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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
JANUARY 13, 2014 -- 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 Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Kim Koutsy, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger, and Derek Wold and Tony Anczer from Baxter and Woodman Engineers.

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Todd Kraus.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 9, 2013 Board meeting. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next Beautification Commission meeting will be held January 14th.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that the Fourth of July Commission is advertising for bids for this year's raffle car. The Commission is discussing a new beer stand/storage building, depending on future available funding.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Youth Commission will have open bowling on January 20th at Striker's. The Daddy/Daughter dance will be held on February 15th and the Mom/Son dance will be held on March 8th.

Trustee Wehling reported that a Ribbon of Hope Commission meeting was held on January 11th. There is a need to keep the word out to the community on this project and raise funds. The Commission has created a Facebook page. Some fundraising ideas were discussed at the meeting. They are looking for donations from corporate sponsors. The next meeting will be held on January 25th at 1 p.m. at Howard Perry's office.

Derek Wold and Tony Anczer of Baxter and Woodman Engineers provided a Power Point presentation on a water and sewer master plan for the area bounded by the Beecher School District. The purpose of the master plan was explained, the steps of the master plan, showing the existing water and sewer facilities and the future water and sewer system plans. This would become a part of our Comprehensive Land Use Plan. After the presentation Trustee Kypuros made a motion to accept the Water and Sewer Master Plan. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A five minute break was held at 7:25 p.m.

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 the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the preceding month were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totalling \$143,157.52 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Cleary added a bill in the amount of \$1,478.00 to Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services for liability insurance. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of bills in the total amount of \$144,635.52. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-01 - A Resolution adopting a five-year financial plan for 2014-2018. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-01. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Staff is still waiting on information from Attorney Kuiper regarding the Treasurer Ordinance update.

Attorney Kuiper is working on the Village Code revision update.

Trustee Cleary discussed changing the dates of Village Board meetings. He wishes to do this so people can attend Village Board and School District meetings both of which are currently held on the second Monday of each month. He provided a report on what preferences Board members and staff had on moving Village Board meetings as a result of an email he sent out. Trustee Cleary suggested holding the first meeting of the month on a Tuesday and second meeting of the month on the fourth Monday as a possibility. Depending on the meeting schedule, staff may have to work out a process for paying the bills to make sure they aren't paid late. Trustee Kypuros agreed that he would like to move the meeting so it doesn't conflict with School Board meetings. Trustee Ahrendt preferred not changing the Monday meetings because of scheduling conflicts. Trustee Kuhlman did not express a preference. This matter was for discussion only at this time.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Attorney Kuiper is still working on the Park Rules Ordinance.

Trustee Wehling provided a report on Welton Stedt Park improvements. He still needs to get with Beecher Recreation to discuss these improvements.

An update was provided on 625 Dixie Highway. The Village closed on the building on December 17th. A copy of the proposed floor plan has been provided to the Village Board for review. The plans include an outbuilding for additional storage. Trustee Wehling reported that authorizing bids has been deferred until the next meeting because plans for the project were just received today. It was also reported that water pipes froze and broke in the building and cleanup has to occur.

The Board considered approval of a bill from Eder Flag for a new flagpole at the Veteran's Memorial that bent during the November 17th wind storm. Trustee Cleary asked why the pole bent and if the new pole is the same size as the old one. Staff reported that the pole is the same size as the previous pole. It was believed high winds and the fact that two flags were on this pole and the American flag is larger than the other flags, contributed to the damage. Trustee Cleary indicated that a larger gauge pole may be needed. Administrator Barber said that if we put in a different pole a different footing would be needed for that pole on the memorial. After some discussion, Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve a bill from Eder Flag in the amount of \$574.90 to replace the damaged flag pole at the Veteran's Memorial. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Todd Kraus, Vice President of Beecher Recreation stated that he had previously contacted Trustee Wehling and indicated that Beecher Recreation is ready to order scoreboards for Firemen's One and Three so they wanted to ask the Village to extend power in the park to go to the scoreboards. It was discussed how to get power to these two locations. A sleeve will be put into the ground to put the signs up. An electrical box will need to be put up at each sign location. Some of the details of how the sign will be installed, what Beecher Recreation needs from the Village and if the scoreboards will have to be taken down each year was discussed. Trustee Wehling said we will also have to get power to the new Cancer Memorial for their lights also so this can be done in conjunction with this project. Trustee Wehling and staff will meet with Todd Kraus to work out the details on this and determine what needs to be done.

Todd Kraus indicated that he works with someone who writes grants and may be able to help to try and get a grant for the Light the Park project. The company he works with writes the grants and does all the work. Staff will work with Mr. Kraus and research this further.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will hold public hearings on January 23rd for the Casey's special use permit request as well as the variance request for a fence at Dutch American Foods.

The Committee will meet in January or February to discuss the Special Use/Variance application fee and revisions to the Fence Ordinance concerning solid fences around pools.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

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

The annual report of the animal control program from Dr. McKay was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kuhlman provided a school safety and security update. Chief Weissgerber reported that Officer Leroy participated in a lockdown drill in December. Drug sniffing dogs went through the school in December. A drill involving staff with rapid deployment training was conducted in January.

Chief Weissgerber will provide a presentation on robo-calling at the next Board meeting.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

The Water Billing Register for the months of November and December were provided in the packet for review.

Parkway tree planting was completed the week before Christmas.

A valve turning report will be provided at the February Board meeting.

An update on the Miller Street sanitary force main will be provided at the February Board meeting.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Village Engineer has proposed a weir be installed in the Prairie Crossings North retention pond. The weir would be installed in the downstream manhole to restrict flow so plugging doesn't occur as has happened in the past in this pond. Public Works would install this weir. The engineer is getting final heights on the design of this project.

Superintendent Cowger provided an update on pricing for VFDs for the booster station, and is awaiting final numbers from Austgen Electric.

Trustee Kypuros reported that special Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funding has arrived and poles and accessories will be ordered for the new street name signs and poles which will be installed after winter in Hunter's Chase Subdivision.

A report was provided on the replacement of piping and pump in the wet well at the Sewer Plant. A pump coupling rusted off, which caused the pump to slide off the rail in the wet well. Flow had to be diverted out of the wet well. The project will cost about \$9,000 when completed, and the third pump will be needed for spring rains. The project should be completed in the next two weeks.

RESOLUTION #2014-02 - A Resolution approving the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for 20% of the project cost: \$26,000 for Safe Routes to Schools grant project for the installation of new school zone signage and solar flashing lights. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-02. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed replacement of a water service line which froze on Prairie Avenue. The previous week it was learned that the residents at 411 Prairie's water service line froze and they were without water for a few days. They did not call the Village initially because they thought it was their problem. Public Works dug in multiple locations on Prairie to try and figure out the problem and eventually were able to restore water serve to the address. It was learned that when the houses at 411 and 404 Prairie were built, instead of looping the water main to run in front of the addresses, copper water service lines were extended from the main on Pasadena and dug only 34" deep which is above the frost line. Due to the extremely cold weather the service line at 411 Prairie froze. Trustee Kypuros handed out a report on two options to replace the service lines to fix the problem so it does not happen again in the future. Trustee Kypuros explained the two options and pros and cons of each. He then recommended Option 2 to be the best option which would install 420' of 6" PVC main from Pasadena to Melrose creating a looped system. A trench cut would be made from Pasadena south

to Melrose Lane and a 6" main installed between the two streets with a valve on each end. New service lines would then be connected to the new main. This line would be run on the west side of Prairie. Work would be done by Sunset Sewer and Water and the Village would provide materials and complete restorations. Trustee Cleary concurred with this recommendation. The total estimated cost for Option #2 is \$25,252 for labor, materials and restoration costs. Trustee Kypuros explained the reasons he felt this to be the best option and said that even though there is a \$12,000 difference in price, Option #1 would not create a looped system and is not an advantage to the water system. After much discussion, Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving payment to Sunset Sewer and Water to install a 6" PVC main from Pasadena and Melrose creating a looped system in the amount of \$14,025. Administrator Barber said his mother-in-law across the street has never had any problems with this that he is aware of but there is a definite problem across the street. This project will be paid for from the Watermain Replacement & Water and Sewer Capital Accounts. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer reported on the robo-calling presentation of Nixle made by Chief Weissgerber on January 8th. More information will be provided at the next Board meeting under the Public Safety Committee. Trustee Meyer will attend a meeting on Wednesday with a company that does a smart phone app for municipalities.

An Intergovernmental Committee meeting is scheduled for January 30th.

RESOLUTION #2014-03 - A Resolution adopting a four-year strategic plan. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-03. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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


NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed wayfinding signs for the old downtown area. Businesses on Gould, Reed and Penfield Streets still want to have permanent wayfinding signs at Dixie Highway and Penfield Street. It is possible that the Chamber of Commerce or a downtown merchant's association could agree to lease some space on private property for a sign. The matter was referred to Committee to meet and make a recommendation back to the Board.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski provided an Illiana Expressway update. It was learned that five large companies have expressed an interest in building the expressway. The Land north of the expressway up to Corning Road is in a floodplain which means development couldn't occur there. It was also learned that one half mile of either side of the Illiana can't have a driveway so there will be a frontage road with a clover leaf.



President Szymanski reported on the airport meeting he attended the previous week. Approximately 775 acres of land were obtained in 2013, approximately 17 parcels of land in condemnations. IDOT is openly discussing purchase of Bult Field this year. A website is available for information on the airport at www.Southsuburbanairport.com/connect. Residents can subscribe to updates to obtain information on the project. This information will be put on the Village website for residents.

A report was provided on the Route #1/#394 Corridor Plan. Administrator Barber stated that there are nine certified RFPs to conduct the study. Administrator Barber will review RFPs since he is on the Steering Committee for this project.

The Fuel Committee met on Friday, January 3rd, and opened bids for the purchase of bulk fuel for March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. The only bidder was Heritage FS at a price of \$3.24 per gallon for unleaded, and \$3.50 per gallon for diesel fuel. Trustee Cleary made a motion to award a bid to Heritage FS for bulk fuel for the year. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski reported that we still have to get pictures to the railroad regarding clearing of brush along the railroad on Woodward Street.

Trustee Kuhlman was asked by President Szymanski to get with the Police Department to determine if we can logistically get police protection for the mausoleum and/or cemetery, and provide a report back to the Board. Trustee Cleary noted that this is on a private road and may have problems getting to it in the winter.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to cancel the January 27th and February 24th Board meetings, and changing the time of the March 24th Board meeting to 6:30 p.m. for the annual budget workshop. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski requested an executive session be held to discuss the compensation package for non-union employees for fiscal year 2014/2015 contingent on the budget process. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss employee compensation packages at 8:51 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to return to regular session at 10:07 p.m. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janett Conner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janett Conner
Village Clerk