

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT &
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
MARCH 28, 2016 -- 6:00 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, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: Trustee Wehling.

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

GUESTS: None.

A budget workshop was held to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016/17. Budget packets were previously provided to all those present. Administrator Barber provided a summary of the budget materials provided. Administrator Barber summarized the cover memo which explains the major changes. The Board went through each fund in the budget and summarized the changes.

The following is a summary of some changes to the draft budget: The budgeted amount for the Illinois Municipal League (IML) conference was discussed. There was currently funding for two Board members to attend so Board members were asked if they were interested in attending so more money could be budgeted. An extra amount will be put in the budget for two more Board members to attend.

Administrator Barber recommended using reserve cash for Gould Street improvements, to replace the tractor and the skid steer and money to be set aside for the potential purchase of land. \$77,000 is needed in reserve cash for all of these projects.

The Board discussed \$2,500 budgeted in Fund 09 to WPAL. President Szymanski asked if it would be worth it to pay someone to put Village Board meetings on Youtube and to maintain a Facebook page instead of paying WPAL. We can also put a link to the meetings on our website. This can be decided later but just wanted the Board to consider it.

The Board discussed eliminating the health insurance stipend in next year's budget. The Board wants to give two employees who are currently receiving the stipend advance notice of possibly eliminating this. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss eliminating the health insurance stipend next year but no changes will be made this year.

The Committee Chair recommended this budget be approved for public hearing.

The Board took a dinner break at 7:05 p.m. Board meeting followed the dinner break.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk