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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
AUGUST 10, 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: Josh Gibson, George Schuitema, Bill Hearn, Walter Olson and Stacy Mazurek.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 27, 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.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing to report for the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that this was the fourth best year in the last 20 years for the Beecher Fourth of July celebration. Final numbers are not available yet because some bills are still coming in.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the last Youth Commission event which was a movie night in Firemen's Park went well. The next event is the Family Campout Under the Stars in Firemen's Park August 15-16.

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

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Trustee Wehling reported that the first meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Saturday, August 15th at the Depot.

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 totalling \$97,873.96 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.

The Board considered authorizing a plat of easement for a watermain and sanitary force main along Indiana Avenue from the ComEd substation east to Highlington Court. Administrator Barber explained that the previous owner of the property, Jack Mayher, would not give the Village the easement but since then the bank has foreclosed on the property. The new owners of the Cardinal Creek Golf Course are willing to grant the Village this easement so the Village can now get the legal right to access this property. The Village has been trying to get this easement for 6 or 7 years for access to our water and sewer mains. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign a plat of easement for a watermain and sanitary force main along Indiana Avenue from the ComEd substation east to Highlington Court. Trustee Wehling 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 \$5,000 from the MGM Escrow Account to Cardinal Creek Golf Course in exchange for a 70' x 2,000' utility easement. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered purchasing a 10' x 4,000' strip of land along the west side of Cardinal Creek

Boulevard from Bald Eagle north to Church Road. The land was foreclosed on by Inland Bank and the back taxes never paid so Will County will be auctioning off the land in September. Opening bid is \$600. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to bid up to \$900 using MGM Escrow Funds for the purchase of a 10' x 4,000' strip of land along the west side of Cardinal Creek Boulevard from Bald Eagle north to Church Road. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$120 from the Builder's Escrow Account to Tadpole's Landscaping for mowing vacant parcels in the month of June, 2015. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Barber reported that the signed Indemnity Agreement was received that day from Cardinal Creek Homeowner's Association. Once signed by the Village President and Clerk a check can be cut to them from MGM Escrow Account to reimburse them for their subdivision improvements as previously discussed by the Village Board.

NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski asked Board members that plan to go to the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Conference to let Clerk Conner know.

President Szymanski asked Trustee Kypuros to schedule a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss a number of different issues. Trustee Kypuros will work on scheduling a meeting.

Administrator Barber noted that the Board meeting camera stopped working tonight so a new camera may need to be purchased, even though the Village is under a spending freeze due to the State budget not being passed.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner, Village Clerk