

**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
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 -- 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 Ahrendt, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: Trustee Kypuros.

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 January 23, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported on the Beautification Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in March.

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the Fourth of July Commission. Plans are moving along smoothly. Trustee Kuhlman thanked Chuck Hoehn, Greg Szymanski, Bill Voss and Ken Bobowski for work on benches. A meeting will be held at the Washington Township Center Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. to consider the car raffle for this year.

President Szymanski reported that the Youth Commission held their Daddy-Daughter dance on Saturday. It was well attended.

There was nothing to report on the Ribbon of Hope Commission.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on February 21st, to discuss T.L. Miller's 200th birthday. The Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month.

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: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, 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 \$158,599.77 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 Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski reported that the Fuel Committee met the previous week and four bids were submitted for fuel. The analysis of fixed pricing versus variable pricing for 2016 determined that the Fuel Committee would have saved \$4,045 if fixed pricing was selected last year. The Committee recommended fixed pricing for fuel for the coming year. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to award a bid for fuel with a fixed price from Heritage FS for a period of 12 months for unleaded fuel at \$2.08 per gallon and diesel fuel at \$2.173 per gallon. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A Crete Intermodal update was provided. An open house was held on February 9th. President Szymanski commented that it was a surprise that it was held so quickly since they previously couldn't answer many questions about the project. No one from the Board was able to attend because the meeting time was changed to an earlier time than first scheduled but the Village Engineer was there. It was learned that 1,000 trucks per day are estimated and six additional trains. Discussions have been held with CSX and staff reached out to Randy Blankenhorn from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding what needs to be done to the roads in town to accommodate the additional traffic. Administrator Barber said the Village is doing their own research on the Intermodal and a binder of information is being put together that residents can come in and look at. The Village is working on this to get ahead of the project. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will also be meeting on February 23rd to be updated on the Intermodal.

President Szymanski reported that the flags that can be seen along Route #1 are because IDOT is planning to widen the road from Goodenow Road to County Line and add rumble strips in the middle of the road. Information was just received regarding this project earlier in the day.

Administrator Barber reported on the refinancing of G.O. Bonds. Three bids were received for these bonds and he explained the options bid upon. A proposal from J.P. Morgan Chase was selected for 2.55% with no call of the bonds. This refinancing will save taxpayers \$85,000 in total interest from the current bond issue.

President Szymanski reported that Administrator Barber went to a golf expo in Tinley Park and Balmoral Park's "HITS" had a booth at the expo since they purchased Balmoral Woods Golf Course, which provided good information.

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

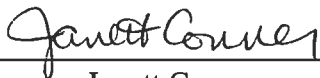
AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk