

**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
JULY 14, 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, Deputy Treasurer Nelson Collins and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: Karen Smith from the Southland Voice and Northwest Indiana Times and George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 23, 2014 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Ahrendt.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next meeting for Beautification Commission will be held August 12, 2014.

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the Fourth of July festival. It was a very successful year due to the nice weather. Marge Morris won the raffle car. Trustee Kuhlman thanked all the citizens for their help with the festival, and George Schuitema for the use of his garage for storing the raffle car.

President Szymanski thanked the Fourth of July Commission for all of their hard work on the festival.

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Trustee Kypuros reported that the Beecher Youth Commission will be hosting a water park trip on Friday, July 18th at Splash Valley. A movie night in Firemen's Park is scheduled for August 15th.

Trustee Wehling reported that the Ribbon of Hope Commission plans to get active again in August or September. There was currently nothing new to report.

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.

Fourth of July Treasurer Collins provided a detailed report on the revenues and expenses for the festival. Beer sales were down from the previous years and food sales were down because the new carnival had a lot more food offerings than the previous carnival. A more final report will be available next month after all bills have been paid.

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

A list of bills totalling \$238,134.53 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to pay bills from the 625 Dixie Highway account in the amount of \$33,911.02. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and Wehling.

NAYS: (2) Trustees Ahrendt and Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve a proposal from Diebold to replace the drive-up window and audio system at 625 Dixie Highway for \$7,457.26. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and Wehling.

NAYS: (2) Trustees Ahrendt and Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered an engineering services agreement in the amount of \$150,000 to complete Phase I engineering on Penfield Street from Reed Street to Dixie Highway in order to apply for Federal STP funds. Trustee Kypuros explained this project needs to be a shovel ready project to make it eligible for Federal STP funds. Recently, five watermain breaks occurred within a one block area on Penfield Street in one week. The watermain needs to be replaced before the road can be done because of how old the main is. The project would include watermain, storm sewer, streets, sidewalks and curbs. Trustee Kypuros felt this was an important project to complete. Administrator Barber explained the costs of these improvements and how they will be financed through loans. The Committee recommendation is to move forward on this project. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve an engineering services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to complete Phase I engineering on Penfield Street from Reed Street to Dixie Highway in order to apply for Federal STP funds. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed authorizing the Village Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to secure a loan in the amount of \$150,000 for a period of ten years to pay for the Phase I work on Penfield Street and to pledge infrastructure funds for the repayment of the loan. Treasurer Koutsky asked questions as to the loan term and said to look at different loan options that might be most advantageous to the Village, based on the term and interest rate. Trustee Cleary made a motion to authorize the Village Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to secure a loan in the amount of \$150,000 for a term not to exceed ten years to pay for the Phase I work on Penfield Street and to pledge infrastructure funds for the repayment of the loan. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski said that he was approached by the manager of the Circle K Shell located at 926 Dixie Highway, requesting permission to sell firewood and bottled water outdoors. The Board considered a Temporary Use Permit for this request. This would be a one-year temporary use permit. Pictures of what they plan to do was provided for review. The two racks they are proposing for the wood and water would be on the area next to the building. Trustee Wehling expressed concerns about setting a precedent and other businesses wanting to do the same thing if the Village allows this. Trustee Kypuros asked if we would be limiting their business, and felt these things could be sold inside their building. It was the consensus of the Board to deny this request. President Szymanski will contact the manager and let him know the Village will not be granting this request.

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

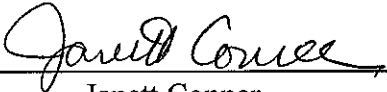
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Meyer, Kypuros, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk