

**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 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 and Meyer.
ABSENT: Trustees Ahrendt and Basile.

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

GUEST: Kyle Meyer of Southland Voice, Matt Behan, Stacy Mazurek and George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 26, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Kyle Meyer spoke about the Crete United Methodist Church wreath sale and asked if the Village would be interested in purchasing wreaths from them for the holidays. Mr. Meyer will provide more information to the Village regarding the wreaths.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The Beautification Commission was meeting tonight in the conference room of the Village Hall. There was nothing else to report.

There was nothing new to report for the Fourth of July Commission.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Youth Commission event is a trip to a haunted house this Friday. The Trunk or Treat will be held on October 22nd in Firemen's Park.

The Ribbon of Hope Commission is working on getting a meeting together according to President Szymanski.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. Washington Township has indicated they are willing to contribute towards buying the plaques for the historic homes as previously discussed. Trustee Wehling also stated that the railroad contacted the Commission regarding a 42' monopole being located south of town. The Commission meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month 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 Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman 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 \$244,575.25 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: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing the payment of \$5,000 to M & J Underground from the Nantucket Cove Escrow Account for the repair of three water service lines under the roadway. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion. Superintendent Cowger explained these service line repairs may continue until full build out has occurred in this subdivision.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1249 - An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a digital sign for the Beecher Fire Protection District, 711 Penfield Street, with the following conditions: 1. Day/night light intensity switch; 2. No flashing. A copy of the application was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve Ordinance #1249. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Matt Behan from Lauterbach Amen presented the Village Audit and management letter for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 to the Board. A copy of the management letter and Audit Report were provided to all Board members. Mr. Behan went through the reports and the Board was given an opportunity to ask questions. He also went through eight items on the management letter. Item #2 on the management letter was discussed regarding restricted bank accounts as to the reasons the accounts are handled as off-line accounts and the Village Board's policy regarding these accounts and their effect on volunteers and commissions. Each item was gone over. Item #6 was an interfund receivable and payable in the amount of \$28,584 between the General Fund and Public Infrastructure Fund which is from many years ago. It will be brought up at a future meeting to be voted upon whether to forgive the due-to, or pay it back. All items were addressed by staff.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to accept the audit for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Szymanski appointed Mike Lau to replace Joe Gardner on the Fourth of July Commission, and Rose Gianetti to replace Jody Cook on the Beecher Youth Commission. Trustee Wehling made a motion to accept President Szymanski's appointments. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Szymanski requested an executive session be held to discuss pending litigation.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman 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 Kypuros seconded the motion.

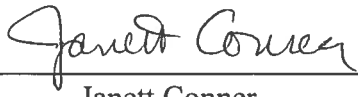
AYES: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janett Conner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Janett Conner
Village Clerk