

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL, 625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS JANUARY 14, 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, Attorney Tim Kuiper and Teska Associates Planners Mike Hoffman and Pete Iouse.

GUESTS: John Sattler.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

President Szymanski asked the resident present if he was there because he believed the golf course sale was to be discussed. He indicated that was the reason he attended. President Szymanski again explained the situation on the proposed sale of the golf course and rumors that came about due to a newspaper article as he also explained at the January 12th meeting to residents present at that time for the same reason. He explained the entire situation and reassured Mr. Sattler that the Village's intent is to keep the golf course as green space and to keep it as a golf course. There are no plans to develop it and the sale of the golf course is dead at this time anyway.

A special board meeting was held to provide input to the Comprehensive Plan consultant, Teska Associates on the future land use of the community. The planners interviewed the Village Board on land use planning issues related to the Illiana Expressway and airport including build and no-build scenarios. The planners asked questions including; what represents Beecher, transportation needs for the future, economic development, parks and recreation, housing stock and historic preservation. Once the results of the meeting are compiled the planners will work with the Planning and Zoning Commission in the coming months on this planning process. They are also looking into doing a community survey to get input from the community. President Szymanski agreed to move forward with this planning process even though the State may not come through with their portion of the planning grant funding due to the new governor putting a hold on the Illiana project.

When there was no further discussion, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner Village Clerk