to purchase something for the park that will work for that area. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve partnering with the Fourth of July Commission for the purchase of portable security fencing that could be used for the ice rink, the beer stand, and other special events during the year, for an amount of \$4,456.89. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) President Szymanski and Trustees Wehling, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (3) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski indicated he voted yes but cameras will be looked into further to see what is the best option.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The next Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2016. The agenda includes a public hearing on the new temporary sign ordinance and a public hearing for expanding the bowling alley beer garden to include a volleyball pit, and a workshop on a proposal solar panel farm on a vacant lot for an adjoining industrial building.

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.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that the tornado warning siren on Church Road may have to be relocated due to the nursing home expansion. Administrator Barber reported that he found out today that the siren may not have to be moved. He will advise the Board when he knows more.

Chief Weissgerber reported on the Cardinal Creek Boulevard parking situation, now that two "No Parking" signs have been installed. No complaints have been received. A couple signs were also put up on the east side of the street by the School District, which would need to be enforced by them.

A regional emergency haz-mat response tabletop exercise was held on April 12th with Administrator Barber and Chief Weissgerber participating. Chief Weissgerber reported that they received valuable information, especially from the railroad regarding contacting them about what goods they are hauling and their available emergency resources.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A status report was provided on the Safe Routes to Schools project. Bids were opened and a copy of the bid report was provided for review. The apparent lowest bidder was PT Ferro Construction in the amount of \$117,043.23. The anticipated completion of the project is by August 15, 2016.

Administrator Barber reported on the Penfield/Birch/Elm watermain replacement project. All of Birch and all of Elm will be replaced, but not loops going back to Penfield because there are worse mains in town that need to be replaced.

Superintendent Cowger reported on the Maxwell Street storm sewer project. The parts are available and saw cutting is done. The project should be done by the end of next week.

Asphalt repair work by All Pro Paving has been authorized for watermain patch repairs. Work is expected to begin this week.

Trustee Kypuros explained the sewer plant excess flow monitoring report. It has been approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and a copy of report was provided for review.

The sewer plant ammonia nitrate monitoring plan has been approved by the IEPA.

The IEPA conducted a field inspection of the sewer plant on February 23rd. No violations were found.

Street sweeping was conducted the previous week.

Hydrant flushing was conducted the previous week. A full report will be provided at the next Board meeting.

According to Trustee Kypuros, the street name sign and pole project will be completed this summer. Prairie Crossings and Nantucket Cove subdivisions will have new signs installed. Superintendent

Cowger reported that the project should begin within the next three weeks.

President Szymanski reported that there were a number of complaints regarding the overnight street sweeping this year. The Village will need to consider changing what time the street sweeping will be done next year.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Spring Village newsletter was mailed last week.

Trustee Basile provided a Will County Forest Preserve brochure update. Two brochures are being prepared: one for special events and attractions in the community and another for local convenience shopping. These two brochures will be provided to the Forest Preserve District to distribute to campers and visitors in Goodenow Grove and for other purposes.

A Vincennes Bike Trail update was provided by Trustee Basile. He has contacted Congresswoman Kelly and found out that there is no money available there or at the County level. He is still looking into other funding options.

A report on the results of a meeting on the Great Lakes Basin Railway and Manteno Railport was provided. The Village's chief concern is the proper movement of truck freight in and out of Manteno. Route #1 is just not going to handle it so staff will focus on the need to extend I-394 into this proposed railport if it happens. A virtual public hearing will be held on this project on April 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Trustee Basile reported that the Committee has been working on moving the current wayfinding sign in front of Buddys to the northwest corner of Dixie Highway and Penfield Street. Some of the signage on it may need to be changed.

The Committee has been assigned to look at needed downtown improvements now that four new businesses are opening downtown. \$40,000 has been designated for improvements such as a railing along the Gould Street boardwalk and a way to hide the cement boardwalk from the street view. A meeting will be held with Mr. Salmen to consider what is needed. A photo of a black railing with planters on the top as a possible idea for the railing was shown to the Board.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski provided a report on the Will County Governmental League Lobby Day. The highlight was meeting with the Governor. President Szymanski felt that there has been a more positive change of tone since last year's meeting. A property tax freeze for only non-home rule communities is being proposed.

The Board discussed acceptance of Bernard Welding's wastewater. Administrator Barber reported that in 2014 the Village pursued this, however, the property owner where the easement would go didn't want to provide the easement and the property cannot be annexed. Bernard Welding now wishes to approach the property owner themselves for the easement. Bernard Welding needs 3,400

gpd of wastewater capacity. There is no up front cost to the Village other than reviewing of engineering drawings.

A motion of re-affirmation of memorandum of understanding with Bernard Welding pertaining to the acceptance of Bernard's wastewater was made by Trustee Kuhlman and seconded by Trustee Ahrendt. Trustee Kypuros said this is the first time he is seeing this, and didn't believe this was discussed at the Board level before, just the Committee level. He wanted to see if the rates in the agreement will be enough because of the upcoming increases to residents and due to possible metals getting into our plant, etc. There were questions about whether this was actually voted on by the Board before and if it could be voted on at this time therefore no roll call vote was taken. An additional motion was then made to obtain further information:

Trustee Meyer made a motion to table the matter to obtain further information and to discuss it at the next meeting. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber advised the Board he may not be able to get the needed information by the next meeting.

President Szymanski requested tabling the discussion on the future of Prairie Crossings South retention pond because he received further information that needs to be shared with the Board before making a decision.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber said concerns have been raised about mosquito abatement with the Zika Virus this year. He explained the Village's plans for larvaciding and spraying with an aggressive mosquito abatement program. Temperatures will decide when larvaciding will begin, according to Superintendent Cowger.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk