

**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 12, 2016 -- 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 Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Lynne Orr, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger and Denis Tatgenhorst.

GUEST: Kyle Meyer of the Southland Voice and Stacy Mazurek.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 22, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There was no need to vote on the minutes of the August 31, 2016 Joint Taxing Body meeting because there was no quorum present at that meeting.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the next meeting for the Beautification Commission is scheduled for September 13th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

There was nothing new to report on the Fourth of July Commission or Youth Commission.

Trustee Basile provided a report on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. They are currently working on a bench, which is almost finished and looks nice. The bench will be located in Firemen's Park by the Ribbon of Hope Cancer Memorial.

Trustee Wehling reported that the Historic Preservation Commission went through old minutes at the Village Hall. They learned details about the old sidewalks in the old downtown. Twelve properties were identified for the historic plaque program and letters were sent out to property owners to see if they want to place plaques on their property. Washington Township has not made a decision yet on sharing costs for these plaques. Meetings for the Historic Preservation Commission are always held on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Depot.

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 Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills totalling \$187,093.63 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the Village President to sign an agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the inclusion of the Elm/Birch watermain construction observation in the amount of \$7,000. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered bids for crack sealing. Bids were let and only one bid was received. Superintendent Cowger recommended approving the \$22,374.40 bid for rubberized crack sealing. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to accept a bid from Denler, Inc., in the amount of \$22,374.40 for crack sealing Village streets. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$15,855 from AAA Tree Service for the removal of 13 dead trees in the Village, deemed too large for Public Works employees to take down. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Public Works has already taken down 94 smaller trees. Superintendent Cowger stated that residents can't anticipate a quick stump removal. Some stumps will be removed this fall and some will be removed in the spring, due to cost.

Chief Weissgerber introduced Denis Tatgenhorst to the Board as the new ESDA Coordinator, Code Enforcement Officer and Director of Community Policing, effective September 19th. President Szymanski appointed Denis Tatgenhorst as ESDA Coordinator and Code Enforcement Officer for the Village. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve President Szymanski's appointment. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski requested an executive session be held to update the Village Board on a pending collective bargaining matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber reported that the new amplifier was received for the Community Hall chimes and they still don't work, so the speakers probably need to be replaced. Staff is working on this.

Administrator Barber reported that Nantucket Cove, Prairie Crossings South and The Preserves at Cardinal Creek subdivisions are all in the process of being purchased.

President Szymanski reported the Senior Breakfast will be held this Saturday and invited Board members to attend.

There being no further business to be discussed in open session, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss personnel pertaining to a pending collective bargaining matter. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to return to regular session at 7:41 p.m. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janett Conner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janett Conner
Village Clerk