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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,
30200 TOWN CENTER ROAD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 12, 2012 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Lohmann called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Lohmann and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: Andrew Kriz from the Beecher Herald, Andrew Ahrendt, George Schuitema, Joe Cook, Sean Johnson, Rebecca Johnson and Ed Johnson.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Board meeting. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Ahrendt.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: President Lohmann recognized Sean Johnson for the picture he drew of Water Tower Park thanking the Village for making improvements to the park. Trustee Wehling accepted the picture on behalf of the Village and thanked Sean for drawing it.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

President Lohmann reported that the Housewalk will be held December 2nd. Six houses are in the housewalk. The Beautification Commission is working on preparations.

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Trustee Szymanski stated that the next Fourth of July Commission meeting is scheduled for November 15th. Four bands are booked for the 2013 festival.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Ehler's Commission meeting held the previous week. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2013. There will be minimal costs going forward. Bricks are still being sold. He reported that the Commission did a good job and the project came in under budget. DVD copies of the presentation for the Governor's Hometown Award were provided to all Board members. A copy will be given to the Amvets. Administrator Barber said a larger junction box is needed for the lights since adding the bollards.

Trustee Kypuros reported on the co-ed flag football event to be held on November 17th which is being handled by the Youth Advisory Committee. Fundraising has begun for sponsorships for next year. The Youth Commission will have a float in the Festival of Lights parade.

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 Cleary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and report of financial activity for the prior month. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A list of bills totalling \$199,982.22 to be paid was available for review. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1168 - An Ordinance adopting a tax levy for 2012 collectible in 2013. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1168. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2012-09 - A Resolution amending the Village's investment policy. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-09. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1169 - An Ordinance adopting a comprehensive amendment to Title #4 of the Village Code. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1169. Trustee Szymanski seconded the

motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered an ordinance amending Title #3 pertaining to video amusement devices. Clerk Conner made two corrections on Page 3 deleting unnecessary words in the Ordinance. The corrections will be initialed by President Lohmann and Clerk Conner in the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE #1170 - An Ordinance amending Title #3 pertaining to video amusement devices with changes made on Page 3. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1170. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Title #6 amendments will be discussed at the December 10th Board meeting.

Administrator Barber stated that he is working on the five-year financial plan update.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve an insurance package for 2013 and authorize the payment of \$65,147 to various insurance companies prior to December 1, 2012 and to bind coverage. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund announced new rates for employers. The Village rate for 2013 will be 11.58%.

President Lohmann asked Trustee Cleary if he could meet with him sometime to discuss the upcoming budget. A meeting will be set up for Saturday morning.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

Chief Weissgerber reported that there were no incidents on Halloween.

Beecher is raising the fee for vehicle seizure and impoundment from \$300 to \$500 to cover additional costs due to new requirements in the law. The Chief explained the changes.

ORDINANCE #1171 - An Ordinance amending the vehicle seizure and impoundment provisions of the Municipal Code to conform with State statute. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1171. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

The Board considered an agreement with Carl Smits for leaf disposal. Trustee Szymanski asked if the Village still has to pay this annual fee if we cut back on leaf collection. Administrator Barber stated that the Village would still have to pay the annual fee because other things are also taken there for disposal since he is a licensed compost site. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve an agreement with Carl Smits for the disposal of leaves for an additional period of five (5) years at the same cost of \$4.00 per cubic yard and a minimum of \$2,000 per year. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A leaf collection program update was provided. The last day for leaf collection is November 26th.

The last day for brush pickup is November 19th.

Holiday decorations are being put up this week.

An update was provided on the street name sign replacement program.

The Commonwealth Edison annual report for 2011 was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Szymanski, Administrator Barber and Clerk Conner provided reports on the Illinois Municipal League Conference they recently attended.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

The Water and Sewer Department monthly reports were included in the packet for review.

The water billing register was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Cleary asked for more detail regarding the discrepancy of water pumped vs. water billed. Trustee Kypuros explained the problems when billings and readings were done due to a problem with the reading device, plus fall flushing was done and there were four watermain breaks during that period. President Lohmann questioned why well #5's pumping is lower than he thought it should be. Public Works Superintendent Cowger addressed the questions.

An update was provided on the Maxwell Street watermain replacement project. Trustee Kypuros explained the Engineer's new estimate for the job was \$143,200, a copy of which was provided in the packet. The Village only budgeted \$99,835 for this project. Trustee Kypuros and staff both feel that

bids should still come in within the budgeted amount. It was recommended to move forward with this project. The project will be bid out the last week of November and bids will be presented to the Board for consideration at the December meeting.

ComEd will install an additional series of lightning arrestors on lines leading to well #4.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Superintendent Cowger reported that the memorial trees have been planted in Firemen's Park. Trustee Wehling asked about the process to get memorial trees. A couple memorial trees were recently replaced that died at different locations. Trustee Kuhlman said that the person that donated some of the trees felt they weren't placed in an area where we can use them. There will also be some possible conflicts with the Tractors for a Cure cancer memorial. Superintendent Cowger and Trustees Wehling and Kuhlman will work together to approve locations for the trees in the future.

Trustee Wehling summarized the policy on the sale of advertising in the Village newsletter. Trustee Cleary asked if Washington Township agrees with this policy. It was unknown since the Village sells all the ads and the Township is not involved in this part of the process. Trustee Kuhlman asked questions as to why churches can't publish in the newsletter. Some discussion followed as to the reasoning behind the policy. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve a policy on the sale of advertising in the Village newsletter. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

An update was provided on the Fire Department building annex. Since the last meeting, the Eastcom Board has voted not to enter into a lease with the Beecher Fire District for a dispatch center. Staff has not heard yet if that will change any plans the district has for a new building.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

At the last Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting, new criteria was developed based on literature provided by the industry and regulations of other communities on L.E.D. signs. A public hearing on a draft ordinance will be held on November 29th.

A public hearing on the Piepho request for a variance at 281 Orchard Lane will be held on November 29th.

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Board considered vactoring all storm sewers and catch basins in The Preserves at Cardinal Creek Subdivision. Administrator Barber asked Superintendent Cowger what the maximum size pipe can the jetter be used with. It was determined to be anything over 18" so only 18" or smaller pipe would be included in the vactoring. This would be paid out of the escrow account. Trustee Szymanski said the road approach to the bridge needs to be repaired before doing this. Administrator Barber asked if the Village should hire an engineer for the bridge project, do a bid spec or have a contractor determine what needs to be done. Trustee Szymanski suggested the Committee discuss repairs to the bridge approach and provide a recommendation to the Board. Consensus of the Board agreed to table this matter until the Committee provides further information.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board considered a resolution of the necessity of a locally-controlled airport authority for the South Suburban Airport. President Lohmann reported on changes to this legislation over the years and Administrator Barber explained the resolution and background behind this bill and resolution. This bill will be presented during the veto session. President Lohmann summarized the bill. Board members asked questions regarding the content of the bill. Beecher is advocating a nine member board. Trustee Szymanski reiterated that the Village has a resolution on record opposing the airport. Trustee Kypuros suggested finding out who all the representatives at the State are that represent affected communities and send them a copy of this resolution also. Staff will take care of this.

RESOLUTION #2012-10 - A Resolution of necessity of a locally-controlled airport authority for the South Suburban Airport. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-10. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update was provided on the Illiana Expressway and Land Use Plan. President Lohmann reported that the B3 corridor has been formally submitted to the Federal Highway Administration as the preferred route. We will be advised whether grant funding will be provided for updating our land use plan. President Lohmann commented the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will have to plan in the future for new development in the area south of the Village.

President Lohmann reported on plans for future expansion of the sewer treatment plant if the Illiana is built and if the Village has future development.

President Lohmann stated that he has had conversations with the Village Presidents of Grant Park and Peotone about adopting new boundary agreements. Both agreed to boundary lines. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to authorize the Attorney to draft boundary agreements with the Villages of Grant Park and Peotone. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber reported that at the last Eastcom Board of Directors meeting all agreed to a base fee of \$16,000 for dispatching and to split calls up to determine the additional costs. This may reduce the Village's dispatching bill and fire districts may have to pay more.

An update was provided on the refuse contract negotiations. President Lohmann reported on his discussions with two different companies. In the future, it will probably be required that everyone have a garbage container that can be picked up with the mechanical arm by the garbage truck. Negotiations are also underway for yard waste. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

An update was provided on the Tri-Town Cable Commission. Monee still has not appointed a member to the Commission. Denis Tatgenhorst has been designated as Beecher's appointee.

President Lohmann stated that the Maxwell's building has been purchased by Adam Baumgartner and it will re-open as The Fireside Grill. Mr. Baumgartner is hoping to open December 1st for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber asked if the Board wants to cancel the second meetings in January and February in 2013. It will be put on the December 10th agenda for a vote.

Trustee Wehling reported that there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. on November 14th at the Township Center regarding the Tractors for a Cure cancer memorial.

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

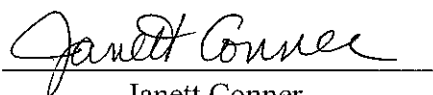
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk