

**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  
JANUARY 11, 2010 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Lohmann called the meeting to order.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Nelson Collins and Public Works Superintendent Bud Cowger

**GUESTS:** Lynn Dill from the Beecher Herald, Bill Byrns from The Daily Journal, Arnold Cooper, Jim Verduin, Rosemary Haggerty, Laurie Summers, Dolores Naydol, Kevin Boicken, Lois Michalesko, A.D. Juarez, Wendell Boicken, Jerry Curran, Linda and Henry Stanley, Andrew Ahrendt, Debbie Halvorson, Katrina Deutsche, Larry Walsh, Paul Kaupas, John Anderson, Bob Carter, Kim and Betty Koutsky, Kevin Bouchard, George Schuitema, Harold Karstensen, Judy Ogalla, Candidate for State Senate, and Karen Scrementi.

A Public Officials forum was held.

Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson provided a report on what is going on in her office and at the federal level. Questions were answered from the Board and the audience. Questions were raised about the repair of Route #1, ARRA projects, jobs and the airport.

Clerk Conner read aloud a letter from Senator Roland Burriss who could not attend the meeting.

Paul Kaupas, Will County Sheriff, addressed the budget deficits, completion of the new jail, plans for a Crete substation and changed patrol zones based on the number of calls. Crime statistics for Beecher and Washington Township were also given.

Larry Walsh, Will County Executive, reported on the process to balance the budget, recycling in Will County, flu vaccinations, road weight limits, the 911 Board, plans for a new PSAP Center, the third airport and the need for the Illiana Expressway. Questions were taken from the Board and audience.

John Anderson, Will County Board member, discussed the budget, third airport, Illiana Expressway, and Crete intermodal. Questions were taken from the Board and audience. The bike path and Forest Preserve were also discussed.

Katrina Deutsche, Will County Board member, discussed the new Twitter and Facebook accounts with Will County, the airport and the Crete intermodal.

Further questions were asked of the officials present. President Lohmann thanked the officials for attending. The Public Officials forum ended at 8:40 p.m.

A ten-minute intermission was held.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Cleary.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 14, 2009 Board meeting. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Bills were presented for the Beecher Fourth of July Commission (\$30.23) and Beautification Commission (\$1,122.96). Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the list of bills totalling \$1,153.19 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

3) Clerk Conner read aloud two holiday cards from Dallas City residents.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A copy of the Treasurer's report was provided to the Board for review and the Treasurer was present to answer questions.

A list of bills totalling \$105,562.02 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2010-01** - A Resolution of participation in the State and Federal Surplus Property Acquisition Program. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-01. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1126 - An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement for the Illinois Mutual Aid Public Works Network. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve Ordinance #1126. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of bills from the Bond Redemption Account in the amount of \$52,748.68 plus a bill to Lorenz Auction Service (for equipment purchased at Bimba auction for the new Public Works garage) for \$3,987.37. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Lohmann appointed Clerk Conner, Chief Weissgerber, Administrator Barber, Treasurer Collins (for the Fourth of July Commission) and Julie Riechers (for Beautification Commission) as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Compliance Officers. Trustee Wehling made a motion to accept the appointment of FOIA Officers. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve the appointment of Clerk Conner as Open Meetings Act Compliance Officer. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Public Works Superintendent Cowger asked for authorization to hire a candidate for the new Public Works position. Background checks are still being conducted for the top three candidates. There were no objections from the Board for hiring a new employee. Trustee Gardner made a motion authorizing Superintendent Cowger to hire a new full-time Public Works employee, subject to background check. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A workshop meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk