

**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
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 -- 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 Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber and Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber.

GUESTS: Terry Gatlin from the Beecher Herald, Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, Kim and Betty Koutsky, Pam Helsel Hoffman, Tony and Kellie Solis, Tom Stluka and Kevin Bouchard.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 8, 2008 Board meeting and August 26, 2008 Joint Taxing Body meeting. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes with the following changes: September 8th Board meeting; page 5, first paragraph, line 12, strike the sentence "Mr. Solis said he doesn't want to have a fence installed because of the additional expense". The sentence after that where it states: "It was also believed" should be changed to say that "Mr. Solis believed that the fences are not allowed in the covenants of homes at Fairway Drive but later after review the covenants didn't allow perimeter fencing." August 26th Joint Taxing Body Meeting; show Trustee Gardner as being present at the meeting. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

Administrator Barber reported on five-year projections for building permits for the five-year financial plan.

Public Hearings are scheduled for October 13th and October 27th on the General Obligation (G.O.) Bond referendum for the new Public Works facility.

CLERK'S REPORT: 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was given. 2) Bills were presented for the Beecher 4th of July Commission. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$350.00 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

3) Trustee Szymanski made a motion to authorize checks be cut to the disc jockey for the employee/volunteer recognition dinner on October 4th in the amount of \$250.00 and to the caterer in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chief Weissgerber provided a brief report on the youth and senior programs.

Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to establish Trick-or-Treat hours from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2008. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1105 - An ordinance amending Section 6-11-1 of the Village Code pertaining to administrative towing fees to include a \$100 towing fee for all tows resulting from criminal activities. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1105. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

Yardwaste bag distribution days are set for October 11th and 18th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Bingo Stand in Firemen's Park.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve participation in the LED Retrofit/UPS Program for the Church Road traffic signal. The signal is already LED but the UPS backup is needed for power

failures so the light will continue to operate. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Public Works Superintendent Cowger was not present to provide a report.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner reported that the Public Works video production should be completed next week.

The Board discussed the lift station surcharge. There was some discussion as to the issue that these fees are not enough to cover maintenance costs on the lift stations. No action was taken.

Results were provided of the rainstorm which occurred on September 13 and 14, 2008. A report of the details of the storm and some corrective actions that will need to be taken were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Gardner commended Public Works on their handling of the problems resulting from the heavy rains. The sewer plant recorded 9.5 inches of rain.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Staff is still waiting on a letter from the auditor regarding the OSLAD Grant project.

The School District has put out bids for two new backstops to be installed in Welton Stedt Park, and they are hoping to approve bids at their October 13th School Board meeting.

Work has started in Prairie Park and it is nearing completion.

The Fall 2008 newsletter has been drafted and editing has begun. The newsletter is scheduled for mailing on October 6, 2008.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to meet on September 25, 2008. The agenda includes a Public Hearing on the Walt's Food Center expansion, a discussion on amending the fence ordinance around pools and the regulation of digital display boards.

An update was provided on the Prairie Crossings South retention pond. The Village Engineer has been in constant contact with Vince Igoe to get him to complete the seeding of the pond. Trustee Ahrendt asked how long it would be before the Village pulls Mr. Igoe's letter of credit. It was stated that there wasn't a letter of credit for the pond – only for the road. Trustee Szymanski stated that he thought the pond had been rototilled recently.

The Village received notice that the Beecher Landfill has applied for a state permit to discharge leachate in the Thorn Creek Sanitary District through the Village of Crete's sewer system. This area would then be included in the Crete Facilities Planning Area (FPA), including the portion of landfill in Washington Township. A copy of the notice of permit was provided in the packet for review.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lohmann reported that Dallas City Flood Relief fundraising efforts wrapped up last week with the school's fundraising drive. President Lohmann will send out the final check on September 24th or 25th.

There has been no response to the Village's letter to the Village of Crete and no meeting has been scheduled regarding the Crete/Beecher FPA matter.

The first draft of the Eastern Will County sewer study will be released at a special meeting of all Trustees of Monee, Peotone and Beecher at the Washington Township Center on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were encouraged to attend.

The meeting with the Will County Forest Preserve has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center.

President Lohmann, Clerk Conner, Trustee Szymanski and Administrator Barber will attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference September 25th-27th.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber announced that there will be a CMAP Forum at the Washington Township Center on September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Board members were encouraged to attend.

The Will County Governmental League reception will be held on Thursday, October 9th, from 4-8 p.m. Trustees should advise Administrator Barber if they plan to attend.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to return to regular session at 8:35 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Lohmann brought up the issue of a building that collapsed in Grant Park last weekend and related this to the Buchmeier building at the corner of Penfield and Reed Streets. President Lohmann felt this could happen to this building and wanted to make the Board aware of this because it may be an issue at a future meeting.

An update on the Trinity Industrial Development project was provided by Administrator Barber.

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

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk