

**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 10, 2011 -- 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 (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: Lynn Dill from the Beecher Herald, Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, Kim Koutsky, John DellAquila, George Schuitema, Jonathan Kypuros, Sheriff Paul Kaupas and Lt. Mark Rojkowski.

A public officials forum was held. Since the federal and state officials are currently in session, they were unable to attend the forum.

Will County Sheriff Paul Kaupas provided information on police coverage in the Beecher area, gave statistical data pertaining to crime in the area and provided information on his budget.

Trustee Wehling arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Questions were asked of Sheriff Kaupas by John DellAquila about plans for a new court facility and the recent seizure of six box cars of narcotics in South Chicago.

President Lohmann asked questions of Sheriff Kaupas of possible locations of the future court facility. Trustee Gardner asked about District 4 boundaries and police coverage in the area.

George Schuitema asked questions about the “honeybee killer” and potential lawsuits.

President Lohmann read aloud a letter from Will County Executive Larry Walsh which stated his support of local control of the proposed South Suburban Airport and transit services in Eastern Will County since the closing of Eastern Will County Senior Services.

The Public Officials forum ended and the Board conducted its' regular business.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 13, 2010 Board meeting. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, 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 Ehlers/Veteran's Memorial. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the list of bills totalling \$2,293.98 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

3) Clerk Conner provided a copy of the certification of ballot for the April 5th election.

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. The Treasurer provided an example of a spreadsheet summary of commission bills and other bills paid monthly for benefits, fuel, etc. It was proposed that this list be included along with his monthly Treasurer's report and then a motion be made to approve the Treasurer's report which would include the bill list. Trustee Cleary expressed the need for a job description for the Treasurer's position like there is for other positions in the Village. The Board was asked if they want any other information included on the spreadsheet report that is to be attached to the Treasurer's report. There were no objections to providing the list as proposed.

RESOLUTION #2011-01 - A Resolution adopting an authorization procedure for the issuance of payments from Commissions and Special Accounts held by the Village of Beecher with the corrections to Article 2, 4th line, change "the Commission" to "Chair of the Commission" and Article 4, change "Clerk's Report" to "Clerk's or Treasurer's Report". Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2011-01. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the month of November were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totalling \$112,500.69 to be paid were available for review. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

The Board considered a budget preparation schedule for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Trustee Cleary made a motion to change the regular meeting time to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28th to hold a budget workshop. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion authorizing a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 budget for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2011-02 - A Resolution authorizing line item transfers in the water and sewer departments to cover the cost of repairs to equipment and natural gas. A copy of the Resolution was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Gardner questioned transfers to cover expenses for repairs to equipment and natural gas and why the Village is going over budgeted amounts. Much discussion followed. There is a need to look at these line items very thoroughly in the next budget to plan better for future expenses. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2011-02. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review. Chief Weissgerber asked the Board if they would like anything added to the monthly report that they should let him know.

Trustee Cleary reported that he and Trustee Kuhlman met with the Beecher Postmaster regarding cluster boxes that will be facing the streets. One cluster box located at the intersection of Bald Eagle and Cardinal Creek Boulevard will possibly be relocated because it is in the middle of the street. The Trustees will work with the Postmaster on future locations for new cluster boxes.

Reed Street residents have been notified of two-hour parking limits that will be implemented once the signs are put up.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

Trustee Szymanski made a motion authorizing the letting of bids for the joint purchase of fuel on contract for 2011. Trustee Cleary expressed concerns about the cost to all agencies if one agency goes

over their fuel allotment during the contract period. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve a one-year agreement with Terry Zeilenga to mow Lange's Phase III retention pond for the 2011 season. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$18,475.73 to Iroquois Paving upon receipt of funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for completion of the Route #1 patching project. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

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

The Water and Sewer billing register for the months of November and December was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Gardner made a motion authorizing the repair of the F800 dump truck by welding on new hinges, rails and beams on the box at a cost not to exceed \$3,445 as bid by Stolzenbach. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered an updated equipment replacement plan for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 through Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Administrator Barber explained the possible problems the Board will have to consider in regards to paying the costs for replacing the equipment. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve an updated equipment replacement plan for Fiscal Years 2011/2012 through 2018/2019. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

An update was provided on the Ehlers (Veteran's Memorial) Committee. Trustee Wehling reported

on the 6' mock-up of the stainless steel star which will be given to the Amvets for their building. Applications for paver bricks were reviewed, and forms will be available February 4th at the Village Hall. The Committee was presented a check from the Beecher Firemen's Association for \$2,500. The Amvets discussed having a tent at the Fourth of July festival to sell bricks.

Trustee Szymanski asked if the Board still needs to discuss the dog park proposed by Washington Township. The Township was supposed to contact Trustee Wehling and has not yet done so.

Trustee Szymanski asked about the lights that need to be fixed in Firemen's Park. Superintendent Cowger met with Chappel Electric and discussed options with him. Cowger will advise the Board once he gets some numbers on the cost.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

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

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to cancel the January 24th and February 28th Village Board meetings. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A copy of the legislative initiatives letter sent to the Will County Governmental League was provided in the packet for review.

The Board considered holding another public officials' forum in July or August. President Lohmann said staff will contact federal and state officials when they are home and try and coordinate when they could attend a meeting.

A reported released on Beecher's carbon footprint was provided in the packet for review.

Superintendent Cowger reported on a new Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permit that will be required for the spraying of mosquitoes and larvaciding catch basins. More should be learned about this permit in April.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner
Village Clerk