

**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
MAY 10, 2010 -- 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, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: Trustee Ahrendt.

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

GUESTS: Lynn Dill from the Beecher Herald, Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, Kim Koutsky, Ed D'Andrea, Joanne Buchmeier, John Harliss and George Schuitema.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 26, 2010 Board meeting and Public Hearing. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (3) Trustees Szymanski, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (2) Trustees Cleary and Gardner.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) A bill was presented for the Police Youth Activities Account. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the bill for \$1,676.13 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Pastor Ed D'Andrea of Beecher Fellowship Baptist Church asked for permission to change the existing Beatty Lumber sign on Doc's Drugs property at the corner of Dixie Highway and Church Road to a directional sign for the Beecher Fellowship Baptist Church and Goldie's Auto Body. There will be no structural changes to the sign, he is just changing the face of the sign. Administrator Barber explained that this would require a special use permit because it is an

off site sign. It was also believed that Beatty Lumber's approval would be required since it is their sign. Pastor D'Andrea was asked to go see Administrator Barber to get contact information for Beatty Lumber. After some discussion, Trustee Szymanski made a motion to authorize Pastor D'Andrea to change the face of the sign contingent upon approval by a representative of Beatty Lumber. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A public hearing was held at 7:09 p.m. to consider applying for Community Development Block Grant funds for replacing the watermain on Maxwell Street from Penfield Street to Indiana Avenue.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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 \$117,610.08 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

The first Basset training session is to be held free of charge to all interested parties on Wednesday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m. at the Beecher Community Hall.

Chief Weissgerber reported that part-time officer Bob Bossi suffered a stroke recently and the Police Department is planning to host a couple of benefits to help him with medical expenses. A pancake breakfast is scheduled for June and another event will be held later in the year.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

Trustee Szymanski stated that a small portion of Church Road (west of the railroad tracks) will also be included in the Church Road east resurfacing project.

Curb work is expected to begin May 14th for The Preserves at Cardinal Creek and Nantucket Cove.

The Board considered an amendment to a contract with Iroquois Paving to include Catalpa from Miller Street to Country Lane and Hodges Street from Dixie Highway to Catalpa, based on current unit pricing, in the amount of \$82,089.01. The streets mentioned are high on the repair list. Administrator Barber would prefer to borrow from the Water and Sewer Debt Account and pay it back this fiscal year. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to amend the contract with Iroquois Paving to include Catalpa from Miller Street to Country Lane and Hodges Street from Dixie Highway to Catalpa. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the purchase of a 52" tow behind brush mower using maintenance service street funds in the amount of \$2,586.62. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Lohmann asked Chairman Szymanski to start prioritizing streets that need to be repaired. Trustee Szymanski will work on this with staff.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

The Water and Sewer Department monthly reports were included in the packet for review.

The water billing register for March and April were included in the packet for review.

RESOLUTION #2010-19 - A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds for the replacement of the watermain on Maxwell Street from Penfield Street to Indiana Avenue. Trustee Gardner made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-19. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of bills from the General Obligation Bond Account and add a bill to Vulcan Materials in the amount of \$795.69, making the total list of bills \$4,419.19. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber requested the Board to consider approving a bid from Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$25,000 to pave the Public Works facility parking lot from the west end of the building to Cardinal Creek Boulevard, with work to be completed prior to the May 22nd open house. Trustee Wehling made a motion to give Administrator Barber authority to spend up to \$25,000 to get a portion of the Public Works facility parking lot paved. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update was provided on the Public Works facility.

Trustee Wehling reported on the recent Ehlers Committee meeting. The monument will be on Reed Street between Penfield Street and Hodges Street, on the north end of the property, and will sit on an angle. The memorial will be completed in stages. The Committee has hired Architect Mike Stanula to do a drawing and renderings so the donation process can begin. The goal is to have the memorial completed by September 11, 2011. The Committee is working with the Amvets to possibly incorporate the existing Amvet memorial with this project.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) failed to achieve a quorum at its April 29th meeting, therefore all agenda items will be deferred until the June 24th meeting.

The Board was to consider a referral to the PZC for a request to amend the zoning ordinance to allow residential on the first floor of commercial buildings in the historic downtown business district (B-1). Vic Reato, the petitioner, was unable to attend the Board meeting. The matter was deferred until the June 14th Board meeting.

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

A report on the status of current subdivisions was provided in the packet for review.

The Board considered directing the plat of vacation for an easement for an abandoned storm sewer between Lots 15 and 16 of the Trim Creek Industrial Park. Some questions were raised as to how this would affect drainage in the area. After some discussion, Trustee Wehling made a motion to authorize the President and Clerk to sign and record a plat of vacation of the easement between lots 15 and 16 in the Trim Creek Industrial Pak. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to authorize payment from the MGM letter of credit escrow account in the amount of \$8,670.76 for the list of bills provided. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to authorize payment from the Montalbano letter of credit escrow account in the amount of \$3,900.00 to Baxter and Woodman Engineers for completion of bid specs for road work, and \$318.77 to Chappell Electric for repair to a street light. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to amend the contract with Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$66,838.51 for the resurfacing of Eagle Lake Road from Monhegan to Dixie Highway. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber asked the Board at what point in time should the Village complete the bike path in Nantucket Cove and what priority does it have. The Board discussed that asphalt prices are the best they have been in a while and it would be a good time to put the bike path in. It was also asked at what elevation should it be constructed as this could be of major concern. It was the consensus to get all major public improvements completed first and prioritize. It was agreed that the Village will wait on the bike path for now.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Results were provided from the April 28th Eastcom Board of Directors meeting. President Lohmann reported that the regionalization of area dispatch centers was discussed. Concerns were expressed of how 9-1-1 money being charged on phone bills is being spent.

Results were provided of the finance seminar held by Ehlers and Associates. President Lohmann reported that he learned that the Village needs to come up with a debt policy. Administrator Barber is working on getting this policy together. The seminar provided advice on interest rates and investments.

The Will County Land Use Department will hold hearings on an updated land use plan for our area on May 19th at the Washington Township Center.

President Lohmann made his annual appointments as follows:

Village President Pro-Tem: Scott Wehling

Finance and Administration Committee

Chair: Brian Cleary

Co-Chair: Ron Kuhlman

Public Safety Committee

Chair: Ron Kuhlman

Co-Chair: Brian Cleary

Streets and Alleys Committee

Chair: Greg Szymanski

Co-Chair: Joe Gardner

Sewer and Water Committee

Chair: Joe Gardner

Co-Chair: Greg Szymanski

Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation

Chair: Scott Wehling

Co-Chair: Gayle Ahrendt

Planning, Building and Zoning

Chair: Gayle Ahrendt

Co-Chair: Scott Wehling

ESDA Coordinator: Lt. Rick Emerson

Village Administrator, Zoning Administrator and Economic Development: Robert Barber

Village Clerk: Janett Conner

Chief of Police: Jeff Weissgerber

Public Works Superintendent.: Harold "Bud" Cowger

Building Department Services: Independent Inspection Services, Inc.

Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth

Village Corporate Counsel: Austgen and Kuiper, P.C.

Village Treasurer: Nelson Collins

Deputy Treasurer: Julie Riechers

Code Enforcement Officer: Julie Riechers

IML Delegate: Greg Szymanski

EASTCOM Board of Directors

Member: Robert Barber

Alternate: Paul Lohmann

Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Marcy Meyer
Joint Fuel Committee (one Board member and Administrator): Greg Szymanski and Robert Barber
Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman
Annexation Committee: on an as-needed basis

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Phil Serviss, Chairman (term expires 5/1/15)
George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/14)
Kim Koutsky (term expires 5/1/13)
Denis Tatgenhorst (term expires 5/1/12)
Kevin Bouchard (term expires 5/1/11)
Althea Machtemes (term expires 5/1/10)
Lance Saller (term expires 5/1/16)

Beautification Commission:

Harold Lattz, President	Sandy Lohmann
Tawny Lattz	Steve Weishaar
Julie Riechers, Vice President	Julie Cleary
Barb McWhorter, Treasurer	

Fourth of July Commission:

Joe Gardner, Village Representative	Nelson Collins, Treasurer	Robert Barber
Greg Szymanski, Village Representative	George Obradovich	Larry Cox
Ron Kuhlman, Village Representative	Marcy Meyer	Paul Lohmann
Chuck Hoehn, President	Bill Voss	Brad Coats
Jerry Meyer, Vice President	Steve Koehn	Bob Howard
Laura Voss, Secretary	Greg Ohlendorf	Patty Meyer

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve President Lohmann's annual appointments as provided.
Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Lohmann asked for approval for Clerk Conner to send Wayne Wiechen a thank you, resolution or plaque for his service to the Village on the Plan Commission, etc. There were no objections from the Board.

There being no further business to be discussed in open session, Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to return to regular session at 8:38 p.m. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the settlement of the Nelson Collins lawsuit to be executed by the President and attested by the Clerk requiring Nelson Collins to dedicate the required easement along Indiana Avenue as provided on the Plat of Easement, by the Village granting a building permit fee waiver and one water and sewer tap in fee waiver, which will expire on June 30, 2020, if not used, and establishing a separate account to be funded by the MGM letter of credit money in the amount of \$34,020 to be drawn upon by Nelson Collins, or successor, to connect water and sanitary sewer service to his property. All applications for payment are to be approved by the Village Corporate Counsel. If the escrow money is not used by June 30, 2020, then the money will revert to the Village General Fund. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft a press release regarding the Collins lawsuit settlement as official statement from the Village on the matter. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cleary stated that Dave's Auto Body's fence looks terrible. Code Officer Riechers needs to contact the owner of Dave's Auto Body and direct him to get it fixed.

Attorney Kuiper commended the Board for taking action on letters of credit and keeping on top of them. The Village is in a great position for taking care of the needed subdivision improvements unlike some other municipalities.

Administrator Barber noted that the issue with Degroot's flooding was still ongoing, and the Degroots are now talking to Will County.

It was mentioned that Somewhere In Time caught on fire over the weekend. President Lohmann spoke to Fire Chief Lagesse and was told that the downstairs business is habitable and can be allowed to re-open. Most damage was done to the upstairs. Trustee Kuhlman complained about a vehicle going down Penfield Street at a high rate of speed around the time of the fire.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner
Village Clerk