

**PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER, 30200 TOWN CENTER ROAD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS BEGINNING AT 7:06 P.M. ON DECEMBER 12, 2006.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Trustees Ahrendt and Heldt.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Nelson Collins, 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, Jack Mayher of MGM Development, Duane Linden, Bill Thompson, Jerry Huot, Milt Pappas, Mike Hughes, Betty Nicks, Tom Stluka, Stephanie Loftin, Brian and Danna Neville, David Laster, Mike and Patty Burns, Tom and Pam Stipanich, Mitch Cadwallader, David Serafin, Christina and Tim Smith, Kathy Rago, Maria and James Crews, Bob and Vickie Polarek, Roberta Patzer and Todd Bergsdorf.

Trustee Rehborg made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling and Peterson.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A public hearing was held to consider a 0.5% increase in the municipal sales tax. President Lohmann led the discussion explaining the money collected by a sales tax increase would be used for transportation improvements in the Village. Vehicle sticker sales would be discontinued if the sales tax increase is approved. Jerry Huot of Huot Oil voiced concerns about increasing the sales tax and its affect on his business. There were no further comments from the audience. The next hearing on this matter will be held on January 9th.

President Lohmann asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Rehborg made a motion to close the hearing at 7:28 p.m. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Rehborg, Kuhlman, Wehling and Peterson.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk