

**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
JULY 11, 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 Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: Trustee Ahrendt.

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

GUEST: George Schuitema and Stacy Mazurek.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

President Szymanski said the Beautification Commission has been busy with the flowers and thanked them for their hard work.

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the results of the Fourth of July festival. The weather was good and it was a very successful year. President Szymanski thanked the Commission for their hard work.

Trustee Kypuros provided a report on the Youth Commission. A "Movie in the Park" is scheduled for July 29th, entitled "Zootopia". Administrator Barber thanked the Commission for their help with the Kid and Pet Parade.

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Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The landscaping is taking place now. The ribbon will be mounted on Tuesday morning by Public Works. Flyers are available at the Village Hall for anyone interested in purchasing a brick or bench.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. He has discussed a plaque program with George Obradovich from Washington Township. The Township will be asked to possibly share in the cost of the plaques. It was tabled at the Township. The cost to the Commission is estimated at \$66 per plaque, if the cost is split with the Township. There is a need to discuss how many would be given out in a year and how to determine who would qualify to get one. There are properties both inside and outside the Village that would be considered for these plaques. Trustee Wehling asked the Board for input on this. A web page will need to be created to show where these properties are located. Board members were open minded to this program. The Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. 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: (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 \$225,262.98 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: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1245 - An Ordinance authorizing the borrowing of \$350,000 for a period of eighteen months at 1.24% from First Community Bank and Trust for the purposes of financing the design of the sewer treatment facility rehabilitation. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1245. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2016-06 - A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to sign loan documents pertaining to the Penfield Street watermain project. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-06. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1246 - An Ordinance ratifying a contract with UIOE Local 399 for Public Works employees. A copy of the Ordinance and agreement were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1246. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1247 - An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 85' x 92.6' vacant lot at the southwest corner of Penfield and Maxwell Streets. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1247. Trustee Basile seconded the motion. Administrator Barber noted that the Village intends to use federal STP dollars to develop a 16-space parking lot at this location in 2019.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski said Illinois Municipal League (IML) registration has opened for the conference in September. Board members should let Clerk Conner know if they plan to attend.

President Szymanski said he received an invitation for August 10th to tour Balmoral Park, which will become an equestrian center in 2017. Board members were asked to let him know if they plan to attend.

President Szymanski said he received a letter from Superintendent Cowger stating that Matt Conner has accepted the position as Crew Leader in the Public Works Department. He was congratulated on his new position.

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

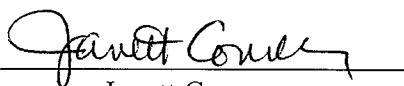
AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk