

**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  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Pro-Tem Wehling called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: President Szymanski.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

**GUEST:** George Schuitema.

President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Consideration of minutes for the August 26, 2015 Intergovernmental Committee meeting was deferred until President Szymanski is present.

**CLERKS'S REPORT**

A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing a request for proposal process for the Village audit in fiscal years 2015/2016, 2016/2017, and 2017/2018. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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The Auditors will be at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to present the audit for fiscal year 2014/2015.

A letter was provided in the packet regarding Comcast's need to replace HD signal boxes through town. Residents will be notified about this change.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

A Firemen's Park concession stand progress report was provided. Superintendent Cowger indicated a tree will need to be removed and dirt will begin to be moved this week. He will also look at the foundation this week.

Status was provided on the storage building for Firemen's Park. Administrator Barber said they are waiting for cement.

Superintendent Cowger reported on mulch for the playgrounds. Mulch will be pulled out, a weed barrier put down and new mulch put in. Work should begin later in the week.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

Staff has obtained a price from Perm-A-Seal to crack seal and sealcoat the bike path in The Preserve at Cardinal Creek, from Bald Eagle Lane to Church Road, in the amount of \$1,950, using MGM Escrow funds.

The Beecher Community Library is contemplating installing a L.E.D. monument sign, replacing their existing time and temperature sign which can no longer be repaired. They have been advised that they would have to go through a hearing process.

Superintendent Cowger provided an update on the status of Nantucket Cove street lights. He will call Mike from King Electric who repaired the last ones. There seems to be some question as to what the Village owns on these street lights. Superintendent Cowger said he is waiting for an answer from a ComEd manager as to who is responsible for the wiring to these lights.

Administrator Barber provided a report on a meeting held with the new owners of Nantucket Cove Subdivision. They were advised of the fees for building permits. One of the owners is moving into one of the model homes. The owners will be selling lots to builders, but they first want to get existing homes sold.

**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.

Chief Weissgerber reported that the new Chevy Tahoe has been placed into service. It looks like it is running below the budget number but he doesn't he doesn't have all the final figures yet.

Mosquito spraying has been completed for the year. Three-year licenses need to be renewed by some of the Public Works employees for next year.

A letter was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding the Village's request for "no left turn" signs. Chief Weissgerber reported that both signs are up, one in the median and one across the street in front of the car wash. Warning tickets will be issued by the Police Department until people get used to the change.

Chief Weissgerber included a press release on the Citizen's Police Academy. Only three people have signed up so far, so the academy will be delayed until January. The class can take up to 12 participants.

### **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

Trustee Kypuros reported that some leaks have been found in the water system and there have been some breaks, but the billed to pumped ratio is still not where staff wants it. He hopes to keep moving in the right direction on this matter.

A leak detection update was provided by Trustee Kypuros. Moving water has been found in storm lines during dry weather. Public Works has invested in some hearing equipment to try and find leaks. Superintendent Cowger reported that the equipment cost was over \$4,000 and the hearing device will pick up different frequencies. Superintendent Cowger will continue looking in the newer subdivisions and empty lots in those subdivisions. Administrator Barber said leaks seem to be related to electrolysis and the plastic pipe on services not being used.

A meter replacement update was provided. Approximately 160 IPERL meters have been replaced so far this year.

A Fairway Drive resurfacing update was provided. One parkway needs to be restored and one curb needs to be repaired. To date, a bill has not been received for this work.

Superintendent Cowger provided an update on tree and stump removal and restoration. Public Works is looking at planting new trees in November. Trustee Kuhlman said an environmental group wants to plant five trees in the Village around October 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Kuhlman will get together with Superintendent Cowger to discuss this matter and determine locations.

A street banner change-out update was provided. Superintendent Cowger said Public Works will wait to take the current banners down and put the holiday banners up around Thanksgiving.

The hanging flower baskets will be coming down in another week or so.

The status of well #4 repairs was provided. Superintendent Cowger stated that the wrong VFD drive was sent and he is working to get the right drive.

The status of the Maxwell Street storm sewer installation was provided. Superintendent Cowger reported that the materials were ordered.

Superintendent Cowger provided a report on obstructions found in the Meadow Lane and Catalpa Street sanitary mains. One area will have to be vactored out. The work will take about six hours. Administrator Barber reviewed the videos and provided a report. No major obstructions were found but some pipes may need to be slip lined.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment to Denler in the amount of \$22,127.41 for the 2015 crack sealing program. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The status of street patch and sidewalk repairs from recent watermain breaks was provided. Superintendent Cowger is working to get these done.

The status of the swaled area between the bike path and roadway along Beecher Junior High was discussed. Public Works plans to core out the area and compact lime aggregate into the swaled area. Trustee Kypuros asked questions about putting a curb in. The Superintendent is trying to determine the depth of the gas main. Ag lime will be installed for now until it is decided whether to put curbs in. Costs need to be determined before deciding what to do.

The Village met with the engineering team on the future of the sewer plant and to complete the Phase I report. The plant project is expected to begin in 2019. In fiscal year 2016/2017 design of the plant will begin and the Village has begun discussion with Baxter and Woodman to withhold payment until the loan is approved and the Village is paid the \$600,000 in loan proceeds for Phase II design work.

The Committee plans to meet in October to draft capital plans and projects for the next ten years.

#### **F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Clerk Conner provided an update on the Fall newsletter. The draft of the newsletter is done and she is waiting for a few ads to come in before sending the newsletter to the printer.

A smartphone app upgrade was provided. Trustees Meyer and Basile have been having discussions with Emily from COC to work on this project.

An update was provided on the Gould Street buildings. Clerk Conner reported that the owners of the bar hope to open soon. They are working on getting their licenses.

The results of a social media seminar attended by Trustees Basile, Meyer and Clerk Conner were provided. They are looking into using Facebook and Instagram. A lot of interesting information was learned about the different social media options.

### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Szymanski is in Washington, DC this week lobbying on behalf of the Will County Governmental League.

Administrator Barber reported that the golf course had a soft open and recently hosted the Chamber of Commerce golf outing. There is still a lot of work to be done in the clubhouse, but it is open for business.

A water supply task force has been created by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association to create a master plan for the future of the region's water supply.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Dixie Highway sign dedication ceremony to be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Beecher Village Hall. Trustee Wehling and Clerk Conner plan to attend on behalf of the Village and Howard Perry will be asked to attend on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Administrator Barber and Clerk Conner reported on the results of the Illinois Municipal League (IML) conference they recently attended.

Administrator Barber was appointed to the IML Managers Committee.

The Board discussed cancelling the second board meeting of the month. Trustee Kypuros preferred holding two meetings a month because it will allow more time for discussion to happen and potentially make the first meeting of the month longer. Other Trustees didn't have a problem cancelling the meetings unless things start picking up and more meetings are needed to conduct business. After some discussion, Trustee Ahrendt made a motion cancelling the second Board meetings for the months of October, November and December, 2015. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Basile asked the Board to consider changing the ordinance for putting garbage out the night before pickup from no earlier than 6 p.m. to 3 p.m. since it's hard for some seniors, etc., especially in the winter months when it gets dark earlier.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Janett Conner  
Village Clerk