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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  
MAY 11, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger and Donna Rooney.

**GUESTS:** Frank Basile, George Schuitema, Marilyn Rossler, Julie Cleary, Tom Brislane, Linda Thompson, Roberta Patzer, Jack and Karen Daley, Bill DeJong, Betty Paul, Frank Paul and Richard Moseley.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the Beautification Commission is in the process of planting flowers. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that the 2015 Chevy Camaro raffle car has been received from Dralle Chevrolet. Work is continuing on the beer stand. Raffle tickets for the car are now available.

Trustee Kypuros stated there were no events to report on. He said to keep a lookout for pink flamingos.

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

Trustee Wehling reported that the Historic Preservation Commission has not yet held a meeting.

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**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 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 \$95,219.84 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 made a motion to authorize the binding coverage for cyber insurance for a cost of \$2,958 per year for \$1,000,000 in coverage. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Superintendent Cowger reported on the Firemen’s Park ballfield lighting installation. Lights have been delivered. Use of the lift is being coordinated and some brackets need to be made. Superintendent Cowger hopes to get the lights up and working in the next couple of weeks.

President Szymanski provided an update on the golf course. He reported that someone has interest in the golf course and that’s all we know at this time. The news is encouraging. There is hope that it may re-open this year, with the way it is being maintained.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Board considered granting B-3 zoning and a special use permit for the storage and sale of agricultural equipment in the rear half of DeJong Equipment’s parcel located at 383 S. Dixie Highway. The petitioner wishes to construct a storage building on the site. Administrator Barber read aloud the three conditions of the permit: 1) No light trespass shall be allowed at the property lines abutting existing residential; 2) The property owner shall install landscaping along the property

line as approved by the Village President and Village Administrator in lieu of the 6' fence required by the zoning ordinance; and 3) Drainage shall be installed as approved by the Village Engineer. The petitioners were present to answer questions.

ORDINANCE #1223 - An Ordinance granting B-3 zoning and a special use permit for the storage and sale of agricultural equipment in the rear half of DeJong Equipment's parcel located at 383 S. Dixie Highway. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1223. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Pin and Tonic at 643 Dixie Highway has requested a special use permit for a beer garden. After a hearing and deliberation the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended approval with seven conditions. The seven conditions and two additional conditions as recommended by the Attorney are listed in the ordinance. Trustee Ahrendt read the conditions out loud. There were some concerns expressed about outdoor noise and the possibility that it could occur every night. The PZC proposed that the owners could keep the outdoor garden open until midnight and music must end by 11 p.m. Some were concerned that these times were too late. Owner Jack Daley said it is not his intent to have live music every night, mostly just on weekends and for special events. Mr. Daley indicated he wants to be a good neighbor. Administrator Barber noted that once this permit is issued it runs with the property and not with the owner so the Board needs to be aware that a future owner could do things differently. Mr. Daley said he wants to have music allowed until 11 pm, will let things wind down and move people out of the beer garden by midnight. He said he is willing to work with the Village if there are any problems with this. Discussion followed about the difference between amplified music and live entertainment on the patio and what time it would end. Trustee Kypuros expressed concerns about live music outside and felt residents will be able to hear the live music and felt it could become a problem if allowed too late but didn't have a problem with low music from speakers outside. Trustee Meyer didn't have much of a problem about music on weekends but might have a problem with week nights. Trustee Kypuros discussed a permit for live entertainment outside possibly only once a month or occasionally but not every weekend. The consensus of the Board agreed to require a special permit for any live outdoor entertainment. After much discussion, Trustee Kypuros made a motion that closing time for the beer garden be midnight on Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. on weekdays. No one will be allowed in the beer garden after closing time.

Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and President Szymanski.

NAYS: (3) Trustees Ahrendt, Kuhlman and Wehling.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1224 - An Ordinance granting a special use permit for a beer garden at Pin and Tonic Bowling Alley, 643 Dixie Highway, subject to the following nine conditions: 1) The outdoor seating area shall be completely enclosed by a solid fence, with access through a gate to control ingress/egress, as depicted in the application; 2) Access to the outdoor seating area should be handicap accessible; 3) No banners or outdoor advertising may be placed on the outside of required fencing enclosing the outdoor seating area; 4) Outdoor lighting shall be LED, with a downward cast

to avoid offsite glare; 5) No glass bottles or containers shall be permitted in the outdoor seating area; 6) The outdoor seating area shall close no later than midnight on Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. on weekdays; 7) All amplified sound shall cease no later than midnight on Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. weeknights; 8) Outdoor live entertainment may be permitted for special events upon application to and approval by the Liquor Commissioner with the advice of the Chief of Police based upon the circumstances presented and ongoing operations of the business; and 9) All sound shall otherwise comply with Village regulations related to noise. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1224. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and President Szymanski.

NAYS: (3) Trustees Ahrendt, Kuhlman and Wehling.

Motion Carried.

Jack Daley clarified that the gate on the beer garden is not for access to get in and out, it will be for emergency access only. President Szymanski noted that if there are any problems in the future the owners could be asked to scale back the hours of the beer garden. President Szymanski said he needs to sit down with Mr. Daley to discuss the Liquor Commissioner portion of the permit for live music.

Pin and Tonic has requested that the public hearing on their LED sign be continued until the July 28<sup>th</sup> PZC meeting.

Goldie's Autobody has withdrawn their request for a variance in their front yard setback.

Beecher Manor Nursing Home has applied for an expansion to their building to include a rehab center, recreation room and a new entrance off of Church Road.

#### **D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

Chief Weissgerber reported on the traffic study of Gould and Penfield Streets after a request for a traffic control device at that location. A resident complained that eastbound cars have been speeding and there are children in the neighborhood. The Chief reported on details of a traffic study for that intersection. Only two traffic crashes have occurred at that location in the last five years. He said that location does not warrant a 4-way stop. Chief recommended installation of signs that say "slow children playing" east and west on Penfield Street. It was noted that this is in a business district but there is a daycare center at that intersection.

The Chief reported that the Bike rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Firemen's Park parking lot. Two bikes will be given away at the rodeo.

The Chief reported that Will County EMA will be holding a CERT Class (Community Alert Response Team) to provide citizen response training on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Joliet. Information will be available from the Police Department or Village Hall.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

### **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Water and Sewer Department monthly reports were included in the packet for review.

The water billing register for the months of March and April were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros reported that water loss dropped by 3,000,000 gallons, which is a good trend.

Superintendent Cowger reported on leak detection. He is working a grid system in the northern subdivisions to find leaks.

The Board considered an Ordinance increasing the water rate by \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons to be used exclusively for watermain repairs, and a high capacity charge of an additional \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons for any usage over 30,000 gallons in a billing cycle for operations and maintenance. Trustee Kypuros reported that this matter was discussed at length a couple of meetings ago. It may not be a popular decision but needs to be done to replace deteriorating watermains on the west side of town. All additional money that is brought in will go into the watermain replacement account to replace mains.

ORDINANCE #1225 - An ordinance increasing the water rate by \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons to be used exclusively for watermain repairs and a high capacity charge of an additional \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons for any usage over 30,000 gallons in a billing cycle for operations and maintenance. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1225. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros thanked outgoing Trustee Cleary for being his co-chair on this committee and thanked him for his help and support over the last few years.

### **F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

A report was provided on results of a meeting that President Szymanski and Administrator Barber held with John Grueling from the Will County Center for Economic Development. Trustee Meyer said they do spend a lot of time lobbying downstate to bring business to Will County, so she felt investment with them is a good idea. They will be paid with the regular monthly bills.

### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Szymanski provided a report on the results of lobbying in Springfield. Two meetings were held with Governor Rauner. It was encouraging that many of the legislators he met with didn't support the cutting of Local Government Distributive Funds (LGDF). President Szymanski also met with Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) head and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), discussed park grants, streamlining Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) money among other items. President Szymanski is not in favor of the wording of Governor Rauner's turnaround resolution as it is proposed. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is working on a resolution for consideration by municipalities.

President Szymanski provided an update on the railroad quiet zone and receive encouraging information in Springfield. Costs of improvements may not be as much as he thought, but doesn't have a final report on the matter.

Outgoing Trustee Cleary was presented a plaque by President Szymanski recognizing his eight years of service as Village Trustee and he was thanked for his dedicated service to the Village.

Clerk Conner swore in newly elected Trustee Frank Basile and he was seated.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

A South Suburban Mayors and Managers meeting will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Board members were invited to attend the meeting since Administrator Barber cannot attend.

President Szymanski made committee appointments for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 as follows:

**LIST OF APPOINTMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
FY: 2015-2016**

Village President Pro-Tem: Scott Wehling

Finance and Administration Committee:

Chair: Marcy Meyer

Co-Chair: Jonathan Kypuros

Public Safety Committee:

Chair: Ron Kuhlman

Co-Chair: Gayle Ahrendt

Public Works Committee:

Chair: Jonathan Kypuros

Co-Chair: Frank Basile

Economic Development and Community Relations Committee:

Chair: Frank Basile

Co-Chair: Marcy Meyer

Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation:

Chair: Scott Wehling

Co-Chair: Ron Kuhlman

Planning, Building and Zoning:

Chair: Gayle Ahrendt

Co-Chair: Scott Wehling

ESDA Coordinator: Robert Barber

Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator and Economic Development:  
Robert Barber

Village Clerk: Janett Conner

Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth

Village Corporate Counsel: Tim Kuiper, Austgen and Kuiper, P.C.

Village Treasurer: Kim Koutsky

Deputy Treasurer: Donna Rooney

Code Enforcement Officer: Aaron DaCorte

IML Delegate: Greg Szymanski

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve President Szymanski's appointments. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski was not ready to make other commission appointments yet. He noted Lance Saller does not wish to continue on PZC so if any Board members had suggestions for anyone that may be interested in serving on the PZC to let him know.

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wehling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner  
Village Clerk