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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 24, 2014 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.
ABSENT: Trustee Ahrendt.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Attorney Tim Kuiper, Treasurer Kim Koutsky, Deputy Treasurer Nelson Collins and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Don Sala and Ken Hameister.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 27, 2014 Board meeting and October 30, 2014 Intergovernmental meeting with the change by Trustee Cleary to add information to the October 30th minutes pertaining to support of Senate Bill 16 as discussed. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.
AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner reminded Board members that election packets for the April 7, 2015 election are still available. The filing dates are December 15 through December 22, 2014.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1216 - An Ordinance adopting a tax levy for 2014 collectible in 2015. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1216. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.
AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

The Five Year Plan has been submitted by the Administrator for review. The plan will be voted on in January. The Five Year Plan is used to plan future budgets.

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ORDINANCE #1217 - An Ordinance replacing Village Code Section 1-6-6 of the Village Code pertaining to the location of meetings, Standing Committees and speaking requirements at public meetings. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1217. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and Wehling.

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

A letter from Comcast advising the Village of a price increase effective January 1, 2015 was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of bills from the 625 Dixie Highway Account in the amount of \$9,443.78. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and Wehling.

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling announced that the 625 Dixie Highway project is complete and that this is officially the new Village Hall. President Szymanski thanked staff, Committee members, Public Works and the Village Board and residents for their work and support of this project. Trustee Wehling also thanked President Szymanski for all of his work on the project. Trustee Wehling noted that the Police Department is working on the cleanup and moving of the Police Station into the old Village Hall. Trustee Wehling thanked the Police Department for their work on their project. President Szymanski stated that this helps all of the Village Hall and Police Department space problems.

Trustee Wehling reported on the new picnic pavilion building in Firemen's Park, put up by the Fourth of July Commission and volunteers. It has taken a lot of hard work by these volunteers and it is well-constructed, a great job.

There was nothing new to report on Welton Stedt Park.

Trustee Wehling said the status of the ice rink is still up in the air. Public Works has been working on the new Village Hall and many other projects. Trustee Kypuros reported that Public Works has a lot of other things that need to be done first so until the next Youth Commission meeting, the ice rink will not move forward at this time. A new liner is needed but has not yet been purchased.

Trustee Wehling said that the University of Illinois, Champaign, did a survey on parks and showed a brochure to the Board. Beecher was included in the study. The study talked about where funding comes from for parks and who is responsible for parks. Trustee Wehling encouraged fellow Board members to review the brochure.

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C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Administrator Barber said he received the planning grant contract from the State, which will need to be formally approved at the next meeting. A sub-committee is to review the proposals and then the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will consider the information, beginning in January.

Administrator Barber reported that the Attorney has recommended that the PZC have a quorum in order to ratify results of the Public Hearing and draw up a finding of fact and recommendation to the Village Board regarding the special use permit for outdoor dining at 618 Gould Street. The Board would then consider it at their January 26th meeting.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

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

Chief Weissgerber reported that the weather on Halloween was bad and there were no incidents or problems.

Chief Weissgerber explained Will County is asking all municipalities to adopt a Resolution pertaining to a County Wide All-Hazards Mitigation Plan so a plan is in place to address these kinds of issues. This plan is maintained by Will County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

RESOLUTION #2014-14 - A Resolution adopting the Emergency Management Countywide All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, December 2013 edition. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-14. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

The Water Billing register for the months of September and October were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros noted the water loss ratio. The committee is looking at this billed to pumped ratio. It is affected by hydrant flushing, unmetered, unbilled water, etc. Committee will continue working on this to try and figure out these unknowns.

Trustee Kypuros reported that leak detection is scheduled to start this week. It should take 12-15 working days to complete. Superintendent Cowger said they will begin in the old part of town.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the valve replacement project on Penfield Street should begin this week, during overnight hours, so inconvenience to residents will be limited.

The parkway tree replacement program for 2014 has been completed.

Superintendent Cowger reported that the banner replacement and holiday decoration installation has been completed.

The new pick-up truck to replace the 2004 utility truck has not yet been delivered.

A report was provided on the Fairway Drive emergency paving project. Trustee Kypuros said work has not yet begun because the weather is too cold. The project may have to be put off until spring if weather doesn't cooperate. He will have to check with Gallagher if the bid will still be good if the project has to be completed next year.

Trustee Kypuros said he learned from Village engineers that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) now offers low interest 30 year loans which changes our timeline for the Penfield Street watermain project. Penfield Street is still in bad shape. The 30-year loan would allow the Village to complete the project much sooner. Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the completion of Phase I engineering on the Penfield Street watermain from Reed Street to Dixie Highway in the amount of \$5,000 with Baxter and Woodman Engineering with funding coming from the Watermain Replacement Account. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Village received \$118,400 Safe Routes to Schools Grant. This is a \$148,000 project with \$118,400 coming from the State and the Village's local match is \$29,600, which will come from Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. The Village still has to approve a grant agreement so this project will not begin until Spring. This money will be used to put up solar-powered flashing school speed zone signs and crosswalks at each of the three schools in town.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$20,000 to Perm-A-Seal from the Public Infrastructure Account for crack-sealing of various streets in the Village. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer reported on the Enterprise Zone. Although the Village gives up the most in the process, all other taxing bodies (and the community) will benefit from these incentives. The zone needs to remain competitive with Indiana and Kankakee County. Administrator Barber reported that there is already one party interested in participating in this.

ORDINANCE #1218 - An Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement for the creation of same. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1218. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1219 - An Ordinance providing a 50% property tax reimbursement for a period of ten years for any new industrial construction exceeding 30,000 square feet in size. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1219. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber reported that there has been difficult negotiations with some of the farmers on the Bernard Welding sewer connection project. Some of the farmers are not willing to participate in this. Bernard Welding has been informed of this.

The new Village website is up and running and can be easily updated in house. Staff was commended for their work on this project and there have been a lot of positive comments from residents on the new site.

Casey's is open for business and will be a 24-hour operation.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski reported on the Intergovernmental meeting held on October 30th. The Illiana Development Team made a presentation at the meeting, as well as the Village Planner on the next steps in the land use planning process. Administrator Barber noted that the Fire Department expressed concerns at the meeting about the Illiana Expressway with no additional funding for them with their increased costs associated with this project.

Administrator Barber provided a report on the South Suburban Airport and reported on access into and out of the airport. He also reported on discussions about high speed rail.

A public hearing was held on the Illinois #394 Corridor Plan. President Szymanski stated that a round-about is being proposed for Eagle Lake Road and Route #1, but felt it would only work if trucks were taken off the route by the bypass.

President Szymanski reported on the golf course. Two representatives in the process of trying to buy the golf course are currently going out for financing. It is looking good that it may be sold. An information sheet was provided for review that included 14 incentives the buyers are requesting from the Village. Administrator Barber went through and explained each of the incentives. They are in the process of buying the golf course, bowling alley, Buddys and the vacant lot on Fairway Drive. The buyers are now at a point where they need something in writing from the Village about these 14 issues so they can secure financing. Administrator Barber explained that this should overall be at no cost to the Village. The buyers have explained the extensive improvements they hope to do to the golf course buildings and properties. These buyers seem to have the same ideas for the golf course that the Village has. President Szymanski indicated he is very optimistic about these buyers

purchasing the golf course. Trustee Meyer expressed concerns that the Village needs to make sure to read the development agreement thoroughly since the buyers are asking for decoupling of the residential and commercial zoning to make sure what can happen with the properties. Attorney Kuiper provided an opinion and indicated that the golf course would still revert as open space and that would be set out clearly in the Ordinance. Zoning is at the Village Board's discretion and the Board can put anything in the Ordinance they want to specify. Trustee Kypuros asked questions about sales tax revenue for the golf course and bowling alley, and asked about capping the sales tax rebate. It's unknown what the current sales are at these businesses. The Board could maybe do 100% until improvements are done and do a descending value of sales tax rebates. Trustee Kypuros asked about the distance from Indiana to Penfield relating to the stop lights and potential traffic issues between the two lights. Trustee Wehling noted the incentives should be made non-transferable if the property is sold again in the future. The consensus of the Board was there were no objections to the potential incentives. The Village will discuss this further with the buyers and Attorney Kuiper and something will be worked out and proposed to the Board.

An invitation is being made to local officials to attend a special meeting with the Arch Bishop of the Joliet Catholic Archdiocese at St. Paul's Church in Peotone on Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss issues affecting the region.

President Szymanski requested a closed session be held to discuss threatened litigation. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:13 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to return to regular session at 8:45 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

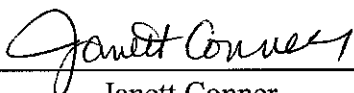
AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk