

**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
APRIL 13, 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 and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Frank Basile, Ken Bengel, Linda Thompson and Thomas Brislane.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Tom Brislane, a resident of Highlington Court, said he has lived here for 20 years and never had any problems of a criminal nature in his neighborhood and in the last week there was a break in on one of their homes and vandalism of one of their vehicles. Mr. Brislane asked if this had anything to do with the golf course closing. Chief Weissgerber was asked what is going on, why this is occurring and if the vandalism could be of a personal nature. Chief Weissgerber said there was some vandalism on Prairie recently but nothing else near the golf course. President Szymanski encouraged the residents on Highlington Court to inform their neighbors to watch for any suspicious activity.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next meeting of the Beautification Commission is scheduled for April 14th at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that five bids were submitted for the 2015 Fourth of July raffle car. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to award the bid for the 2015 Fourth of July raffle car to Dralle Chevrolet of Peotone for a 2015 Chevy Camaro in the amount of \$23,881. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Youth Commission skate event was attended by 114 skaters at Lynwood Roller Rink and all went well.

There was no report for the Ribbon of Hope Commission.

There was no report for the Historic Preservation Commission. President Szymanski asked Trustee Wehling to reach out to the Commission members and get a list of appointments.

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 Meyer 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 \$154,175.47 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 Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered payment of a bill from the Firemen's Lights Account for new light fixtures. Trustee Wehling explained all ballfield lights individually will be replaced. Trustee Cleary recommended looking inside the panel to make sure it will handle the load of the new lights and asked to have the information on the fixtures sent to him so he can look at them. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of a bill from the Firemen's #1 Lights Account, in the amount of \$6,600 to Affordable Lighting Source for 24 1500W fixtures. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There were no objections to a request from the Relay of Life American Cancer Society to solicit donations in front of businesses in Beecher on July 24 and 25, 2015. Clerk Conner reported that the organization will be notified of the Village's rules regarding solicitation in Beecher. A copy of the request was provided in the packet for review.

The Beecher High School National Honor Society is requesting permission to hold a Cancer Awareness Walk in Beecher on Friday, April 24th, starting at 12 noon and going until 2:30 p.m. A copy of the map was provided in the packet for review. Chief Weissgerber stated that the Police Department is set on plans for this event.

Trustee Cleary made a motion cancelling the May 25th Village Board meeting due to the Memorial Day Holiday, and holding a full Village Board meeting on Monday, May 11th. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski requested an executive session be held to discuss land acquisition. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:16 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to return to regular session at 7:36 p.m. 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 Wehling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk