

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER  
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,  
30200 TOWN CENTER ROAD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 8, 2006 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Lohmann called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** President Lohmann and Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Lieutenant Richard Emerson, Administrator Robert Barber, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger, Engineer Ray Koenig and Attorney Tim Kuiper.

**GUESTS:** Terry Gatlin from the Beecher Herald, Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, Tom Stluka, Tom Brislane, Wayne Wiechen, Peter Rietveld, Frank Fry, Jr., Jack Mayher, Dan Nelson, Lucy and Paul Rietveld, Kelly Stluka and Michael White.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 25, 2006 Board meeting. Trustee Rehborg made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion.

**AYES:** (5) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Ahrendt and Heldt.

**NAYS:** (0) None.

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Trustee Peterson.

Motion Carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) There were no objections to the Knights of Columbus' request to solicit for their annual Tootsie Roll drive at the Post Office the weekend of September 15 and 16, 2006. 3) Bills were presented for the Beecher Beautification Commission (\$482.06) and the Beecher Fourth of July Commission (\$887.50). Trustee Rehborg made a motion to approve the list of bills totalling \$1,369.56 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion.

**AYES:** (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A copy of the Treasurer's report was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Peterson provided a report. The Treasurer could not be present.

A list of bills totalling \$143,249.91 to be paid were available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Peterson reported that he and Administrator Barber and Treasurer Collins have looked at fund balances and plan to invest some of the excess funds in CDs. Rate quotes will be obtained from several banks in order to get the best rate.

The Board continued their discussion on enforcement of Village vehicle stickers and changes to the ordinance. It was asked if a listing could be obtained from the Secretary of State's office but it was thought to be costly to obtain and may no longer be available due to current privacy laws. President Lohmann asked why the vehicle sticker sweep was not conducted this year. Lieutenant Emerson answered questions about police enforcement of vehicle stickers. President Lohmann felt the current ordinance was too loose. Difference enforcement options were discussed. No action was taken.

## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

A Tree Board meeting was held August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trustee Kuhlman commented that a new tree ordinance was previously brought to the Board and was not approved. The proposed ordinance has been given to Mr. Duntemann for review but that may take some time to get done. The Tree Board is not happy with the current ordinance on the books, which is out of date and therefore problems continue to occur. They would like to get a new ordinance approved as soon as possible. After much discussion, it was decided that a more recently revised tree ordinance will be proposed at the next Board meeting.

Lieutenant Emerson provided a report on the program to be provided by the Beecher Part-Time Players for the 9-11 Memorial Service.

## **C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE**

The Board considered the award of a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) bid (Option #2) for paving to include Oak Park from Indiana to Miller, Miller from Oak Park to Elliott, Dunbar from Hodges to Miller, Pasadena from Maxwell to the creek, Orchard from Dixie to Lange, Miller from Dixie to Lange, and Melrose Lane. Alleys included are Pasadena alley from Prairie to the creek, and the alley south from Maxwell to the creek. Trustee Ahrendt asked if any watermains had to be replaced prior to the repaving of any of these streets. It was stated that just Dunbar would have watermains replaced and this project is being completed. Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve the awarding of a MFT bid for Option #2 as stated above to Iroquois Paving of Watseka, Illinois, in the amount of \$446,828.75. Trustee Rehborg seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2006-09 - A Resolution of intent to award a bid in the amount of \$483,623.80. This resolution is now required by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve Resolution #2006-09. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2006-10 - A Resolution of obligation retirement using MFT funds. This is an annual resolution required by IDOT for using MFT funds to retire road project debt. Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve Resolution #2006-10. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Results were provided for the Trim Creek watershed project meeting that was held on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The final meeting for this program will be held in September.

RESOLUTION #2006-11 - A Resolution establishing Church Road as a Class II truck route from Dixie Highway to Racine Avenue. This action is required in order to make the Village eligible for \$2 million in STP funds and \$95,000 in IDOT funds for a road construction project in 2010. The Village will need to match this project with \$1 million at that time. There is also a 1/4 mile section of this road on the west end toward Racine which is under the jurisdiction of the Washington Township Highway Department. Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve Resolution #2006-11 subject to signing by the Washington Township Highway Commissioner approving the Class II truck route designation. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Engineer Koenig provided status as follows: 1) Doug Short/Cleary drainage issue – Mr. Cleary is hiring his own engineer and will be handling the situation privately. 2) The Princess Café alley storm sewer will be installed by Public Works. 3) \$385,000 grant to improve Reed Street from Penfield to Hodges.

Public Works Superintendent Cowger reported that a transformer blew at the water tank on Romans Road and the generator kicked on. Until ComEd came and restored the power, some complaints were received regarding the noise from the generator. An electrical board in the tank building was also blown and needed to be replaced.

#### **D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE**

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

The Village will be receiving a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for replacing the

watermain on Country Lane from Catalpa to Dixie. The project cost is \$160,000 so the Village will have to cover any amount of the bid over \$100,000. This will require an additional charge upon the Water and Sewer Capital Fund. Trustee Rehborg made a motion authorizing the Village Engineer to draft an engineering services agreement for the watermain replacement on Country Lane from Catalpa to Dixie. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1050 - An ordinance amending the code pertaining to notification procedures for water shut off notices to include personal delivery without acknowledgment as a form of notification. Trustee Rehborg made a motion to approve Ordinance #1050. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Rehborg made a motion authorizing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring annual inspections of backflow prevention devices. This ordinance was never adopted after it was discussed back in 1999. The original draft of this ordinance was provided in the packet for review.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Engineer Koenig reported on the following: a) Visits were made to homes having basement water back-ups on Dunbar and Hodges. One of the homes had a 4" tile pouring water into their sump pit. It was a private plumbing problem. b) Gerald Koenning's driveway on Meadow Lane has ponding water. Other issues were discussed regarding the Meadow Lane watermain restorations. c) Test pumping for well #5 was conducted August 7<sup>th</sup>. It went very well and the pumping amount exceeded capacity. d) Status was provided on the Area #1 sanitary sewer rehab work. e) Status was provided on the Area #2 sanitary sewer cleaning, televising and evaluation. A draft report will be available by August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Engineer reported that a lot of the leaky joints won't need major fixes and can just be grouted. f) A precon meeting was held the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Dunbar and Miller Street watermain replacement project. Construction is scheduled to begin the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>. The project is scheduled for completion prior to the paving of Dunbar Street.

## **E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Park Board is still waiting to hear from the State of Illinois regarding their grant application.

An update was provided on the Welton Stedt Park ballfield project. The project was let for bids with a bid opening scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board will consider the bids at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Work is planned to begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Peterson commented on the 4" concrete in the park specifications, when code is 5" for concrete. The engineer commented that he also recommended 5" depth of concrete for patios and sidewalks because it greatly increases strength. Trustee Wehling will speak to the

park planner about this issue.

An update was provided on the park in Nantucket Cove. The Village has received \$4,000 for design work from Montalbano Homes. Per agreement, Montalbano has set aside \$50,000 to put in this two acre park, which will be owned by the Village. The park planner will design the park.

## **F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

ORDINANCE #1051 - An ordinance establishing new development, annexation, zoning and land use application fees for the Village. All previously-approved developments will operate under the old ordinance as far as engineering fees due to previous annexation agreements but any new applications will fall under this new ordinance. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1051. Trustee Rehborg seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Results were provided on the Architectural Review Committee meeting that was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

A report on NIPC housing, employment and population forecasts for 2030 were provided in the packet for review.

Engineer Koenig provided the following subdivision issue updates: a) The next meeting to discuss the Knuth strip mall drainage plan is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. b) Status was provided on MGM Development's bridge rails, lift station installation and the condition of ditches along the north side of Indiana Avenue. c) The Prairie Pointe North retention pond had been holding water due to restrictor pipe problems or an elevation issue. The site has been inspected and no obvious problems were detected. Mr. Fry, President of the Prairie Pointe North Homeowner's Association, commented that it didn't seem to be holding water since Public Works recently jetted the pipe. The issue seems to have been resolved. d) Status was provided on Hunter's Chase west ponds and their failure to drain. e) The pedestrian crossing light at Church and Dixie has been turned over to IDOT's electrical department. f) Engineer Koenig will look at the options to provide relief to the Rietvelds regarding their water flow problems from Montalbano Homes' wet bottom ponds draining onto their property. Mr. Rietveld asked for a smaller restrictor on the pipe or a larger tile from the catch basin to control water flow on his property. Much discussion followed on how to fix his drainage problem.

g) Engineering has been approved for the Knuth mini-warehouse detention ponds. h) The final lift for the original section of Hunter's Chase should be completed this year. i) Plans were approved August 7<sup>th</sup> for Hunter's Chase East and permits have been released. j) A recapture was requested by Lotton from Montalbano Homes for oversizing sewers and watermain. A figure of \$12,833 was determined and this invoice was sent to Montalbano to pay Mr. Lotton. k) Engineer Koenig addressed the issue of rear yard flooding off a farm field in the 200 block of Pine Street in Prairie Crossings. It was learned that a resident planted a tree on the top of a storm sewer line. It will need to be determined if this pipe is in an easement to

determine liability issues.

President Lohmann asked about Hunter's Chase West. A resident complained about restoration work not being done on the State of Illinois property along Route #1. The curbs have not been backfilled and the grass cannot be cut properly. Engineer Koenig will look into this matter.

The Board considered a request to vacate 7.5 feet of right of way on Hodges east of Woodward (645 Woodward Street). Property owner Kelly Stluka was present. Attorney Kuiper reported on the legal

opinions regarding vacations. The Attorney felt it was not in the Village's best interest to vacate the requested property because of adjacency to Firemen's Park and easements. The Village could provide an encroachment certificate so a clean title could be obtained to the property. After some discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion authorizing the Attorney to draft an encroachment certification and authorizing Zoning Administrator Barber to sign the certification and issue it to Kelly Stluka. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

#### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A Joint Taxing Body Meeting is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center.

President Lohmann reported on an airport meeting he attended at Will Township Center regarding the State wanting to tear down 14 properties in the airport footprint and not maintaining the properties they have purchased so far in the airport footprint.

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

AYES: (6) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling, Peterson, Ahrendt and Heldt.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk