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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
MARCH 14, 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: Tom Slattery from Baxter and Woodman, Phil Salmen and Bill Salmen.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 22, 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.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported on the Beautification Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in April.

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the Fourth of July Commission. Bids went out to area car dealers for the raffle car. Work is to begin the first part of April for the storage building in Firemen's Park.

Trustee Kypuros reported on the Youth Commission. The last event was the Daddy Daughter dance, which over 200 people attended. The next event is the Mother Son dance on April 9th with a Star Wars theme.

Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. Decisions were made on the ribbon and foundation and the Commission will break ground this spring.

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Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission would like to add a couple new members for May appointments. President Szymanski asked all Board members to provide him a list of members for their commissions for May appointments.

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 \$138,935.42 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 Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer reported that a budget workshop is scheduled for the March 28th Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the results of the inspection of the Penfield Street bridge prepared by Baxter and Woodman Engineers. The Committee recommended to move forward with the project and the bridge be replaced and widened with the Penfield Street S.T.P. project. Tom Slattery from Baxter and Woodman was present and provided a report. \$685,000 is the estimated cost to replace the bridge which is technically a box culvert. Our cost would be \$157,000 including engineering. The Will County Governmental League will be providing 80% of the funding for the entire Penfield STP project. Trustee Wehling asked why the bridge will be costing so much. This would include the bridge replacement and new walking bridges on both sides of the road, removal of the bridge, widening of the road, etc. It was discussed that there would be an overall cost savings by replacing the bridge now, rather than if it was going to be replaced separately at another time. The bridge would most likely be closed for 1-2 months during the project.

The Board discussed the two payment options for the Penfield Street STP project and went over the scenarios for funding of the project. The Will County Governmental League would be willing to fund 80% of the project by pledging federal STP funds. Trustee Kypuros went over the estimated project costs of the two options. The total project cost becomes \$5,083,000 if the bridge is replaced and after all ineligible activities are removed, the federal portion of the project is \$3,726,400 and the Village's portion of the project is \$1,356,600. The Village has already committed to \$150,000 in

Phase I engineering. All of the engineer's estimates are conservative numbers according to Slattery. Board members were asked if they want to replace the bridge. All Board members supported replacing the bridge with this project. It will be at least three years until construction would be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill and Phil Salmen were present and introduced to the Board. They are rehabbing buildings on Gould Street and hope to open soon. They will be asking for railings along the sidewalk at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Wehling made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return to regular session at 7:32 p.m. Trustee Kuhlman 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 Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk