

**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  
JANUARY 12, 2015 -- 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, Deputy Treasurer Nelson Collins and Attorney Tim Kuiper.

**GUESTS:** Tom Brislane, Allison and Richie Shutter, and Roberta Patzer.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** There were some audience members present looking for information about the sale of Cardinal Creek Golf Course and rumors that they heard about potential development of the golf course. President Szymanski explained to the Board and audience that he received a letter from Linda Thompson who lives next to the golf course regarding a recent article in the Southland Voice newspaper. The article led Ms. Thompson to believe that the proposed incentives being requested by the potential purchasers of the golf course indicated they are wanting to develop part of the course with homes. President Szymanski reiterated that the Village Board has committed to keep the golf course property as open space and would like to keep it as a viable operating golf course. There were 14 incentives requested by the buyers but the Board hasn't approved any of the incentives. These were brought up to the Board for information to be considered for further discussion. President Szymanski said the golf course sale has fallen through since then and nothing else is on the table on the sale of the golf course at this time. Attorney Kuiper noted that an easement discussed at the previous meeting was needed for a water line that runs through the golf course due to what the previous property owner did in his development. Now that the golf course and the residential development near the golf course is splitting owners, the Village needs to get an easement for the water line. Attorney Kuiper also stated that any changes in the use of the golf course land would have to be done through a hearing process and affected residents would be notified. He said there was some discussion at the last meeting about the proposed incentives and nothing was agreed upon. Concerns were expressed at that time about the stop light and other incentives and all was discussed in public according to Trustee Kypuros. Trustee Meyer questioned where this information in the newspaper came from since there was no press at the last meeting.

Resident Roberta Patzer said that the residents next to the golf course are concerned about this because of problems in the past with the previous developer. She wanted the Board to be aware that the residents are watching what is happening on this issue. President Szymanski urged Ms. Patzer to call himself, the Village Administrator or any other Village Board members if they have any concerns. Administrator Barber said the Village is also concerned the golf course could be abandoned and turned into weeds. Tom Brislane said that Southland Voice article was specific about the 14 points being requested by the potential buyers of the golf course and that made the residents concerned about the possibility of the golf course being developed for houses as Jack Mayher wanted to do in the past. Trustee Cleary said that he and other members on the Village Board at the time fought the proposed development and would not allow it in the future. President Szymanski also noted that the meeting being held on Wednesday is only for land use planning and the golf course will not be discussed at that meeting as some people were being told.

### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the Beautification Commission's next meeting will be held in March.

Trustee Kuhlman provided a Fourth of July Commission report. The bid specifications for the 2015 raffle car have been released and will most likely go out for bid in February.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Youth Commission update. The next event is bowling at Striker's on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

There was no report for the Ribbon of Hope Commission.

### **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. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Fourth of July Treasurer Collins provided a report on the Fourth of July budget and the costs of the new beer stand.

Trustee Cleary noted that the five-year plan has been prepared. All Board members were asked to review the plan for consideration at the next meeting.

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

A list of bills totalling \$129,369.97 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 Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of a bill from the 625 Dixie Highway Account in the amount of \$431.00. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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.

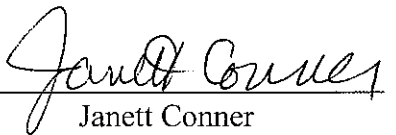
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner  
Village Clerk