

**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
APRIL 22, 2013 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Wehling served as President Pro-Tem in the absence of President Lohmann.

President Pro-Tem Wehling called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Pro-Tem Wehling and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

ABSENT: President Lohmann.

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

GUESTS: Kim Koutsky and Chris Szymanski.

President Pro Tem Wehling asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 8, 2013 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Szymanski.

Motion Carried.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The Beautification Commission is getting ready to plant flowers.

The next meeting of the Fourth of July Commission is scheduled for April 23rd. Car raffle tickets should be available soon. Trustee Wehling stated that he met with Beecher Recreation about the concession stand and car pavilion. The plan is to replace the current concession stand and put in hot and cold water for Beecher Rec and consider giving them additional storage.

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Trustee Wehling reported that the next meeting of the Ehler's Commission is scheduled for May 1st at 6 p.m.

Trustee Kypuros reported on the Youth Commission fundraiser held April 13th. The event was successful with over \$2,400 being raised. The next event is the talent show on Saturday, June 1st.

Trustee Wehling reported that benches and bricks can now be purchased for the Cancer Memorial. Benches are \$1,000 each, 4 x 8" engraved bricks are \$100, and 8 x 8" engraved bricks are \$180. A "Future Site of Ribbon of Hope" sign will be coming in this week and be put up in the park by Public Works. It was noted that one exercise station still needs to be moved. Trustee Wehling stated that the Commission is looking for corporate and private donations.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A Public Hearing was held at 7:10 p.m. to consider a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

RESOLUTION #2013-06 - A Resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 effective May 1, 2013. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2013-06. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1184 - An Ordinance adopting an appropriation for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Administrator Barber noted that there was no money encumbered in the budget to pay off the Maxwell Street watermain project so after a discussion with President Lohmann and Treasurer Collins it was decided to use the watermain replacement account budgeted item in the new Fiscal Year to pay off that project, which will put the Village over budget. When the budget was done it was believed this project would be completed by the end of the Fiscal Year. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1184. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the month of March were provided in the packet for review.

ORDINANCE #1185 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Village Code pertaining to the use of public rights of way and miscellaneous items. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1185. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion authorizing the Village President, Clerk and Treasurer to execute documents pertaining to the refinancing of the 2002 water tank and booster station loan. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered authorizing execution of documents pertaining to the refinancing of the 2002 water tank and booster station loan. Treasurer Collins provided a report, stating that it is wise to pay off some of the debt to get a lower interest rate and save some money. He solicited five proposals and explained the report showing the differences in how some of the loan proposals were structured which affected the overall costs and terms of payment. Of the two best proposals received, First Community Bank and Trust's proposal would save the Village \$50,415 and First National Bank of Grant Park's proposal would save the Village \$101,036 over the current loan amount. Trustee Kypuros asked what the loan balance would be with both banks if the loan was paid off in 2018 and 2020 to determine how much principal gets paid off over the term of the loan in case the Village could be in the position to pay the loan off early. The Board discussed the scenarios if the loan was to be paid off early. After some discussion, Trustee Cleary recommended going with the First National Bank of Grant Park loan. Trustee Cleary made a motion authorizing the Village President, Clerk and Treasurer to execute documents pertaining to the refinancing of the 2002 water tank and booster station loan to First National Bank of Grant Park at an interest rate of 2.5% and ten year payoff. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Szymanski.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski noted that he abstained from voting because his wife is an employee of the First National Bank of Grant Park.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chief Weissgerber reported that a rapid deployment field training exercise was held in Manteno the previous weekend. Table top exercises will be conducted with the school at the end of May. Chief Weissgerber will also meet with the preschools to determine their safety needs.

Chief Weissgerber noted that the cut off date to purchase the 2014 Dodge Charger is April 30th. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion authorizing the Chief of Police to order a 2014 Dodge Charger through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative at a cost not to exceed \$24,000. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

Trustee Szymanski reported on the April 15th pre-construction meeting with Iroquois Paving pertaining to the 2013 road project. Starting April 29th Cardinal Creek Boulevard will be closed for bridge repairs. If all goes well, work to repair the bridge should take approximately three weeks. The School and Fire Districts have been notified of the road closures. Signs will be put up to show which roads will be closed.

The Board considered authorizing watermain patch repairs. Six regular patches and two major patches are needed as a result of last Fall and Winter's watermain breaks. Two proposals were received and Trustee Szymanski recommended authorizing the work be done by Iroquois Paving who submitted the lowest proposal. This does not include the repairs near Penfield and Maxwell from that watermain project. Trustee Kuhlman asked about the difference in the proposal amounts and if the amounts proposed are for comparable work. It was noted that Iroquois is already on site and it is a bigger company which reduces their costs. Trustee Szymanski made a motion authorizing Iroquois Paving to complete watermain patch repairs in the amount of \$4,000. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board received two proposals for resurfacing the parking area in front of the Post Office. The Committee recommended accepting the Iroquois Paving proposal and using funds from the Infrastructure Account. Trustee Szymanski reported the Village was approached by the Postmaster to get this work done. Administrator Barber said the money is in the budget to do the project but we may need to do a short term interfund transfer to complete work now due to cash flow. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve a proposal to grind, resurface and install 2 inches of final surface and thermoplastic striping in the parking area in front of the Post Office from the alley to Maxwell Street in the amount of \$6,210. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the condition of the Post Office alley. Trustee Szymanski reported that the alley has been severely degraded due to the amount of traffic using the alley. The recommended option from the Board packet was for Alternative #2 for \$38,595 which requires the entire alley be dug out and eight inches of stone base installed. The stone would be vibratory rolled followed by the installation of 2.5" of binder and 1.5" of final surface. This would make the alley have the strength of a residential street. It was not believed there is any base under the alley now. The Board discussed that the Village is spending this much money on an alley because this alley is one of the most heavily used in the Village. Trustee Wehling asked about how we would control speed once the alley is smooth. Trustee Kypuros felt it was a good deal and recommended approval. Administrator Barber said the Village will be going a little over budget and may have to do some short term borrowing from another fund due to cash flow. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve a proposal to overlay the Post Office alley between Woodward Street and Maxwell Street, from Penfield Street to Indiana

Avenue, with Alternative #2 with Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$38,595. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Village received a request to resurface Hodges Street from Woodward Street to Firemen's Park and install a pathway from the dead-end road to the Firemen's Park path. The existing gate would need to be removed and parking barriers would be used to keep vehicles out of the park. Trustee Szymanski said he would like to hold off on doing the pathway at this time so it can be discussed with the Fourth of July Commission. Trustee Cleary asked if parking barriers would be removable. Yes, they would be able to be removed by Public Works. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve a proposal with Iroquois Paving to re-pave Hodges Street from Woodward Street to Firemen's Park as it exists today in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to purchase a snowplow and husting hitch for the F800 at a cost of \$9,399.46. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-07 - A Resolution of Maintenance of Streets using \$75,700 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds. Trustee Szymanski made a motion adopting Resolution #2013-07. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-08 - A Resolution authorizing the use of \$95,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds to retire obligations. Trustee Szymanski made a motion adopting Resolution #2013-08. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-09 - A Resolution approving \$1,250 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds to be used for engineering work. Trustee Szymanski made a motion adopting Resolution #2013-09. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski requested a closed session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss land acquisition, and asked Treasurer Collins to attend. Trustee Szymanski and President Lohmann were approached regarding the purchase and donation of land.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

Restoration work from the Maxwell Street watermain replacement should begin around May 1st.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving the purchase of a Toro 52" zero turn mower for the Sewer Plant from Keith's Power Equipment in the amount of \$8,639.28. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1186 - An Ordinance authorizing the President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher Fire District for the use of water in unincorporated areas. Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving Ordinance #1186. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Superintendent Cowger reported on flooding due to heavy rains. He reported that we missed the worst rains. Repairs were made to one diesel pump and other pumps. Administrator Barber reported that Public Works also rented a 6" pump at a cost of \$900 per week since 5" rains were forecasted. It wasn't needed but Public Works is keeping the pump another week due to more rains forecasted. The Village may be eligible for federal funds to pay for this pump. Superintendent Cowger received some complaints about standing water but no flooded basements. Superintendent Cowger stated that the Village needs to plan for replacement of the diesel pump and keep the existing pump as a backup.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling reported that the Brian Jones memorial benches for Firemen's Park are currently on their way from Minnesota.

The Spring newsletter was mailed on April 10th.

A final draft list of names and addresses for all of the Village parks was included in the packet for review and a template sign will be erected in all parks. The Committee will now need to come up with a brief list of rules which can be posted in the parks.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting for April 25th was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

G. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Barber reported that several meetings occurred regarding the Illiana Expressway and more are still planned. Land use planning has begun.

Representative Elgie Sims and Senator Donne Trotter will hold office hours at the Village Hall on April 24th. Board members were encouraged to stop by if available.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cleary asked if the Board needed to discuss the Architecture Review Committee (ARC) again. Administrator Barber will change the ARC review forms. The Village is waiting for takeover from the bank for Prairie Crossings South before we can move forward with ARC on that subdivision.

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made motion to return to regular session at 9:32 p.m. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

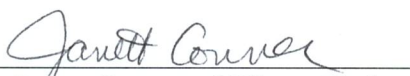
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Janett Conner, Village Clerk