

**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 9, 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.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**GUESTS:** Lynn Dill from the Beecher Herald, John Moirano, David Ormond, Eric Schmidt, Lesa Kypuros, Anthony Messana, Joe Messana, Adam Howard, Trish Moran, John Goggins, Jr., Margaret Moran, Bruce Nelson, Tiffany Messana, Jim Kypuros, Stephanie Kypuros, Andrew Ahrendt, George Schuitema, Kim Koutsky, Chris Szymanski, Bob Howard and Marcy Meyer.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 11, 2011 Board meeting and the April 25, 2011 Board meeting and Public Hearing. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Bob Howard addressed the Board as a Will County Board member. Mr. Howard received a letter from the Village regarding the rental of Peotone court. He asked for documentation from Will County regarding this and is awaiting their response. He will report back when he gets more information.

Bob Howard is also on the Will County Forest Preserve District Board. He reported that funding has

been secured for the Vincennes Trail bike path. The route needs to be set and property needs to be acquired.

Bob Howard is also meeting with the RTA to obtain additional funding for transportation needs in this area.

Administrator Barber asked Bob Howard about the status of redistricting in Will County. Mr. Howard reported on County meetings regarding this matter.

Bob Howard asked for a moment of silence in observance of the death of a Beecher youth.

#### **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. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report of activity for the month of April. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A list of bills totalling \$102,499.85 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 Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

**RESOLUTION #2011-08** - A Resolution opposing reduction of state collected revenues due municipalities. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2011-08. Trustee Gardner 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.

The Board considered a motion authorizing some form of traffic control on southbound Cardinal Creek Boulevard at Deer Crossing. Chief Weissgerber's speed summary report of one week's activity on the road in question was provided in the packet for review. There are 11 residents on Autumn Drive that would be affected. The Chief felt that cutting the median down would help with visibility.

The median is under the control of the Homeowner's Association. The Chief suggested having a "Caution" sign going southbound. The average speed in the speed study was within the speed limit. The Chief did not recommend a stop sign. Trustee Gardner commented that the safety issue at that intersection was not brought to his attention due to speeding issues. It is a visibility issue. Trustee Szymanski asked that the Homeowner's Association be contacted to ask them to cut the berm down. Administrator Barber suggested a "Poor Visibility Ahead" sign. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion accepting the solution to pursue cutting down the median and install a "limited visibility ahead" sign. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary asked if there were grants available for the upcoming narrowbanding. Chief Weissgerber reported that a lot of people are pursuing grants, but he will attempt to apply for one.

Trustee Cleary made a point of clarification on Chief Weissgerber's report. The new squad car is scheduled to arrive around May 24<sup>th</sup>. A check is needed to pick up the car. Money needs to come from the new fiscal year budget so the purchase can't run through this meeting's bills. Chief Weissgerber again asked the Board to authorize the Treasurer to cut the check when the car comes in even though it was authorized previously through the budget. Trustee Cleary made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to cut a check for the new squad car in the amount \$21,184 to Terry's Ford. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

### **C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE**

The Board considered a bid award for paint striping all the Village streets prior to June 30, 2011. Copies of the bids were provided in the packet for review. President Lohmann asked if all streets were to be striped. The only streets to be restriped are those with existing stripes that were not paved last year. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to award a bid to Perm-A-Seal in the amount of \$7,821 for re-striping of Village streets. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update was provided on street sweeping.

The new bucket truck has arrived and was immediately placed into service. The old truck was sold to the highest bidder, P.H. Johnson Farms, for \$2,000.

Larvaciding of catch basins for mosquito control will be completed this month.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to authorize letting of bids for the 2011 crack sealing program. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski provided a report on the prioritizing of road resurfacing projects for 2011.

Trustee Szymanski commented on the high costs of making quiet zone improvements at railroad crossings. Perhaps grants could be obtained. President Lohmann said further investigation could be done to see if lower pricing is available elsewhere. Administrator Barber said some farmers have expressed concerns about crossing the tracks with equipment if the road is channelized. The matter will be put on the back burner for now.

Status was provided on Firemen's Park parking lot.

RESOLUTION #2011-09 - A Resolution approving the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for the repayment of series 2006 General Obligation Bond payment in 2011. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2011-09. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2011-10 - A Resolution authorizing the use of MFT funds in Fiscal Year 2011/2012 per budget. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2011-10. 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 billing register for the months of March and April were provided in the packet for review.

An update was provided on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) watermain replacement loan.

Public Works Superintendent Cowger reported that the Oak Pak watermain is on-line. Service lines have been connected. The entire project should be done by the end of the week, other than some restoration.

A contract to repair the patches in the roads from the winter watermain breaks has been approved and this work should be completed in the upcoming week.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to authorize payment from the Watermain Replacement Account for emergency repairs on Oak Park Avenue in the amount of \$11,142.13, for bills listed in the packet. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Superintendent Cowger reported that hydrant flushing will take place the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wehling reported that the weather has delayed the Veteran's Memorial project. So far the project is right on budget. The Committee is still looking for donations and purchasers of bricks, and there will be a booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival to sell bricks. Some bricks already have been ordered to be used as examples to show people how bricks will look. Planning has begun for the dedication ceremony for September 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed for the ceremony. The next step is to have concrete poured.

Status was provided of Firemen's #2 lights. Superintendent Cowger reported that he was at Firemen's Park with Chappel Electric today looking at the lights and explained some technical issues regarding needed repairs to the lights. After some discussion, Superintendent Cowger was directed to obtain a proposal from an electrician explaining what exactly is broken and the costs to fix the lights. He is also to look into renting a lift truck that would be high enough to reach the lights. An updated report will be provided at the next meeting.

Superintendent Cowger reported that the weather has delayed the Welton Stedt Park baseball field project.

Spring newsletters were mailed the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve a two-year lease agreement with N. Lange Trucking and Excavating for storage of a tractor during the winter months in the old garage in 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 in exchange for fine grading the bike path area between Hunter's Chase Subdivision and Hunter's Chase East Subdivision, valued at \$3,300. This area is from the pond to Sawgrass, according to Administrator Barber. This would affect approximately five residents. Administrator Barber was asked to get this agreement in writing. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

## **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. One page was missing, Administrator Barber will email the missing page to the Board.

The Board discussed the fence in the rear of 319 Aspen (Pappas). President Lohmann clarified that the fence will not protrude any front building line.

An update was provided on the Stough Group's application for a 60-unit senior housing project at the southwest corner of Church Road and Dixie Highway.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve a proposal from Suburban Sealcoat in the amount of \$895 to install a handicapped ramp and repair cracked curb at The Preserves of Cardinal Creek Subdivision. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2,560 to N. Lange Trucking and Excavating from the MGM Escrow Account for the leveling of dirt piles and grading of lots on Sunset Cove. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber also recommended payment of an additional bill from MGM Escrow and Montalbano Escrow accounts. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to pay M.E. Simpson and Company in the amount of \$2,888 from the MGM Escrow Account and \$1,096 from Montalbano Escrow Account for a total amount of \$3,984 for the completion of all valve work. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to authorize staff to provide official notification to Castletown Homes, LLC to complete the Prairie Park Subdivision by August 1, 2011 or provide a new letter of credit for the public improvements. The Board discussed the amount of the letter of credit and if its enough to complete work needing to be done. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered proposals from Lange Excavating for the fine grading of lots in Units #1 and #2 of The Preserve at Cardinal Creek Subdivision, subject to approval of Cole Taylor Bank. Proposals were provided to the Board for review. Administrator Barber commented that the Board wanted additional proposals for this but to do competitive bidding, an engineer needs to be involved to prepare specifications and provide review services which will increase the cost. Trustee Ahrendt asked about leveling mounds of dirt in Prairie Crossings South. This might help with problems with grass cutting in the summer. Code Officer Riechers will contact Sligo 5 and ask them to do the fine grading. A meeting is scheduled with Cole Taylor Bank this week. It was asked if we can get them to do the fine grading instead. Attorney Kuiper recommended waiting a month on this. The property may be in the process of being sold. The Attorney said lots don't have to meet grading plan at this time, they just need to improve drainage. Administrator Barber expressed concerns about what happens if we do work and in a month there are still drainage concerns. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table this matter for now.

### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

President Lohmann presented outgoing Trustee Gardner a plaque recognizing his four years of service as Trustee on the Village Board.

### **H. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW TRUSTEES, PHOTO OF NEW BOARD, AND SEATING OF NEW BOARD**

Clerk Conner swore in the three newly elected Trustees: Cleary, Szymanski and Kypuros.

### **I. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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: Jonathan Kypuros

Sewer and Water Committee

Chair: Jonathan Kypuros

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 Supt.: 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: Paul Lohmann

Alternate: Robert Barber

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:

\*\*\*Kevin Bouchard (term expires 5/1/18)\*\*\* (re-appointment)

Althea Machtemes (term expires 5/1/17)

Lance Saller (term expires 5/1/16)

Phil Servis, 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)

Beautification Commission:

Paul Lohmann, Village Representative

Steve Weishaar

Julie Riechers, President

Barb McWhorter, Treasurer

Sandy Lohmann, Vice President

Paula Weishaar

Julie Cleary, Secretary

Fourth of July Commission:

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

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve President Lohmann's appointments. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion cancelling the June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Village Board. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber reported that he will lead nine towns as chief negotiator with Comcast. for a new ten-year agreement. They have until 2013 to reach an agreement.

Administrator Barber reported that he had a meeting with the Eastern Will County Mayors regarding the Peotone Access League (PAL). PAL has some issues with Monee, which they need to work out separately from this group. The Village of Beecher has \$1,000 in our budget for PAL this year.

Administrator Barber reported that he met with the Will County Executive. They talked about redistricting and the Will County court fee. There are concerns about redistricting and being put into Jesse Jackson Jr.'s district with issues involving the third airport.

President Lohmann noted the newspaper article with Jesse Jackson Jr. in the paper tonight pertaining to the proposed third airport.

President Lohmann raised a question as to whether the economic development web page should include proximity to the proposed third airport, Illiana Expressway and Crete Intermodal. It was the consensus of the Board not to advertise these things at this time.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve a proposal with Marcy Meyer to redesign and maintain the Economic Development portion of the Village's website at a rate of \$18.50 per hour not to exceed \$3,700 in Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

**J. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Barber said he learned over the weekend that there is not a “School Zone” on Cardinal Creek Boulevard in front of the Junior High School. Chief Weissgerber reported that there was one but he doesn’t know what happened to the sign. Superintendent Cowger will replace the missing sign.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk