

**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 9, 2012 -- 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, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Treasurer Nelson Collins and Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber.

GUEST: Denis Tatgenhorst.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 12, 2011 Board meeting. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Szymanski 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) There were no objections to a proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 6, 2012 as Women's Club Day in Beecher, recognizing their 90th birthday.

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 and financial activity for the month of December. 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 November were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totalling \$89,052.63 to be paid was available for review. Chief Weissgerber explained a bill being paid to return grant funds for a fingerprinting machine. The equipment's software did not work properly so the machine is being returned and so is the grant. The Police Department will be reissued another grant and new machine. 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.

ORDINANCE #1152 - An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an economic incentive agreement with Beecher Hardware, Inc. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1152. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A letter from Comcast notifying the Village of a price increase was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Cleary made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to execute documents locking in electric prices for the wells and sewer plant for a period of three years from July, 2012 through July, 2015. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary requested a closed session be held to discuss non-union employee compensation for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

Chief Weissgerber commented that the new fingerprinting machine will cost approximately \$2,000 more than the old machine and money will be taken from the Asset Forfeiture Account.

According to Administrator Barber the auxiliary police officer program has ceased due to changes in the law pertaining to training requirements.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

The holiday banners and decorations will be taken down soon, and the bucket truck will go in for service to repair a minor hydraulic leak.

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HR Green has begun their road analysis. Completion is dependent upon the weather.

Trustee Szymanski reported that he has made approximately 50% headway on the Pine Street flooding matter, but still working on it.

The Intergovernmental Fuel Committee has met to lock in fuel prices for the coming year at the low rack state bid price of \$3.06 for unleaded fuel and \$3.40 for diesel fuel for 2012. The amount of gallons locked in for the contract is 47,500 gallons of unleaded and 38,000 gallons of diesel.

No report was provided on the Village logo.

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 November and December were provided in the packet for review. Administrator Barber pointed out that the water billed versus pumped ratio last year was better than the previous year.

The Board considered authorizing the emergency replacement of the section of watermain on the north side of Indiana Avenue between Dunbar Street and Oak Park Avenue should the main rupture once again. Superintendent Cowger recommending approving this. President Lohmann commented that there is only one water service on this section of main. The Chairman and President Lohmann will review bids and authorize execution of contracts to authorize the work when it is needed. Trustee Kypuros reported three bids will be obtained for the work. The section of main to be replaced is surrounded by utilities and has been clamped many times due to previous breaks. Trustee Kypuros recommended approving this and getting the repairs done. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to waive the bidding requirements for emergency replacement of watermain on Indiana Avenue between Dunbar and Oak Park in the event of a failure. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to authorize the Water and Sewer Committee Chair and Village President to approve a bid as needed for emergency replacement of the watermain on Indiana Avenue between Dunbar and Oak Park. 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

A special winter newsletter is planned for release the week of March 5th. It will include as a cover story the electric aggregation referendum material provided by the Will County Governmental League

and the results of the Fall, 2011 resident survey.

An update was provided on the Water Tower Park equipment.

There was nothing new to report on the timer for Firemen's #1 lights.

A Village-sponsored Beecher High School half-time show is scheduled for Friday, February 17th. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

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.

Bill Blanke is retiring from Independent Inspections effective January 1, 2012. The Village will be getting only one inspector for the bare minimum amount of hours, due to limited building department activity.

G. REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The next meeting of the Beautification Commission is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on February 2nd.

The next meeting of the Fourth of July Commission is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on January 31st. Trustee Szymanski reported that he has secured all the bands for this year's festival.

The next meeting of the Ehlers Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on February 2nd. The new flag pole for the American flag has been installed.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 18th. Trustee Kypuros reported on upcoming Youth Commission events: January 16th - bowling; January 20th - open gym night; February 18th - Daddy/daughter dance. Hopefully the weather will cooperate soon to get the ice rink open soon. The Commission is also looking for help for open gym night, if any Board member is available to help.

H. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An Intergovernmental Committee meeting is scheduled for January 30th at 7:00 p.m.

President Lohmann reported that meetings are being held with Monee and Peotone regarding the Public Access League (PAL) to get rules and regulations set up.

The ad hoc Code Review Committee is in full swing.

RESOLUTION #2012-01 - A Resolution of acknowledgment of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau as the bureau of record for marketing and promotion of the tourism industry. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-01. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion. AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling. NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

The Amvets Past Commander's dinner is scheduled for February 4th. President Lohmann asked who would be coming to the dinner. Approximately 14 will attend from the Village. According to Denis Tatgenhorst, Plan Commission members were also invited.

President Lohmann requested a closed session be held to discuss land acquisition regarding Depot/Veteran's memorial property from Union Pacific Railroad.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber asked if the Board wanted to cancel the February 27th Board meeting. Trustee Cleary made a motion to cancel the February 27th Board meeting. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion. AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling. NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber reported that the Cardinal Creek Homeowner's Association will attend the next Board meeting. They want to make some improvements to the subdivision and ask for financial help to get some things done. The Attorney will be at that meeting to address their issues. Once final improvements are made to the subdivision it was unknown as to what will happen to the remaining funds left over from escrow funds the Village is holding.

Trustee Cleary reported that he and Trustee Szymanski attended the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) meeting regarding the Illiana Expressway. They learned that one route might affect the northeast corner of the Nantucket Cove Subdivision, and Indiana Avenue and Corning Road are proposed to be utilized in some of the options suggested. It was also learned that some of the routes are closer than what was realized.

There being no further business to be discussed in open session, Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss land acquisition for the Depot/Veteran's memorial property from the Union Pacific Railroad and to discuss non-union employee compensation for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 beginning May 1, 2012. 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 to return from executive session at 8:34 p.m. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk