

**PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 9, 2007**

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 ON JANUARY 9, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Trustee Peterson.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Nelson Collins, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger and Attorney Tim Kuiper.

GUESTS: Terry Gatlin from the Beecher Herald, Tom Stluka, A. Cooper, David Laster, Pam Stipanich, Rick Bryant, John Spomar, Jr., Brian and Danna Neville, David Serafin, Don and Linda Fette, Will County Board Member Nella Piccolin, E. J. Dal Bello, Stephanie Loftin, Bob Polarek, Wendell Smith, Bobbie Peterson, Tom Brislane, Dan Walsh, Milt Pappas, Jack Mayher, George Oschenfeld, Bob Carter, Gordon Wilson, Susan Shay from IDOT and Mark Piltingsrud from TAMS.

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. Handouts were provided to the audience. Board members and the audience were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the proposal.

President Lohmann asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Heldt made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:28 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk