

**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
APRIL 24, 2017 -- 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, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger and Chief of Police Jeff Weissgerber.

GUESTS: Todd Kraus, Stacy Mazurek, Kim Koutsky and George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT

1) A report on tax income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) A Proclamation was approved by consensus declaring May, 2017, as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Beecher as requested by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. 3) Clerk Conner reminded any Board members who have not filed their Statement of Economic Interest with the Will County Clerk's office, to do so by May 1st.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer made a motion to open a public hearing at 7:03 p.m. to consider a proposed budget for fiscal year 2017/2018. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 was held. Administrator Barber presented the budget and provided a review of the detailed budget message and highlights of items in the budget. Board members and audience were asked if they had any questions or input.

There was no testimony or questions. Trustee Meyer made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2017-03 - A Resolution adopting a budget for fiscal year 2017/2018. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-03. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1260 - An Ordinance adopting an appropriation for fiscal year 2017/2018. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1260. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Illinois Public Benefit Cooperative quarterly report was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A park rules update was provided. The Attorney is still working on the park rules.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 27th. There will be public hearings for a variance for a fence in the front yard setback at 159 Bald Eagle and for a special use permit for outdoor seating for a beer garden at 618 Gould Street (Gould Vault). The PZC will also continue its work on a solar panel ordinance.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

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

Superintendent Cowger provided a mosquito abatement update. Larvaciding of manholes will be completed this week, weather permitting.

Trustee Kuhlman made a motion authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Challenger SXT from Pearl Chrysler of Peotone in the amount of \$23,976 for this year's raffle car for the Fourth of July festival. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion. Three bids were received and a bid tab sheet was provided in the packet for review.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kuhlman made a motion authorizing the signing of an agreement with Melrose Pyrotechnics to provide a fireworks display in the amount of \$30,000 for 2018, 2019 and 2020. In the event that the event is discontinued, Melrose agrees to void the contract. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A wastewater treatment plant design update was provided by Trustee Kypuros. After a cost-benefit analysis was conducted, it was decided to re-purpose the old Public Works garage as a sludge storage building and the analysis was provided in the packet for review. There are several technical meetings being conducted in the coming month and the plan is to have the design of the plant complete by August to submit to the IEPA.

A Penfield S.T.P. update was provided. IDOT had determined that the Penfield Street bridge may be historically significant because of the unique brick side railings. Administrator Barber said Penfield and Miller Street bridges were built in 1928, which are actually box culverts built by Wiggerhauser. More forms need to be filled out and IDOT wants renderings of bridge and photos to be put in state archives before it is replaced and widened. Trustee Kypuros asked what will happen when the Miller Street bridge needs replacing and it is the last one of its type. It was discussed using the existing bricks on the new bridge to preserve some of the design but it will still have to meet safety standards.

Trustee Kypuros reported the bypass diesel pumps failed during the last rain storm due to debris caught in impellers. Both bypass pumps failed last month, one due to a failure of a motherboard in the pump, and the other due to the impeller becoming blocked by a fabric bag. The cost of the repairs were estimated around \$7,500. Superintendent Cowger reported that the one at the sewer plant is up and running. More work still needs to be done on the pump by the grade school, but it should be repaired this week.

Superintendent Cowger provided an update on the tree planting program. The trees will be planted in the spring this year due to the type of species. Planting should begin by the end of this week.

It was learned that the Penfield Street watermain loan should be approved by the IEPA on May 1st.

Street sweeping will occur from May 1st through May 5th. It was changed this year to daytime sweeping because of past complaints when done during the overnight hours. Signs will be put up at the entrances to town. Trustee Kypuros suggested the possibility of posting signs on certain streets days when street sweeping will be done. Public Works will see how it goes sweeping during the day.

The Village has received a legal opinion on the obligation to maintain swales in easements at Trim Creek Business Park. This was looked into because there is a drainage problem along the east property lines of the Trim Creek Business Park where water is backing up after large rains to adjacent properties. It appears that it is being caused by sediment from the farm fields. The Attorney's opinion indicated that the Village has a legal right to enter the easement and improve drainage but does not have an obligation to do so. Therefore, Board members were asked how they would like to handle this issue. \$5,000 has been budgeted to re-grade the swale. Superintendent Cowger reported that if the Village wants to do the project properly an engineer should look at it. There were concerns that this proposal may only be a temporary fix. Administrator Barber noted that all the property owners affected also have a different opinion on how to address this issue. Trustee Kypuros said after thinking about it, he felt the Village only had two options: 1) Do an RFP on cost for engineering this project or, 2) stick to the Attorney's opinion that this is not our issue and not do anything, but was concerned if something is done what effect it may have on something else in that area in the coming years. Staff felt that some thing must have changed recently because this wasn't a problem in the past. It is unknown if anything changed to the fields surrounding the property or if a field tile may be broken. President Szymanski said he doesn't know what's causing the problem and would like to find out what may be going on. No improvements have been done in that area in the last few years by the Village to change this drainage so it was questioned if it is the Village's responsibility. Trustee Kypuros questioned how we can justify spending the money to find this problem which may not be the Village's. After much discussion, the consensus of the Board agreed to go with the Attorney's opinion that this is not the Village's issue to address.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Spring newsletter has been completed and will be mailed on Tuesday.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski reported that the Village is on a list with CSX for them to contribute toward the Village's quiet zone. The project should be considered by them by the end of May. There was nothing new to report on the Crete intermodal project.

President Szymanski and Administrator Barber will be attending lobby day in Springfield this week.

President Szymanski requested an executive session be held to review for approval and release of executive session minutes.

H. OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Barber explained the agenda for the next meeting when new Board members would be sworn in.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:49 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to return to regular session at 8:30 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve executive session minutes from April 27, 2015 through January 23, 2017. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2017-04 - A Resolution releasing certain executive session minutes as approved.

Trustee Meyer made a motion adopting Resolution #2017-04. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2017-05 - A Resolution authorizing destruction of executive session audio recordings from October 28, 2013 through October 12, 2015. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-05. Trustee Wehling 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 Ahrendt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

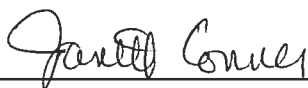
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk