

**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  
JUNE 13, 2016 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Pro-Tem Wehling called the meeting to order in the absence of President Szymanski.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: President Szymanski.

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

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema and Stacey Mazurek.

President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 23, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Trustee Ahrendt reported on the Beautification Commission. The next meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the Fourth of July Commission. The Commission is getting ready for the Fourth of July. The storage building is complete. He thanked the members of the Commission who have worked hard to get this building done. All is going well.

There was nothing to report on the Youth Commission.

Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The foundation for the ribbon has been poured. Final grade needs to be established and then pavers can be installed. The ribbon is currently being painted.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month. Trustee Wehling stated that the Commission has reached out to Washington Township to see if a member of their Board would serve on the Commission. Administrator Barber stated that Washington Township recently appointed George Obradovich as the Township liaison for this Commission. The Commission is still looking at plaques to put on different buildings in town as to when they were constructed. He also reported a direct descendent of T.L. Miller was supposed to come and visit recently but had to cancel her visit. Don Sala was going to take her out on the golf course to show her where T.L. Miller's cattle used to graze. The visit still hasn't taken place.

#### 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 \$115,079.68 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 Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed authorizing a short term loan to the Fourth of July Commission for ten days as a cash flow advance. Since the Commission was able to finish the storage building and the raffle car has been purchased, the Commission may come up short for opening day with the many expenses that come up the week leading up to the event. Trustee Meyer said the money may not be needed, but this is just in case it is needed. Trustee Meyer made a motion to authorize a short term loan to the Beecher Fourth of July Commission in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the General Fund for a period not exceeding ten days (June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>) as a cash flow advance. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

## H. NEW BUSINESS



Superintendent Cowger provided information on the Penfield Street watermain. He reported that since there were seven watermain breaks on Penfield Street in the last month and a half, a price was obtained to replace 240' of pipe on Penfield Street from in front of the St. Luke's Church office to the area in front of the bell at the Community Hall, with a 4" temporary main and tap into the Fire Department and Post Office service lines. The bid came in at \$19,000 from M & J Underground. The Penfield Street main is scheduled to be replaced in the Fall but if there are more breaks each would cost approximately \$5,000 to repair and the area being considered for the temporary main is the worst area of pipe. Superintendent Cowger also said that every time there is a break along that area it is next to a sewer pipe which needs to be replaced which could cause that pipe to fail also. Superintendent Cowger explained the details. Administrator Barber said he is unsure when the loan for the watermain may get approved due to the budget impasse. According to Superintendent Cowger the contractor said it could be done within three days of when the bid is approved. The Board asked if they want to do this instead of risk getting more breaks in that area which could cost more than the \$19,000 to replace the main. This is a gamble as to whether to do it or not. Trustee Kypuros asked about the size of the proposed main and additional costs of asphalt patches and valves we need to purchase. Superintendent Cowger said he'd have to get prices for the asphalt and valves. It would cost \$19,000 for the main and an additional amount for asphalt and valves which drives up the cost for a temporary fix. It was discussed if the carnival would have to be moved back into the park because of the propensity of the Penfield main rupturing. The area of the road where the bad main is will need to be kept open during the carnival in case of a break. The Board discussed deferring this to the Public Works Committee to obtain further information, however Trustee Kypuros wanted input from the Board on this before sending it to the committee. Trustee Meyer also wanted to get a final dollar amount to complete this temporary fix before making a decision. Some Board members expressed concerns about spending this amount of money on a temporary fix. If the current main had to be shut down only the Fire Station and Post Office would be without water. There was much concern about the cost of this temporary fix and the plan to replace the main in the fall. Trustee Kypuros suggested having Public Works on site or in the area so they can quickly shut the main down if it breaks during the festival. It was the consensus of the Board to get the figures for replacing the pipe, asphalt patches, etc. but do nothing for now. Superintendent Cowger was directed to get the patches done in front of the fire station.

An update was provided on the watermain break in the Police Station garage. The insurance company authorized a settlement for approximately \$32,000 for repairs to the Police Department and for replacement of lost equipment and supplies. Chief Weissgerber is putting together a slide show with a video to show the Board what happened.

There being no further business, President Pro-Tem Wehling 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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk