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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
FEBRUARY 8, 2016 -- 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 Lynne Orr and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski reported that there was a robbery at Doc's Drugs a few weeks ago and he thanked the Police Department for their work which led to the quick apprehension of the suspects.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing new to report on the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that the next Fourth of July Commission meeting will be held on March 1st, when the acquisition of the raffle car will be further discussed.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Youth Commission event is the Daddy/Daughter dance on February 13th.

Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The original bid for the ribbon to go into Firemen's Park was over \$9,000 so the Committee is looking to do the ribbon locally to try and save money. It is hoped that work may begin in the Spring.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16th 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 \$82,574.50 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Meyer went over the list of bills that came in since the bill list was sent to the Board. 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.

A sales tax referendum update was provided. A newsletter has been prepared and will be sent out to Village residents in mid-February. Trustee Kypuros reported on the presentation to the Chamber of Commerce and said it went well. Good questions were asked. The Chamber members seemed to understand the issue and the options.

RESOLUTION #2016-01 - A Resolution of participation in the Illinois Surplus Property Program. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-01. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion. The former five-year participation agreement expired January 1st.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

The Intergovernmental Fuel Committee met the previous week to accept bids for fuel. A copy of the bid tab sheet was provided in the packet for review. Administrator Barber provided a report. Five qualified bids were received. The Committee discussed the options and it was decided to table the bids for two weeks to seek input from the various governing boards. The Committee discussed flat prices, over low rack prices and a fleet card offered by Casey's gas station. Administrator Barber

felt the RelaDyne/Mansfield Oil low rack price bid was the best. Trustee Kypuros questioned if the numbers the vendor provided showing what we saved in the last year was accurate. He felt the fleet card through Casey's might be a good option instead of purchasing our fuel through the fuel system. President Szymanski indicated the Village would need to factor in the money that has been spent on the gas pumps and equipment so far, the possibility of the gas station not having gas due to power failure or a fuel shortage, and how difficult it might be to get security camera videos, if needed. The next Intergovernmental Fuel Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17th, to discuss how the other taxing bodies decided to proceed.

Trustee Kypuros provided a report on doing a structural inspection of the Penfield Street bridge. The last inspection was completed in 2008, and at that time the bridge was in good condition, with the exception of the wing walls holding up the pedestrian bridges. The life expectancy of the bridge needs to be studied, prior to the \$2.5 million in repairs planned for Penfield Street. The Board discussed the condition of the bridge and if it could be too narrow. Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing a structural inspection of the Penfield Street bridge in the amount of \$3,000 from Baxter and Woodman Engineers. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Wehling made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss land acquisition and personnel relating to employee discipline and the status of a collective bargaining. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to return to regular session at 8:28 p.m. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

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 Meyer seconded the motion.

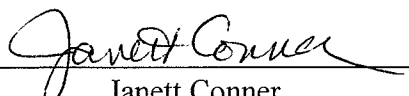
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Janett Conner
Village Clerk