

**MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER  
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,  
30200 TOWN CENTER ROAD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 25, 2011 -- 7:15 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, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

ABSENT: Trustee Wehling.

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

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema and Guillermo Delgado.

A workshop meeting was held to discuss the Village tax levy for 2011 collectible in 2012. Staff had previously recommended a 2% tax levy increase. Trustee Kypuros urged the Village Board to go for a 0% tax levy increase and was asked by the Board for his proposal for budget cuts to achieve the 0% scenario. The Board discussed how a 0% levy this year would impact future tax years and the possibility of giving money back to the residents in other ways such as a rebate on the water bills. Administrator Barber provided his proposed cuts to the next year's budget if the levy is less and Trustee Kypuros provided his list of proposed budget cuts. Treasurer Collins recommended a 3½ % or COLA increase for the levy. There was some disagreement among Board members as to the tax levy amount and proposed cuts. After much discussion, three Trustees supported a 2% tax levy increase, one supported a 0% increase and one was undecided. The matter will be considered at the next Board meeting.

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: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk