

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,
30200 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 26, 2015 -- 7:00 P.M.**

JOINT TAXING BODY MEETING

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

The meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL:

VILLAGE BOARD:

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Kypuros, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: Trustees Ahrendt, Wehling and Kuhlman.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: (PZC)

PRESENT: Commissioners Bouchard, Serviss, Lohmann, Hearn and Schuitema.

ABSENT: Machtemes and Tatgenhorst.

Other taxing bodies called roll.

STAFF & OTHER TAXING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Michael Mach, Mike Stanula, Judy Ogalla, Marla Heldt, Jerry Meyer, Paul Goldrick, Chuck Hoehn, Shirley Biery, Marge Cook, Dennis Kennedy, Bob Husum, Dave Lagesse, Larry Hermen, Ron Mazurek, Ed Palmisano, Karen Scrementi.

A Joint Taxing Body meeting was held to share information relating to each taxing body. The Village, Will County, School District, Fire District, Library Board, Township and Community Hall Building Board were invited to attend.

There was discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of relocating the 4th of July carnival and the use of the high school parking lot for a campground. Administrator Barber explained the change of location this year in the carnival to the parking lot and street in front of Firemen's Park, and asked taxing body representatives if they are okay with doing this again next year, and what issues they may have. Bob Husum expressed concerns of maintenance of the parking lot and if damaged. Administrator Barber stated that the Village would fix any damage to the parking lot. There are a couple spots in the parking lot that still need to be addressed. The only parking issue is the need for more handicapped parking and motorcycle parking. There were no objections to holding the carnival in the same location for next year.

The impact of the State's fiscal crisis on Beecher local governments was discussed. President Szymanski explained the impact on the Village and the results of State Representative Elgie Sim's visit to Beecher. The other taxing body members explained the impact to their finances due to the budget impasse.

It was reported the Illiana Expressway has been tabled indefinitely.

A South Suburban Airport update was discussed.

President Szymanski provided an update on economic development activity in Beecher since October, 2014.

TAXING BODY ROUNDTABLE:

President Szymanski provided an update on the Penfield Street watermain project. Funding mechanisms for repair of sidewalks, streets, railroad quiet zones, and splash park are being considered.

Shirley Biery stated that the ATM building on the Library property is being taking down and the area will be restored to a parking area. The Library is working on getting their time and temperature sign repaired.

Administrator Barber reported that the sidewalk in Prairie Crossings was poured today so kids don't have to walk in the street to the Junior High.

Administrator Barber said the Village is working on conducting leak detection.

Phil Serviss stated that the A's R Us/Driving the Dixie group will be celebrating the 100 year anniversary for Dixie Highway October 8th through October 10th. The organization funded signs in the Villages along Dixie Highway. One of the signs is located by the Village Hall at 625 Dixie Highway. Dedication for the Beecher sign will be on Friday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. Dedication of the signs will start in Chicago and end in Danville, Illinois.

Judy Ogalla provided an update on the Will County Forest Preserve, bike path and new court house. The Will County Health Department has moved to Monee. Judy Ogalla provided updates on other projects in Will County.

President Szymanski reported on the Rodeo held at El Consuelo Ranch on Church Road, at which Governor Rauner and Representative Sandoval were present.

Judy Ogalla asked about status of burglaries in the area. Ms. Ogalla was asked why the County doesn't provide Washington Township with three-car police coverage in this area anymore. The Facebook public safety page to keep residents informed about the robberies was also discussed.

The next Intergovernmental Committee meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.
AYES: (3) Trustees Kypuros, Basile and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner, Village Clerk