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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
NOVEMBER 14, 2016 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Mayors Leroy Buck and Paul Lohmann, who recently passed away.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Trustee Kypuros.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Lynne Orr and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUEST: George Schuitema and Stacy Mazurek.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next Beautification Commission meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

There was nothing new to report on the Fourth of July Commission.

President Szymanski reported that the Beecher Youth Commission is scheduled to meet on November 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Basile reported on behalf of the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The slabs are down for the benches. Trees have been cleared creating a better view of the memorial from Miller Street.

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Trustee Wehling reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met with Watseka Signs. They are working up a plan on what they can do for the Commission. The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 17, 2016 at the Depot. The Commission is hoping more people will join the 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.

Treasurer Orr stated that the MGM Escrow Account has been closed and funds were transferred to the Public Works Infrastructure Account.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, 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 \$450,234.20 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Administrator Barber explained a few of the large bills being paid. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered accepting the donation of land and cash assets from the Hunter’s Chase West Homeowner’s Association. President Szymanski explained. The land has been deeded to the Village for the Hunter’s Chase West pond and approximately \$10,000 in cash is ready to be turned over to help fund future maintenance by Public Works. Trustee Meyer made a motion accepting the donation of land and cash assets from the Hunter’s Chase West Homeowner’s Association. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a motion authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineers to include the cost of Phase I bridge design and hydrology in the amount of \$75,000. President Szymanski explained. Trustee Kuhlman expressed concerns about the cost. Administrator Barber explained the federal funding percentage for the entire project.

Trustee Basile made a motion authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineers to include the cost of Phase I bridge design and hydrology in the amount of \$75,000. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$1,266.00 to King Electric for repair to street lights in Nantucket Cove Subdivision. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, 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 Meyer seconded the motion.

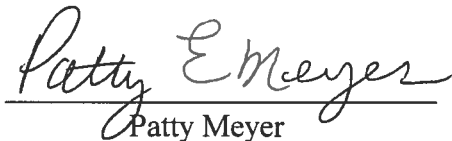
AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty E Meyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patty Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk