

PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 10, 2010

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 7:09 P.M. ON MAY 10, 2010.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A public hearing was held to consider an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from Will County. The application is for replacement of watermains on Maxwell Street from Penfield to Indiana in the amount of \$100,000. Administrator Barber provided a detailed presentation on the proposed grant project. He reported that the area is subject to frequent watermain breaks. A target area survey has been done and the area residents qualify for this grant. Board members and the audience were asked for questions or comments on the project. Kim Koutsky, who lives on Gould Street, stated he is in favor of any grants or projects that would help the infrastructure of the water in town relating to the consistency and quality of the water. Trustee Gardner asked questions regarding whether this will cost the Village money even if we don't get the grant.

When there was no further discussion, President Lohmann asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Gardner made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk