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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
FEBRUARY 9, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger and Treasurer Kim Koutsky.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

Resident George Schuitema commended the Public Works Department for their good job clearing the snow during the recent blizzard. President Szymanski agreed and thanked the Public Works, Police Department and staff for their work during the snowfall and blizzard. President Szymanski explained plans to open up a shelter if people got stranded in town, but it wasn't needed.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the hanging baskets have been ordered. Next meeting is scheduled for March.

There was nothing to report on the Fourth of July Commission.

Trustee Kypuros reported that there were approximately 250 attendees at the Daddy-Daughter dance held over the weekend. The Mom-Son dance is scheduled for March 7th.

There was nothing to report on the Ribbon of Hope Commission.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. This is a new item being added to Commission reports due to some recent issues that have come up. The Depot recently had a fire alarm and there was no list of keyholders or contacts. President Szymanski had to go to the Village

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Hall to get the master key to let the Fire Department in. Plus there are many outstanding maintenance issues with this building, and the contents are invaluable. Therefore, it was agreed that this Commission, which was established by ordinance two years ago, would become active and a list of appointees would be considered. A meeting was held to determine what needs to be done regarding the Depot. Maintenance needs to be on-going, and many artifacts need to be protected. Superintendent Cowger purchased a new ladder for the building and a smoke detector and lighting will be installed in the basement. Public Works is planning to install different alarms for the building. The Knox Box has been installed. The Fire Chief still needs to work with Eastcom to get this set up. A Board meeting will be held there to give Board members a chance to see the museum and its contents. The Historic Preservation Commission will begin meeting on a regular basis to make sure to keep up with all that needs to be done. President Szymanski said appointments will probably be made to this Commission in May.

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 and provided a report of activity. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. 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 \$68,043.96 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 reported on the Fuel Committee meeting held the previous week. Four bids were received and the bid results were included in the packet for review, along with a financial report on the fuel fund and pricing for 2015. Administrator Barber explained the 12-month lock in price for the fuel, plus the fuel system surcharge which is collected for shrinkage and for future purchase of equipment. It was discussed that the Village lost some money on the fixed contract last year since fuel prices went down so much, but it's hard to anticipate what fuel costs will be over a one-year period. Administrator Barber noted the governmental bodies involved like to have a fixed price contract for budgeting purposes. Trustee Kypuros said he would be interested in seeing what the final costs were for this last year and said to keep in mind in comparing our fuel prices with prices at the local gas stations that the gas stations include tax which the Village does not pay. Trustee Kypuros felt the price in the contract is still good. Trustee Cleary noted that we can go with the

prices on the open market, but don't have a guarantee as to what price we may end up paying. Will Dupage FS submitted the lowest compliant bid with the following pricing: Low Rack .14 cents over low rack OPIS, Flat Price \$2.18 - 87 Octane Unleaded, \$2.40 Diesel with a 12 month contract deposit and no deposit or contract fee. After much discussion, Trustee Cleary made a motion to accept the Fuel Committee's recommendation and award the fuel bid to the lowest compliant bidder, Will Dupage FS. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary requested a closed session be held to discuss employee compensation.

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn into closed session at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return to regular session at 8:26 p.m. Trustee Cleary 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 Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk