

**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 14, 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 (arrived at 8:22 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.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 23, 2012 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, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

President Lohmann reported that the next Beautification Commission meeting is May 17th. Planting will start this week and baskets are to be delivered next week.

The Fourth of July Commission will be working in Firemen's Park on Saturday morning, May 19th.

Administrator Barber reported bollards have been ordered but haven't come in for lights at the Veteran's Memorial. Dustin Karstensen will install them. Tadpoles will finish the path from Hodges Street to the memorial. The Ehler's Commission will get prices to put a security system in Depot Park. The last batch of bricks are done and should be installed soon.

Trustee Kypuros reported on the Youth Commission's "Beecher's Got Talent Show". There were 20 acts and 150-200 people that watched. The event went well. The next event will be held on June 2nd, an out of school picnic day, which will be discussed at the next Youth Commission meeting May 16th.

A Public Hearing was held at 7:06 p.m. to consider a plan of governance and aggregation of electric loads for the Village of Beecher.

A Public Hearing was held at 7:14 p.m. to consider a Community Development Block Grant application for the replacement of the Maxwell Street watermain.

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 report of financial activity in the prior month. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

A list of bills totalling \$118,851.00 to be paid was available for review. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$5,350 to H2O and Tower Washing for the cleaning of the elevated tank and above ground storage tank. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1157 - An Ordinance adopting an electric aggregation plan of operation and governance. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1157. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1158 - An Ordinance authorizing aggregation of electrical loads. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1158. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

ComEd advised the Village of new transmission rates to pay for smart grid technology.

Discussion continued on Title 2 amendments pertaining to commission treasurers and payment of commission bills. Trustee Cleary met with President Lohmann and Administrator Barber to discuss the commissions. They put together nine points and are focusing on the responsibility of the treasurer. President Lohmann said too much is currently put on the treasurer and may have to be changed in the future. President Lohmann proposed giving the Youth Commission a debit card of \$400-\$500 that they could use for buying supplies for their events. The Youth Commission would submit receipts for items they bought to the treasurer and he would reimburse the amount to the debit card back up to its original balance. The Board discussed how other commissions pay their bills. President Lohmann felt that it should be an elected official to sign commission bills. Trustee Ahrendt asked who will be on the debit card account. If it is a debit card against the Youth Commission account, the authorized users would be the authorized signatures on the account. It was questioned how this would work and if the Village can specify different signatory for the debit card than the actual account. Trustee Ahrendt expressed concerns about giving too many people permission to use the card. Trustee Kypuros felt the Commission should have control over their own checking accounts if debit card idea doesn't work. Much discussion followed on how to make this work. George Schuitema suggested to have each commission treasurer report to the Village treasurer. Treasurer Collins said if this would be implemented then each commission should prepare their own budgets and prepare the reports. Staff will have Treasurer Collins investigate the debit card issue further to try and find a solution and determine if there would be fees assessed on using debit cards, or discover a better way of doing this. There was much discussion.

The Board discussed the proposal to increase the number of Youth Commissioners. Trustee Cleary wanted to ensure that the Youth Commission represents all areas of the town and not all come from the same area of town. Trustee Kypuros said the current commissioners are from various parts of town. President Lohmann indicated he is comfortable with having 12 commissioners on Youth. Trustee Kypuros asked for an amendment to this ordinance to increase the number of commissioners. Next month an ordinance can be approved for this. The increase in number of Youth Commissioners to 12 was approved by consensus. Action on the rest of Title 2 was tabled for now.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

ORDINANCE #1159 - An Ordinance repealing 6-1-13 of the Village Code pertaining to gambling. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1159. Trustee Szymanski seconded the

motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

The Board considered a bid award for the paint striping program for 2012. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve a bid award for the paint striping program for 2012 to the lowest bidder Perm-A-Seal in the amount of \$9,489. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1160 - An Ordinance authorizing the President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement for the joint dispensing of fuel for a period of ten years. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve Ordinance #1160. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski provided a report on the road study.

The spring street sweeping program has been completed.

The street name sign and pole replacement program is scheduled to begin next week.

Trustee Szymanski reported that he thought a resolution to the Pine Street flooding problem had been found last month but the person he was working with on this has changed their mind. Trustee Szymanski is suggesting to raise a culvert on Olson's property to re-establish the waterway into the farm field and asked the Board if they want to commit \$1,200 to do this. President Lohmann asked if the letter proposing re-establishing the waterway was addressed to the owner of the farm field and not just to the tenant farmer. It was decided a letter would be sent to all affected property owners. Trustee Cleary recommended adding wording to the letter to show that the Will County Farm Bureau agreed that re-establishing the waterway was their recommended solution. If the farm property owner will not let the Village go on his property Trustee Szymanski recommend to go ahead and put a culvert on Olson's property anyway. Administrator Barber noted that he doesn't have the price for grading and seeding once project is completed, so it will cost more than \$1,200. After some discussion, Trustee Szymanski made a motion to send a letter to the affected property owners to request permission to re-establish the waterway noting in the letter that the Will County Farm Bureau agrees with this solution to the flooding problem. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling arrived at 8:22 p.m.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to authorize putting in the waterway and seeding at a price not to exceed \$2,000. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski reported that the 2012 crack sealing program will not be conducted until the Village has information back from HR Green and there is a street plan in place for the future.

RESOLUTION #2012-06 - A Resolution of appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for engineering and street materials for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-06. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2012-07 - A Resolution of appropriation for the retirement of bonds. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-07. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

This resolution is required by IDOT for the Village's use of MFT funds to pay off any loan used on a road project using MFT funds.

Trustee Szymanski showed a polo shirt with the new Village logo. Polo shirts and other items can be ordered through Trustee Szymanski or through Dacav directly.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

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

The water billing register for March and April was provided in the packet for review. Public Works Superintendent Cowger reported on watermain breaks and water loss.

Consideration of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Maxwell Street watermain replacement was tabled.

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Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal in the amount of \$4,843 from Gasvoda for the replacement of two 8" plug valves in the orbal ring of the wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal in the amount of \$9,575 from DPS Equipment Services to replace two bearings in the drive shaft of the #3 rotor at the sewer treatment plant.

Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Photos of the above ground storage tank power washing were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros reported that Public Works replaced 35 feet of watermain on Penfield Street across from the Village Hall. Superintendent Cowger stated that the main in this area was bad and needed to be replaced. Every time there was a break in this area, new pipe had to be installed. Trustee Ahrendt expressed concerns about the safety of not using a shoring box with this deep of a break.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Superintendent Cowger reported that all old playground equipment has been removed from Water Tower Pak. There is a lot of concrete that was holding the old equipment that needs to be removed. Superintendent Cowger hopes to get started putting in the new equipment in another two weeks or so.

An update was provided on the Centennial monument repair. Some brick pavers need to be installed and sealed and then the project will be completed.

The Village received a schedule of ballfield use from Beecher Recreation. Administrator Barber asked when the schools are having their picnics in Firemen's Park. The paths in Firemen's Park need to be sealcoated. Trustee Cleary asked if the Village can post the schedule for use of the Park to avoid conflicts. It was noted that there are a lot of schedules. Trustee Wehling stated that he has talked to Chief Weissgerber about this. A schedule will be provided to the Police Department in case they run into problems.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing the release of \$16,434 in MGM escrow funds to The Preserve at Cardinal Creek, L.L.C. for the mulching, seeding and erosion blanket installation in Unit #5 of The Preserve at Cardinal Creek Subdivision upon completion of work. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion approving the proposal and authorizing the release of \$7,302 in MGM escrow funds to The Preserve at Cardinal Creek, L.L.C. for the mulching, seeding and erosion blanket installation in Unit #6 of The Preserve at Cardinal Creek Subdivision upon completion of work. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt provided a status report of the MGM escrow account. A spreadsheet of what was spent from escrow funds and what still needs to be completed in the subdivision was included in the packet. Trustee Cleary recommended adding the registering of the bridge to the list of things to be completed. Administrator Barber also noted that the developer felt that the public sidewalks should also be on the list. The Homeowner's Association is also still working on their list of what they would like done.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing payment from the Nantucket Cove escrow account for the bills as listed in the amount of \$4,570.88. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing payment from the MGM escrow account for the bills as listed in the amount of \$1,902.44. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

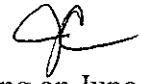
The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 31st.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A meeting is scheduled with the WPAL Board for this coming Thursday with the Administrators of the three towns.

President Lohmann reported that the Eastcom Board had a meeting last week attended by himself and Chief Weissgerber. They are looking at ways to be more cost effective.



President Lohmann reported that there will be an Illiana Expressway stakeholder's meeting on June 6th.

President Lohmann reported that the General Assembly seems to be at a stalemate on an airport authority.

The Board considered three possible applications for a Governor's Hometown Award. It was decided to apply for an award for all three items. Trustee Wehling made a motion authorizing three applications for Governor's Hometown Awards: Fourth of July Commission, Veteran's Memorial, and Youth Commission.

President Lohmann announced his annual appointments for 2012/2013 as follows:

**LIST OF APPOINTMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT
FY 2012/2013**

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 and Zoning Administrator and Economic Development: Robert Barber

Village Clerk: Janett Conner
 Chief of Police: Jeff Weissgerber
 Public Works Superintendent.: Harold "Bud" Cowger
 Building Department Services: Independent Inspection Services, Inc.
 Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth
 Village Corporate Counsel: Tim Kuiper, 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, to include one member from each taxing body

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Denis Tatgenhorst (term expires 5/1/19)
 Kevin Bouchard (term expires 5/1/18)
 Althea Machtemes (term expires 5/1/17)
 Lance Saller (term expires 5/1/16)
 Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/15)
 George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/14)
 Kim Koutsky (term expires 5/1/13)
 Chair of Planning, Building and Zoning Committee sits as ex-officio member

Beautification Commission:

Paul Lohmann, Village Representative	Sandy Lohmann
Steve Weishaar	Paula Weishaar
Julie Riechers	George Obradovich
Barb McWhorter	

Fourth of July Commission:

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

Beecher Youth Commission:

Jonathan Kypuros, Village Representative
Kyle Mose
Elizabeth Delgado
J.R. Delgado
Adam Howard
Trish Moran

Joe Volek
Kelly Ward
Tiffany Messana
Vicki Cackowski
Roger Sipple
Missy Sippel

Ehlers/Veterans Memorial Commission:

Scott Wehling, Village Representative
Nelson Collins
Roy Segert
Jeanette O'Grady
Lawrence Sanders

Gayle Ahrendt, Village Representative
Mike Stanula
Robert Barber
Joe Cook
Paul Lohmann, Village Representative

Trustee Szymanski made a motion approving President Lohmann's annual appointments for 2012/2013 and approve the Youth Commission appointments once a new ordinance is approved. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros said he hopes to see the ordinance change on the Youth Commission at the next meeting.

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

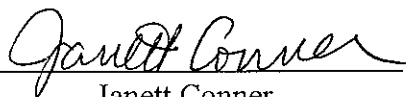
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk