

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY,
30251 SOUTH CARDINAL CREEK BLVD., BEECHER, ILLINOIS
APRIL 12, 2010 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Lohmann called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the new Public Works facility.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Treasurer Nelson Collins, Public Works Superintendent Harold "Bud" Cowger and Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber.

GUESTS: Lynn Dill from the Beecher Herald, Barb Dorman from the Southland Voice, Kim Koutsky, Kevin Bouchard, Bill and Laura Voss, Bob Carter, Chuck Hoehn, Howard Hamilton, Dayna Johnson, George Schuitema, Andrew Ahrendt and Arnold Cooper.

President Lohmann asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 22, 2010 Board meeting. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2010 Budget meeting. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2010 Intergovernmental Committee meeting. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Ahrendt, Szymanski, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (2) Trustees Cleary and Gardner.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Bills were presented for the Beecher Fourth of July Commission. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the bills totalling \$425.02 as listed on the Clerk's Report. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

3) There were no objections from the Board to a proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness month. 4) Clerk Conner provided an update on Census 2010.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Chuck Hoehn, President of the Fourth of July Commission, showed the Ford Mustang that will be raffled off at this year's festival.

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.

A list of bills totalling \$108,954.52 to be paid was available for review. 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, Szymanski, Gardner, Kuhlman and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2010-03 - A Resolution opposing any reduction to the local government distributive fund. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-03. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve a proposal from Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm to conduct audits of the Village's books for the next three years. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A letter stating Comcast's new rates for cable service effective April 24th was provided in the packet for review.

The Board considered a resolution adopting a five-year strategic plan for the Village of Beecher (2010-2014). Trustee Szymanski opposed the wording of supporting a park district because the word 'district' usually means forming another taxing body which would apply to everyone, even those not using the parks. Some Board members disagreed on this and discussed removing the statement regarding parks from the Strategic Plan completely. The Board discussed the condition of Welton

Stedt Park. After lengthy discussion, Trustee Szymanski made a motion to amend item #12 to read: "The Village supports park programs which should encompass the entire township or school district. The Village should not take the lead role in a park district. The driving factor to create a park district must come from the residents it will serve and not from another government agency". Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2010-04 - A Resolution adopting a five year strategic plan for the Village of Beecher, 2010-2014, with the amendment to item #12 as noted above. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-04 with the amendment to item #12. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update was provided on the budget preparation process. Trustee Cleary indicated that he would not be at the April 26th Public Hearing and voiced his support to approve the proposed budget.

RESOLUTION #2010-05 - A Resolution authorizing line item transfers in the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 budget and authorizing the Village Treasurer to make payments prior to April 30, 2010 for three capital item purchases: a copier, a 60" rider mower, and a 2010 Ford Crown Vic. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-05. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2010-06 - A Resolution adopting a new personnel manual for all Village employees. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-06. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Will County has released tax levies and rates for 2009 collectible in 2010. Material was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Kuhlman indicated he and Chief Weissgerber would like time to discuss participation in the Illinois Regional Air Support Service before discussing the matter with the Board.

C. STREETS AND ALLEYS COMMITTEE

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve bid awards for Church Road East, Nantucket Cove and The Preserve at Cardinal Creek, to Iroquois Paving of Watseka in the amount of \$597,512.31. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2010-07 - A Resolution regarding maintenance of underground utilities in state rights of way. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-07. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update was provided on the Chestnut/Dixie traffic signal. Administrator Barber reported that it was found today that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is requiring materials testing on all asphalt to be used on the job, which may add an additional \$8,000 to the project.

An annual report from Commonwealth Edison of activity in Beecher was provided in the packet for review.

The street sweeping of Route #1, Indiana Avenue and Village curbed streets was completed last week, with assistance from the Village of Richton Park.

Trustee Szymanski stated that since bids came in lower than anticipated for paving projects, he has driven streets and is making a list of additional street repairs that need to be made. These additional repairs may be able to be completed this year. This list will be kept for future improvements also.

D. SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE

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

It was reported that another watermain break occurred on Penfield Street, in front of the fire station.

Trustee Gardner made a motion authorizing the preparation of an application for \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to replace the watermain on Maxwell Street from Indiana Avenue to Penfield Street and to authorize a public hearing on this project for the May 12th Board meeting. Trustee Cleary 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

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve payment of bills from the General Obligation Bond account for the new Public Works facility in the amount of \$12,679.97. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

It was noted that the curb cut on Cardinal Creek Boulevard and paving of the ramp should be done before finishing the new Public Works facility project.

The open house for the new Public Works facility is scheduled for May 22nd from 9 a.m. until noon, with a ribbon cutting at 9 a.m.

Clerk Conner reported that the Spring newsletter is at the printer.

Trustee Wehling reported that he has received more information from the Tomahawk, Wisconsin veteran's memorial. The Ehlers Bequest Committee is moving towards doing the same type of facility in Beecher. President Lohmann discussed proposed changes to where the memorial will be located.

F. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) met on March 25th. Trustee Ahrendt provided a report.

The Board considered an ordinance granting a portion of the Village's property tax as a reimbursement to Dutch American Foods, Inc. in the event they expand by a minimum of an additional 50,000 square feet. A copy of the ordinance was provided in the packet for review. The ordinance was amended that the addition must be a minimum of 40,000 square feet, according to Art VanBaren.

ORDINANCE #1130 - An Ordinance granting a portion of the Village's property tax as a reimbursement to Dutch American Foods, Inc. in the event they expand by a minimum of an additional (amended) 40,000 square feet. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1130. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$3,233.50 from the MGM Escrow Account for design engineering on road and curb work bids and \$2,800 from the Montalbano Escrow Account for design and engineering on road and curb work bids to Baxter and Woodman Engineering. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$2,900 to M.E. Simpson Company for the locating of offsite utilities in The Preserve at Cardinal Creek. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Economic Development Coordinator's monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESOLUTION #2010-08 - A Resolution requesting inclusion of the Illiana Expressway in the list of fiscally constrained major capital projects for CMAP Go To 2040. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-08. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Results were provided from the March 29th Intergovernmental Committee meeting.

Results were provided from the March 31st Eastcom Board of Directors meeting.

The township's annual town meeting will be held on April 13th at 7:00 p.m.

The Will County Governmental League lobby day and drive down is scheduled for April 20th in Springfield.

Administrator Barber will be on vacation on April 24th and 25th. President Lohmann will be on vacation April 18th through the 25th.

Trustee Cleary made a motion to repeal Ordinance #1129 pertaining to Basset training for liquor license holders. Trustee Szymanski seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1131 - An Ordinance pertaining to Basset training for liquor license holders which includes Class B liquor licenses (package sales). Trustee Szymanski made a motion to approve Ordinance #1131. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber mentioned that the Board may consider holding just one Board meeting a month over the summer months.

President Lohmann commended Public Works Superintendent Cowger and Public Works employees for their hard work on getting the new Public Works facility ready for tonight's meeting.

There being no further business, President Lohmann asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Cleary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ahrendt 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