



**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
AUGUST 13, 2018 -- 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 Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Greg Smith, Public Works Crew Leader Matt Conner and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUESTS: None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 23, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Basile.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Crew Leader Conner provided a Beautification Commission report. No meeting was held last month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th.

A Fourth of July Commission report was provided. Trustee Meyer is working on balancing the accounts and will provide final numbers when available.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the Youth Commission's next event will be held on the square in Crown Point. More information will be provided later. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th at the Village Hall.

Trustee Wehling reported that the Historic Preservation Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th at 6 p.m. at the Depot. They are still working on the plaque program.

Plaques are going up around town.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was provided to the Board for review and Treasurer Rooney was present to answer questions. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Basile added a bill for Johnny on the Spot for an additional \$505, making that total bill \$955. President Szymanski noted a bill on the list to Barb Hodgett for damage done to a car by a parkway tree, to reimburse resident for her deductible. He spoke to some trustees that felt this wasn't a good practice to continue so he opened the matter up to the Board for discussion. The claim was submitted to the Village insurance and was denied. It was questioned if the deductible had been higher or more cars had been hit if we would want to reimburse those costs. It was felt overall that this type of reimbursement shouldn't be done in the future. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills, adding \$505 to the Johnny on the Spot bill, and removing the bill to Barb Hodgett for the tree damage in the amount of \$250, for a total amount of \$202,140. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2018-09 – A Resolution of withdrawal from the Eastern Will Benefits Council (EWBC) sub-pool and authorizing membership in the Southwest Alliance for Health Management (SWAHM). These two sub-pools are merging for efficiency. Trustee Basile made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-09. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski reported that Prairie State College will be holding a Crete and Beecher Community Celebration Day on Thursday, August 23rd from 5-7 p.m. Those attending can carpool from the Village Hall.

A letter received from St. James Hospital was provided for review. The emergency room is scheduled to close on August 29th.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus questioned some of the Amazon amounts on the credit card bill since they are not itemized on the bill. Staff ordered a new air conditioner for a well house and much of the Amazon items were for laser printer and ink cartridges.

NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski reported that he and Administrator Barber attended and spoke at an anniversary ceremony for the Beecher Fellowship Baptist Church and were provided with a certificate.

President Szymanski reported that the Knights of Columbus submitted a letter asking for permission to hold their Annual Intellectual Disabilities Fund drive in the Village from September 21-23rd. There were no objections by the Board.

Trustee Kypuros said we had good participation for the 2040 plan workshop but many of the people who attended weren't of the age that would be looking to raise kids here in the future. He proposed a company come out and speak regarding generational differences such as millennials who will be raising families here in Beecher so we can understand the other generations and what they are looking for, to get them involved. This could also be good for the Chamber of Commerce to get involved in. President Szymanski agreed that we need to find ways to get younger generations involved in the community.

It was discussed that Rhoda Signs has proposed doing a promotional video of the Village and all the businesses to promote the community. This is being looked at by the Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Mazurek asked about the property behind McDonalds that has signs that the land is up for tax sale. The Village will continue mowing the lots and lien the property until the lots are purchased for back taxes.

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

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk