

**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
JULY 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 Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

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, Roberta Patzer, Linda Thompson, Thomas Brislane, Bill Hearn and Stacy Mazurek.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 22, 2015 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next Beautification Commission meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on July 14th at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that the Fourth of July festival went well and they were fortunate that the rain stopped for the festival and attendance was good. The carnival rides were moved to Firemen's parking lot and Penfield Street due to the wet conditions in the fields and the move was well-liked by the residents.

Roberta Patzer stated that they missed the audience recognition portion of the meeting and wanted to ask a question. President Szymanski informed them that portion was already done and no one spoke up at that time, so he is moving on with the meeting.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Youth Commission event will be a movie night in Firemen's Park on July 25th. The Pink Flamingo fundraiser has been very successful for the Youth Commission

and will be done in one more week.

There was nothing new to report for the Ribbon of Hope Commission or Historic Preservation 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 Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills totaling \$152,269.05 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2,084.32 to Floyd's Electrical Service from the Nantucket Cove Escrow Account for repair of streetlights. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$18.55 to Ryan Hopkins for paint and Elmer and Sons Locksmiths in the amount of \$1,223.40 for re-keying the building at 724 Penfield Street from the 625 Dixie Highway Account. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a motion authorizing the inclusion of Washington Township as a listed entity under the Village of Beecher as part of the Eastern Will County Benefits subpool and the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefits Cooperative. Trustee Kypuros asked if the Village is covered if Washington Township would not make their payment. The Township will be required to put money in escrow to cover that type of situation, according to Administrator Barber. Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing the inclusion of Washington Township as listed entity under the Village of Beecher as part of the Eastern Will County Benefits subpool and the Intergovernmental Personnel

Benefits Cooperative. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Wehling asked Chief Weissgerber about vandalism in Firemen's Park and the cutting of swings and chains in Hunter's Chase Park and Prairie Park and what the Police Department can do to catch these individuals. Chief Weissgerber felt someone was using a bolt cutter to cut the chains. Some investigation needs to be done and also urge the public to call if they see anything suspicious. The swings and chains being cut was more than just vandalism and someone could get hurt from these things being done. Chief Weissgerber felt the problem in Firemen's Park is because it's dark due to the trees and hard to see things going on. There are four cameras in Firemen's Park including one new infrared camera. The investigation is ongoing.

President Szymanski said that the rodeo at El Consuelo Ranch is this Saturday at 2 p.m. and that the Governor and Lt. Governor are supposed to attend. President Szymanski asked if any other Board members plan to attend. He will get more information on this before Saturday.

President Szymanski asked Trustee Kypuros to tell the Board about the winning baseball teams. Trustee Kypuros reported that the Beecher baseball teams made it to the championship at all four age levels this year and two teams won the championship. He was a coach of one of the teams. Board members congratulated him and all the teams.

President Szymanski announced Bill Hearn was in attendance. Mr. Hearn is the new Planning and Zoning Commission member.

Trustee Wehling asked if there was an update on the golf course. President Szymanski said he had nothing new to report. There has been a lot of equipment at the golf course and a lot of activity and President Szymanski heard some people that used to work there may have been hired back but he is unsure exactly when they are supposed to open.

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

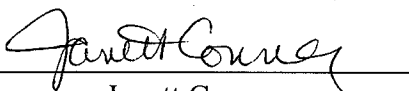
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk