

**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
JUNE 22, 2009 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Lohmann called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Lohmann and Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Attorney Tim Kuiper and Public Works Superintendent Harold "Bud" Cowger.

GUESTS: Terry Gatlin from the Beecher Herald, Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, Ed Barry, Steve Stoyhoff, Kim Koutsky, Tom Stluka, Kelsey Stokes, Kim Stokes, Kevin Bouchard, George Obradovich and George Schuitema.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 8, 2009 Board meeting. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment on page 5, paragraph 5, line 6, delete the words: "but he no longer plans to develop the adjacent property". Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was given. 2) Bills were presented for the Beautification Commission. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$253.20 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

3) A report on the last Census meeting was provided.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: President Lohmann presented Kelsey Stokes with a plaque recognizing her accomplishments as 2009 Beecher High School Valedictorian and winner of an Olive Garden Essay contest.

Kevin Bouchard asked for volunteers to work booths at the 4th of July Festival.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

ORDINANCE #1119 - An Ordinance establishing prevailing wages for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve Ordinance #1119. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There was nothing new to report on the State budget and the capital bill.

The Board considered an ordinance pertaining to responsible bidding. President Lohmann read aloud a letter from George Obradovich and Tom Stluka from the Beecher School District supporting the Village's current procedures for bidding and recommending no changes. Committee Chair Cleary recommended leaving the Village Ordinance as it currently is. Attorney Kuiper answered questions regarding responsible bidding and apprenticeship training. Trustee Cleary made a motion to table the ordinance pertaining to responsible bidding until the State passes a responsible bidder training program requirement for the bidders. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chief Weissgerber reported that scheduling has been completed for Fourth of July security. Extra coverage is secured for the festival and the Police Department is ready.

Chief Weissgerber reported that summer is usually when Police Department youth activities are dormant since there are so many other activities for children during that time. An overnight bowling party at Striker's Bowling Alley is being worked on.

Chief Weissgerber provided an update on the financial status and call activity of the E-9-1-1 System. This is for information only at this time. There is still talk about further consolidation of dispatch centers. President Lohmann questioned Chief Weissgerber on the E-9-1-1 revenue.

Public Works Superintendent Cowger reported that the mosquito larvacide program has been on-going. He said he sprayed last week for mosquitoes and will spray again this week, dependent upon the weather.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

The Village will be getting one employee from the Will County Workforce Program. The worker will start June 29th with the Public Works Department and will work until school starts.

Paint striping started June 22nd, and is scheduled for completion by July 4th.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

The Board considered an ordinance authorizing entry into a public water supply loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Attorney Kuiper explained the ordinance in full. The ordinance is to use the existing revenue stream in the debt fund to pay for the loan. The Village can still tell the State further down the road that we changed our minds if the Village can't afford to pay it back. This will be subject to a back door referendum.

ORDINANCE #1120 - An Ordinance authorizing entry into a public water supply loan agreement with the IEPA. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance #1120. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

E. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Board considered approval of payment of bills from the Bond Redemption Account:

N. Lange Trucking and Excavating	site utility work per contract	\$ 10,550.00
N. Lange Trucking and Excavating	hauling stone	1,052.04
Prairie Material	grade 8 stone bedding	1,434.53
C+M Pipe and Supply	storm and sanitary sewer structures	1,292.80
HD Waterworks Supply	SDR 35 and SDR 26 pipe	3,064.30
JMA Architects	construction management services	<u>3,620.36</u>
TOTAL BILLS FOR BOND REDEMPTION:		\$ 21,014.03

Trustee Ahrendt questioned who is reviewing waivers for the above work. So far there have been no waivers required by the Village. Attorney Kuiper felt it would be a good idea to get waivers for this project. It was noted that N. Lange Trucking and Excavating is the only contractor that has done actual work on the project so far.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of bills from the Bond Redemption Account in the amount of \$21,014.03. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: (1) Trustee Wehling

NAYS: (4) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski and Gardner.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion failed.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve payment of bills from the Bond Redemption Account in the amount of \$21,014.03 with the condition to require lien waivers for work done on this project. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling provided an update on the Public Works facility. The colors have been picked out and core samples have been done. Trustee Cleary questioned why core samples were not part of the original project. Administrator Barber reported a \$6,700 deduct for wall surface.

It was asked if lien waivers were needed for work done by Baxter and Woodman for staking of the property. Attorney Kuiper did not believe lien waivers were needed for Baxter and Woodman. It was noted that Treasurer Collins has a draw down schedule on the project.

Administrator Barber reported that the community newsletter report is not ready. Every taxing body has a different idea and it is not easy to meet everyone's schedules and time frames.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Board considered an extension of time for the restoration of the Buchmeier building. Trustee Ahrendt contacted Mr. Buchmeier and he has not called her back yet. Due to economic conditions, Trustee Ahrendt recommended extending the building permit by six months. Questions were raised as to who is doing inspections. The Board felt that our inspectors still need to do the regular inspections for this project although it was questioned who will pay the building permit renewal fees that the Village Board previously waived. The Village will pay the building permit renewal fees. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve an extension to Buchmeier's building permit until January 1, 2010. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Status was provided of the 9C pond on Cardinal Creek Golf Course. Pictures of the pond that were taken earlier in the day were provided for review. Administrator Barber reported that he heard some of the homeowners still had some issues regarding the pond. Board members commented that the pond is in a lot better condition than it was and it looks much better. The pond was found to be acceptable by the Board.

The Board considered an ordinance amendment establishing rules for the collection of refuse. Attorney Kuiper explained the ordinance. Trustee Cleary wants to eliminate the word “empty” in the ordinance in case someone puts their cans out after their pick- up time and the trash does not get collected.

ORDINANCE #1121 - An Ordinance establishing rules for the collection of refuse with the amendment to eliminate the word “empty” before “containers” in the ordinance. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1121. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (1) Trustee Szymanski.

Motion Carried.

The Board continued discussion of a wood pile located at the southeast corner of Penfield and Oak Park Avenue. At issue is the amount of wood, including the wood from several trees and stumps. President Lohmann recommended that the complainants begin a neighborhood petition and file a civil suit against the property owner. The Village does not have anything on the books for which the property owner can be cited. It does not appear to be defined as a nuisance by ordinance.

The Board also discussed trampolines and play equipment in front yards.

A “Go to 2040” CMAP workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing a draw on a letter of credit in the amount of \$15,000 for the fine grade and landscaping of homes on Sunset Cove in The Preserves at Cardinal Creek Subdivision. Attorney Kuiper will request the draw. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The June 25th meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Lohmann met with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) two weeks ago. The airport project is still going forward. The State is hoping to get more money for land acquisition on the Capital Bill.

President Lohmann shared a brochure from the Will County Center for Economic Development tour of intermodal facilities that he attended with Administrator Barber. President Lohmann was impressed with facilities that were being constructed.

RESOLUTION #2009-17 - A Resolution establishing June 23, 2009 as “Olympic Day” in the Village of Beecher. A copy of the Resolution was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2009-17. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

President Lohmann met with Representative Lisa Dugan last week at Cardinal Creek Golf Course and discussed problems in Springfield, the airport, and Route 1 issues. Gallagher Asphalt has been awarded bids for resurfacing the south end of Route 1 this year.

Administrator Barber and Trustee Wehling will set up a meeting after July 4th to discuss the Ehlers donation.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Ahrendt commented on grass not being cut at a home near Administrator Barber's house. Bob indicated the bank is responsible for cutting the lawn.

There being no further business, President Lohmann asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.
AYES: (6) Trustees Cleary, Ahrendt, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk