

**MINUTES OF THE 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 24, 2014 -- 6:00 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, 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 2014/15. Budget packets were previously provided to all those present. Administrator Barber provided a summary of the budget materials provided and explained the balancing of each fund and the use of any reserve cash for capital expenses.

Finance Chair Cleary went through each fund in the budget and summarized the changes. The following is a summary of some of the discussion:

The conferences line item was increased to encourage more Board members to go to the IML Conference. The consensus of the Board supported this.

The purchase of new squad cars and MDT units. Money will be used from the Police Asset Forfeiture account for some of the squad car expenses. The current MDT units are on Windows XP which is no longer supported by Microsoft and need to be replaced.

The possible upgrade of the Police Department radio system. This is a non-budgeted item that may need to be considered in the future.

The repainting of two mini-dumps and cutting of the uniform vendor for Public Works. Public Works will be putting in a washer and dryer in the garage and begin washing their own uniforms instead of using a vendor for their uniforms.

The costs for putting in electrical boxes in Firemen's Park. Public Works will be digging the trench for the electric line and Kenny Grabowski will be installing the boxes.

Paying of Terry Zielenga to mow the Langes retention pond at a cost of \$1500 instead of using part-time summer helpers. After some discussion, the majority of the Board agreed to leave this item in the budget.

If \$30,000 will be enough to make Fairway Drive road repairs.

Increasing the cost of the meter charge to residents as proposed by the Public Works Superintendent. The Committee will look closer at this issue to see if the charge to the resident needs to be increased and whether to charge more for larger meters.

Trustee Kypuros proposed a financial incentive plan for Public Works employees to obtain their water or sewer licenses. It was decided if an employee gets their first license they would be moved into the Maintenance Man II pay scale and if the employee would obtain a second license a flat \$1500 will be paid for the additional license. Funding for this program will be moved from the hydrant replacement and equipment repairs line items.

Upon conclusion of the discussion regarding the budget, Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss employee compensation and discipline at 8:50 p.m.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return from executive session at 10:08 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Cleary.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Janett Conner
Village Clerk