

PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 28, 2008

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER, 30200 TOWN CENTER ROAD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS BEGINNING AT 7:04 P.M. ON APRIL 28, 2008.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Trustee Wehling.

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

GUESTS: Bill Byrns from the Daily Journal, Larry Hameister, Andrew Ahrendt, Kim and Betty Koutsky, Kevin Bouchard, Tom Stluka, Joe Perry, Tony Perry, Ron and Nancy Reichert, Warren Opperman, and Joseph Venturella.

Trustee Szymanski made a motion to open the public hearing. Trustee Cleary seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A public hearing was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009. Administrator Barber provided a report on the budget with detailed explanations of budget cuts and the projected decrease in building permits and increased expenses. The expected cost to the average household in the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year was estimated to be \$29 less this year than in the previous year.

Board members and the audience were asked for questions and comments on the budget. President Lohmann noted a new line item in the budget: Parks, which he noted, takes money away from other departments this year. Kim Koutsky asked if the MGM lawsuit impacted the budget.

When there was no further discussion, President Lohmann asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Szymanski made a motion to close the hearing at 7:15 p.m.. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner, Village Clerk