

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,
30200 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 30, 2012 -- 7:00 P.M.**

JOINT TAXING BODY MEETING

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

The meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Lohmann and Trustees Cleary, Szymanski, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

ABSENT: Trustees Ahrendt and Wehling.

Other taxing bodies called roll.

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Marcy Meyer, Nelson Collins, Ted Deery, Mike Mach, Debbie VonAlven, Tom Stluka, Dan Strick, Debbie Mach, Sally Fuhrmann, Drew Beck, Teresa Peterson, Bob Howard, Marge Cook, Mike Stanula, Denis Tatgenhorst, Bruce Hamann, Kevin Bouchard, Mike Hameister, W. Lee Deutsche, Kevin Boicken and Howard Perry.

A Joint Taxing Body meeting was held to share information relating to each taxing body. The Village, School District, Fire District, Township and Community Hall Building Board had representatives present.

President Lohmann announced the ground rules for the meeting. Discussion will only be allowed from members of the taxing bodies and the invited guests. No questions or comments will be taken from the audience.

Steve Schilke from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided a presentation on the Phase 1 study process for the proposed Illiana Expressway. Questions were taken from the Intergovernmental Committee members. Trustee Cleary asked questions about local impacts and funding these impacts to local agencies such as fire, police, etc. Trustee Szymanski asked about the bypass of Route 1 and the impact to businesses on Route 1. Mike Stanula asked about the impact of "B" route in Indiana and to Lake Dale. Mr. Schilke was thanked for attending the meeting and providing information on the Illiana Expressway project.

Susan Shea from IDOT provided an update on the South Suburban Airport (SSA) and the status of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) process. Ms. Shea provided a master plan and Tier 2 EIS update. Questions were taken from the Intergovernmental Committee members. President Lohmann asked about

the surrounding infrastructure needs offsite. Jerry Meyer stated that there are currently no roads to get into the proposed airport and asked where the roads would be. It was reported that there were no plans for that yet. IDOT won't know until later. Dan Strick asked about property taxes and how much real estate taxes have been taken off the tax roles. Trustee Cleary asked about the history of employment in the area Ms. Shea discussed in her presentation and questions about the Mid American Airport (Belleville) and its' utilization.

Ms. Shea stated that the first thing out of the SSA will be cargo. President Lohmann asked how the airport will be financed. Ms. Shea stated that this was unknown at this time. President Lohmann asked about the governing authority. Ms. Shea didn't know at this time. Ted Deery asked how long this could go on. Ms. Shea stated that the airport will be built. Ms. Shea was thanked for her presentation.

Tami Roskamp and Dan Strick from the Beecher School District provided a power point presentation on the school district's finances and future enrollment estimates. A question and answer period followed. The duplication of services to save the school district money with things such as snow plowing, etc., was discussed.

Trustee Kypuros commented that the Village and School Board meetings are on the same night and that he would like to be able to attend the School Board meetings. It was stated that the Village Board meetings changed to Tuesdays for a while, but then it was changed back to Mondays.

According to Dave Lagesse, the Fire District is getting a new squad in April, for extracation.

There was no report for the Village Planning and Zoning Commission.

According to Mike Stanula, the Township is still looking at bike path issues, and working on a land use plan.

It was reported that on Monday, February 4th, a man is meeting with the Township to offer tire recycling services. The Township wishes to expand the recycling center to include tires.

Ted Deery is looking into the Dog Park.

Trustee Szymanski commented on the optimism of the airport representative.

Administrator Barber handed out results from the Village's resident survey and a copy of the referendum for electrical aggregation to be on the March 20th ballot.

President Lohmann discussed the railroad quiet zones listed in the survey and proposed closing Penfield and Hodges crossings and putting an underpass on Miller Street. The impact would be increased traffic on existing crossings if two crossings were closed. Also, future impact of the Crete intermodal on rail traffic could block crossings. The underpass would help if the tracks were blocked and could help school with transportation issues. This matter was for discussion only.

The next meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee is scheduled for August 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

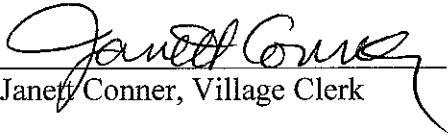
AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Szymanski, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janet Conner, Village Clerk