

PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 27, 2009

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 7:53 P.M. ON APRIL 27, 2009.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Lohmann and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Attorney Tim Kuiper, Treasurer Nelson Collins, Public Works Superintendent Harold "Bud" Cowger, and Ray Koenig from Baxter and Woodman.

GUESTS: Terry Gatlin from the Beecher Herald, Bill Voss, Tom Brislane, Kim Koutsky, Kevin Bouchard, Tom Stluka, James Macjiewski, George Schuitema, Mitch Cadwallader, Norman Lange, Wayne Babiak, Joe Venturella and Vic Reato.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to open the public hearing. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A public hearing was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Administrator Barber provided a report on the budget with detailed explanations of departmental revenues and expenses. President Lohmann complimented department heads for balancing the budget without the use of reserve cash. The Board and audience were asked if they had any questions. George Schuitema asked about the increase in legal fees. Tom Brislane asked about the golf course issues and when the lawsuit may go to trial.

When there was no further discussion, President Lohmann asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk