

**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
DECEMBER 8, 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, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Frank Basile.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 10 and November 24, 2014 Board meetings. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction by Trustee Kypuros to the November 24, 2014 minutes, page 4, changing the grant amount to \$118,400. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, 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) Board members were reminded of the filing dates for the April, 2015 election.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was no report for the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Kuhlman provided a Fourth of July Commission update. The new beer stand is up and the metal work and roof has been completed. All work has been done by volunteer help. The remainder of the work will wait until next year. The Fourth of July Commission signed a contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics for fireworks for the next two years.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Youth Commission update. He reported that the fall fest was a big success and the Youth Commission participated in the recent Festival of Lights parade. A zoo trip is scheduled for December 14th.

Trustee Wehling reported that the Ribbon of Hope Commission will start to hold regular meetings after the first of the year. The Commission is looking for donations.

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. Treasurer Koutsky noted a correction to an amount in the Fourth of July Commission reports. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month with the noted correction. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the preceding month were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totalling \$237,422.11 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary noted that the Five-Year Financial Plan is being revised to reflect the changes discussed by the Village Board at the last meeting pertaining to the acceleration of the Penfield Street watermain project and sewer plant rehabilitation.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve two bills from the 625 Dixie Highway Account in the amount of \$10,467.22. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (2) Trustees Ahrendt and Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros announced that the ice rink will be going up this year.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

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Trustee Ahrendt reported on the proposal for a comprehensive amendment to the land use plan. The Village received three proposals and staff recommended approval of the Teska proposal due to their current relationship with the Village. Trustee Cleary asked where the grade scale came from. Administrator Barber explained numbers were estimated by the committee and himself. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve a proposal for a comprehensive amendment to the land use plan with Teska Associates in the amount of \$39,960. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will meet on Thursday, January 22nd. On the agenda is a recommendation on the Basil Restaurant outdoor seating area and initial work on the land use plan.

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. Trustee Kuhlman commended the Code Enforcement Officer's report, stating it was well done.

Trustee Kuhlman asked for an update from the Chief on the status of part-time officers. Chief Weissgerber explained that the three we hired have started the academy. They will be introduced to the Board and be sworn in once they complete the academy.

Chief Weissgerber reported on the expansion of the Police Station into the old Village Hall space. All of the squad cars are being parked outside right now because of the moving and cleaning out of the old offices, and there have been a lot of things moved into the garage. Floors are also being done in some areas and locks are being rekeyed. The reception window will be put in around Christmas. The Police Department is still getting organized and moving things.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Kypuros provided a leak detection program report. Work has begun and is ongoing. The old ductile pipe has been done and the firm is working towards the pipes in the rest of town.

Trustee Kypuros reported that Superintendent Cowger and Utility Billing Technician Donna Rooney will be attending a Water Loss Training Seminar on January 27th. A new laptop has been purchased for Superintendent Cowger to load the water loss software on.

Superintendent Cowger reported on the status of Penfield Street's watermain valves, indicating that Public Works is going to dig this week. There was a service line break that day in that area.

Superintendent Cowger reported that he is still waiting on delivery of the 2004 utility truck replacement.

Trustee Kypuros provided an update on the Fairway Drive paving project. The paving was placed on hold due to the cold weather. Paving will now occur in the spring. The project will be re-bid early next year.

A list of outstanding Public Works projects as of November 24, 2014 was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros said most of the items have already been completed and the rest of the items will be crossed off soon.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Administrator Barber provided a Bernard Welding update. Staff is currently waiting on the property owner's letter. The matter is not dead yet, but it is not looking good.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski provided an update on the contract negotiations and new building committee for the Eastcom Board. Eastcom is looking for a location because they have outgrown their current location.

President Szymanski provided an update on the sale of Cardinal Creek Golf Course. The buyers are working on getting financing now and may close by the end of 2014.

President Szymanski provided results of a meeting with the Joliet Bishop in Peotone over the weekend. He stayed a full two hours and found the topics of discussion interesting. Some of the things discussed included the Illiana Expressway, school voucher programs, senior housing, etc.

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

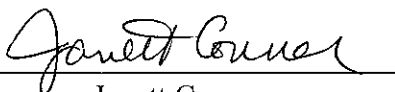
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk