

**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
OCTOBER 13, 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, Meyer, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

ABSENT: Trustees Ahrendt and Wehling.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Kim Koutsky and Deputy Treasurer Nelson Collins.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The Women's Club/Beautification Commission is still looking for participants for the house walk. Two trustees are participating. Staff has been asked to put the new Village Hall in the house walk but it was decided not to do it this year because the moving in date is too close to the house walk date.

Trustee Kuhlman reported that the new beer stand is being constructed in Firemen's Park. There is probably 2-3 hours of wood work to do. Metal roofing is coming in this week and may be put up this weekend. President Szymanski asked for any volunteers that might want to help.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Youth Commission event is a haunted house trip on October 17th. There will be no Trunk or Treat this year.

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. Treasurer Koutsky also provided a corrected report to the Board including a missed Commission report. 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.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills totalling \$148,707.71 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 Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A list of bills to be paid from the 625 Dixie Highway Account was provided. Trustee Cleary made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$7,625.26 from the 625 Dixie Highway Account including two additional bills to Helsel Jepperson. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (3) Trustees Cleary, Meyer and Kypuros.

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kuhlman.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cleary reported that the audit will be presented at the October 27th Board meeting.

Administrator Barber said that members of the Homeowner's Association from The Preserves at Cardinal Creek will be present at the next meeting to request some of the escrow money from the subdivision as they had asked the Board about at a previous meeting.

Trustee Cleary expressed concerns regarding actions taken at the previous meeting. He viewed the meeting on YouTube since he was unable to attend. He noted that the Board approved minutes of the previous meeting which included a motion that was unanimously approved to authorize staff to move forward in pursuing putting in a new phone system for both the new Village Hall at 625 Dixie Highway and the Police Station at 724 Penfield Street, but at the following meeting two Trustees voted no on approving the bill for the new phone system. Trustee Cleary felt that this puts Village employees in jeopardy of procuring something the Board is not going to support or pay for. Trustee Cleary was concerned that such action is sending the wrong message to the employees and the taxpayers.

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

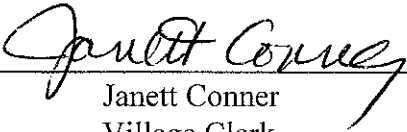
AYES: (4) Trustees Cleary, Meyer, Kypuros and Kuhlman.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk