

**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
OCTOBER 12, 2015 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Pro-Tem Wehling called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: Trustee Ahrendt.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Kim Koutsky and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUEST: Marcie Kolberg.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 26, 2015 Intergovernmental meeting with correction showing Trustee Wehling as being absent at the meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Special meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Szymanski thanked Trustee Wehling for covering as President Pro-Tem in his absence at previous meetings.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

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

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the Fourth of July Commission. They are working on getting bids on the new storage building.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Youth Commission report. The next event is a trip to Lake Hills Haunted House in St. John, IN. On October 24th a Trunk or Treat will be held in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce in Firemen's Park. Hot dogs will be served and hay rides will be provided.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Depot. The Commission will discuss the condition of the roof and signage for the building.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Marcie Kolberg from Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm provided a detailed report on the audit. After some discussion, Trustee Meyer made a motion to accept the audit for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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. Treasurer Koutsky reported that there are four bank accounts that have very little activity or may no longer be needed and recommended the accounts be closed. It will also make it better for the audit to eliminate these accounts. It was the consensus of the Board to close the 625 Dixie, Parks, Firemen's Park Lights and Memorial Tree accounts. Trustee Meyer 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: (5) Trustees 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 \$180,267.68 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the bills was provided. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Superintendent Cowger provided a report on the Firemen's Park concession stand. He has met with a representative of the company doing the concrete work. The foundation will be formed and possibly poured this week.

An update was provided on the Firemen's Park storage building. A price will be obtained from the same concrete contractor doing the work for the concession stand.

Superintendent Cowger reported that some of the mulching of playgrounds was completed last weekend.

The Dixie Highway sign dedication on October 9th went well. Trustee Wehling reported that there were at least 18 classic cars and it was a good dedication and ribbon cutting. The head of A's R Us and Elaine Egdorf, head of Driving the Dixie, were present. Approximately 50-75 people attended the dedication.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Superintendent Cowger reported that the inoperable street lights in Nantucket Cove will be addressed no later than the end of the week.

The Board considered directing the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to review the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to on-premise temporary signage. Trustee Wehling reported an opinion was received from the Attorney regarding current case law pertaining to signs and the sign ordinance needs to be reviewed before moving forward. This matter will be tabled until staff gets more information from the Attorney and discussed by the Committee further. President Szymanski reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has been advised to wait on enforcement of the sign ordinance until more information is obtained.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

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

Chief Weissgerber reported that all the bills are not in yet for the new Chevy Tahoe. The vehicle is in service and being used.

Trick or Treat hours will be from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. The Lion's Club weenie roast will be held in Firemen's Park from 6-8 p.m.

The Board discussed changing the ordinance regarding placement of refuse and recycling containers to the curb from 5 p.m. to 3 p.m. due to a request by Trustee Basile at the last Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros asked how long it has been this way and if it is a big issue. It was asked if there should be rules about putting brush out also since some sits out for almost two weeks and if that should be included in the ordinance. There was some disagreement as to if 5 p.m. is too late and the history on this matter. There was much discussion.

ORDINANCE #1232 - An ordinance allowing the placement of refuse and recycling containers at the curb beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday in lieu of 5 p.m. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1232. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (2) Trustees Wehling and Kuhlman.

Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A leak detection update was provided. Trustee Kypuros reported another leak was found at 543 Chestnut. He also noted that the auditor reported that the Water Fund is losing money and the Village is pumping and treating water that is not being billed. The Committee is pursuing finding these leaks.

Superintendent Cowger reported the new variable speed drive at Well #4 has been delivered and was installed last Tuesday.


Superintendent Cowger reported the Fall night hydrant flushing will begin next Sunday night until Friday morning.

The parts for the Maxwell Street storm sewer installation have been ordered, awaiting delivery.

Leaf pickup will begin next Monday. A part-time worker was hired to help with leaves using funds received from Jim Pratl's worker's compensation.

On Wednesday, October 14th, the Committee will discuss the findings of a report on the Meadow Lane/Catalpa Street sewer investigation and the 10-year capital improvement plan.

The status of hot patch and sidewalk repairs was provided. Superintendent Cowger will meet with the paver this week to get these repairs done. Trustee Kypuros asked why Jif Paving did the separate paving job for the driveway that needed to be paved, and why it wasn't bundled with the other jobs.



Superintendent Cowger reported on the status of can lining and replacing pumps in the return sludge lift station at the Sewer Plant. He should have estimates for this job and sewer televising and cleaning by Wednesday.

The wastewater treatment plant kick-off meeting minutes were provided in the packet for review. Staff and Trustee Kypuros agreed the engineer's timetable is too aggressive and recommended pushing the project back one year for cash flow purposes, but to proceed with Phase I approval for now.

The status of the Cardinal Creek bike path and proposed curb was provided. Administrator Barber said two bids were obtained, \$29,500 and \$34,620. An additive will have to be added to the cement due to the time of year. A 4" gas main is in the area to be swaled. Administrator Barber asked where the money will come from for this project. Trustee Kypuros said that in the bike path area, kids are walking close to the street so he felt a curb would be the smartest and safest way to go. The Village had put in sidewalks so the kids don't have to walk in the street to get to the school and he felt this was needed too. Administrator Barber suggested a guard rail might also be an option. Administrator Barber said there is no money in the budget unless a supplemental appropriation is done. Safety issues at that location were discussed and how to make it more aesthetically pleasing. The Committee will discuss this item further to try and find a solution.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Basile reported that the Fall newsletter is at the printers and should be mailed later this week.

A report on smartphone app upgrades was provided. All Board members' pictures were added to the app and some other updates have now been done. Trustees Meyer and Basile will meet after the Board meeting to discuss the upgrades.

The South Suburban Alliance for Economic Development wishes to meet with the Committee to discuss how the Alliance can help the Village promote economic development.

An I-394/Lincoln Highway Corridor Enterprise Zone update was provided by Administrator Barber. The proposed enterprise zone was rejected because it didn't meet required criteria so it was decided to have Beecher included in an enterprise zone with Sauk Village and Ford Heights area.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski provided a report on his trip with the Will County Governmental League (WCGL) to Washington DC to lobby for Will County issues. Three mayors, one manager and WCGL staff met every day, all day long, with legislators. They discussed the end of the Illiana Expressway and a possible Beecher bypass. The Federal officials seemed to be disappointed that the Illiana was shelved, but there was still some hope it could come back.

Administrator Barber provided a report on the South Suburban Water Supply Task Force meeting the previous week. They are looking for other avenues to compete with Lake Michigan water rates. Issues regarding water suppliers and water quality were discussed. Aqua Illinois is wanting to make

a move in the south suburbs with Kankakee River water. The Village has been approached by Aqua Illinois in the past on this. The matter will need to be watched.

President Szymanski reported that the new Village Treasurer will be Lynn Orr. She is going on vacation for two weeks. Since the signature cards can't be changed yet he is deferring appointment as Treasurer until the next meeting.

President Szymanski noted that he needed to make appointments to some Commissions but will only make appointments to the Youth Commission at this time. He reported that Kyle Mose and Elizabeth Delgado resigned and he appointed Dianna Jerkitas, Amy Kramer, Jody Cook, Joe Tieri and Tiffany Messana to the Commission. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve President Szymanski's five new appointments to the Beecher Youth Commission. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Szymanski presented Superintendent Cowger with a plaque for completing a three-year leadership training program with the Illinois Public Service Institute.

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


AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk