

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET 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
MARCH 26, 2012 -- 6:00 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 (arrived 6:27 p.m.), Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling (arrived 6:10 p.m.).

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: None.

A budget workshop was held to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012/13. Budget packets were previously provided to all those present. Administrator Barber reported on the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance and Line Item Transfer Resolution provided to the Board. He also explained a proposal to use unused liability insurance money to purchase an ATV for Public Works in the current fiscal year. The Board then went through each line item in the budget.

Some of the discussion included:

- 1) Trustee Kypuros proposed cutting the municipal building cleaning from the budget and having office staff do it during regular office hours. There was some disagreement between board members on this issue. He also voiced the need for control of future tax levy increases.
- 2) The need for a security camera in the future in Firemen's Park pointing towards the bathrooms for security reasons.
- 3) Trustee Kuhlman questioned if the Youth Commission needs their full \$4,000 budgeted this year and Trustee Szymanski asked if the Youth Commission could ever be self funding in the future. It was also questioned as to why the Youth Commission was listed in the budget under contractual services. It will be moved to the Police Department budget and listed as a donation.
- 4) Doing leak detection and turning valves (budgeted in Water and Sewer Capital Improvements) and which is more important.
- 5) Replacement of the watermain on Maxwell Street and the costs for different scenarios for repairs.

When there was no further business to discuss, President Lohmann asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion. AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling. NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk