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**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
FEBRUARY 27, 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: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Code Enforcement Officer Denis Tatgenhorst and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: Stacy Mazurek, Kim Koutsky, Diane Carson, Don Sala, George Schuitema, Doug Terpstra and John Voss.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT

President Szymanski asked the Village Board to support a Proclamation declaring May, 2017 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Trustee Wehling made a motion of support for a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Trustee Kuhlman seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski read a proposed Proclamation and congratulated the Women's Club on their 90th anniversary. Trustee Wehling made a motion of support for a Declaration celebrating the

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Women's Club's 90th anniversary. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The first draft of the budget has been released to the Village Board. Trustee Meyer stated that the draft will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on Saturday, March 4, 2017 beginning at 7a.m. The Village Board will then review the budget at the March 27, 2017 Village Board meeting. The public hearing will be held on April 24, 2017.

Trustee Meyer provided an update on the self-funded health insurance plan.

The Village's self-funded liability insurance pool end of year report was provided in the packet for review.

The Comcast cable annual report was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling provided results of the Committee meeting on park rules. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was provided in the packet for review. The Village Attorney will be consulted for input.

Superintendent Cowger provided an update on the ice rink. Public Works has already started draining the rink for the season.

Administrator Barber provided an update on the Village Hall generator. The generator is on standby mode and he reported that the grant check was received today.

The Board considered a motion granting an additional ten years for park impact fee waivers for Fieldgate Subdivision. The owner of the project, Doug Terpstra, was present to explain his request to extend the expiration date of 243 park impact fee waivers from October 1, 2025 to October 1, 2035 having a total estimated value of \$547,236. The development agreement is silent as to the expiration of these certificates but the certificates themselves have an expiration date on them that coincides with the development agreement expiration. The School District fee waiver certificates have no date on them. The Village Attorney has given us an opinion that the development agreement cannot be extended and that the PUD will disappear in 10 years if the improvements are not completed or a letter of credit is not secured by the Village before that time. This means that the subdivision has to be underway and all funds secured for completion prior to October 1, 2025. However, the Village Board does have the legal right to extend the park impact fee waivers for an additional 10 years to allow the subdivision to be built out gradually according to economic conditions. Mr. Terpstra stated that he provided 20 acres of land for the school and the park but has nothing of value to show for his dedication and it is unreasonable to assume now that the subdivision

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would be built out in 10 years. He also paid \$32,000 for the resurfacing of Church Road east of Cardinal Creek Boulevard in 2007 as specified in the agreement. A copy of the letter from the Village Attorney and the original agreement were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros asked Mr. Terpstra why the extension was being requested now if the waivers don't expire for eight years. Mr. Terpstra explained that it makes the development more marketable to potential buyers.

Much discussion followed. Trustee Wehling made a motion to re-consider the extension request at the March 27, 2017 Village Board meeting, in order to give the Board more time to review the information. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion approving a partnership agreement with the Will County Forest Preserve District for 2017. Diane Carson from the Will County Forest Preserve was present to explain the partnership and its successes over the past year. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Ahrendt reported on the February 23, 2017 Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting. Petitioner, Mike Badali, was present at the PZC meeting requesting an off-premise sign for Sophia's to be located on the southwest corner of Penfield and Dixie. The PZC also discussed modifying the zoning ordinance pertaining to solar panels and systems. The PZC was also briefed on the CSX Intermodal Yard and discussed amending the land use plan to accommodate these recent developments.

Administrator Barber reported that the PZC discussed changes to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at great length. There are two options: 1) Do a text re-write of the plan; or 2) Apply for a grant through CMAP, which funding would then allow for an updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan emphasizing public input. Some criteria would need to be met. It was the consensus of the PZC to apply for the CMAP grant.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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

The Police Department annual report for 2016 was provided for review. Chief Weissgerber

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explained and asked the Board to contact him if they had any questions on the report. Administrator Barber noted that from 3-6 a.m. appeared to be the peak time for incidents, which is when the Police Department does their burglary checks for businesses. Chief Weissgerber explained recent upgrades to the evidence room.

Chief Weissgerber noted that the last page of the annual report contains a pie chart reflecting the types of issues that have been handled by Code Enforcement in 2016.

ORDINANCE #1257 - An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement for membership in the Greater Will County Emergency Services Mutual Aid Association. This allows the Village to participate in this Association to provide and receive mutual aid from other EMA's in times of emergency. Trustee Kuhlman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1257. 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 Departments monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

The Public Works Department Annual Report was provided for review. Superintendent Cowger provided comments regarding water main breaks, hydrant flushing, water loss ratio, tree removal, mosquito abatement, sidewalk repair/replacement, street signs and the water meter replacement program.

Trustee Kypuros asked Superintendent Cowger to consider integrating fuel used per vehicle in next year's report.

Trustee Kypuros provided an update on the Penfield/Elm/Birch watermain replacement project.

An update was provided on the Safe Routes to Schools program. An issue with the Penfield Street crossing system has been addressed and the beacons are being monitored to see if they continue to malfunction. The other crossings appear to be working fine. Public Works needs to be trained on the maintenance of the system. The Village will get spare batteries and an Operations and Maintenance manual. Once this is done the project will be near completion.

An update was provided on the Chestnut/Willow Street lights. Com Ed has determined that the Village cannot daisy chain from the existing street lights to the new lights, so side yard easements have to be obtained to run wire from the rear yards to the parkways for the new lights. Com Ed is designing this job but the Village will be asked to pay for the easements and the installation cost of the lighting. \$10,000 has been budgeted in MFT for this purpose but the easement issue may increase the cost of the project. We can still deny the job later on and revisit the solar lighting option. As time goes by solar technology is increasing the viability of this option. Once Com Ed has the job designed and priced out we can examine our options again.

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A Cardinal Creek Boulevard bridge inspection report was provided in the packet for review.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A Gould Street boardwalk project update was provided. Bids will be opened on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 3 p.m. so the Finance Committee will have the numbers for the budget meeting to be held the following morning. The bids will be presented to the Board at the March 13, 2017 meeting.

An update regarding tablets for Board members was provided. The Village Clerk has been working on this project.

An update on Congresswoman Robin Kelly's recent speech at Bult Field was provided. Trustee Basile, Administrator Barber, President Szymanski and PZC Commissioners Hearn and Schuitema attended the presentation. President Szymanski stated that the airport project was further along than he thought. President Szymanski noted that CSX has a website containing a lot of information.

The Board was advised that it was time to consider articles for the Spring newsletter. The President's corner will feature such items as the Crete Intermodal and the Village's response, in addition to the Penfield Street watermain project, which we hope will be under construction by that time.

Trustee Wehling reported that the Historic Preservation Committee will be hosting a 200th birthday celebration at the Depot for T.L. Miller, in conjunction with Drivin' the Dixie in June. Don Sala was present to explain the event.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski provided an update on the Crete Intermodal. There is now a full website that contains several videos of interest that all Board members are encouraged to watch. President Szymanski encouraged Board members to enter their email address on the website in order to receive updates.

Administrator Barber provided an update on the Laraway Communications Center. The first official meeting of the Board of Directors took place last week and the Center is now beginning to take shape. The Center hopes to be up and running in January, 2018.

The Village will be participating in two Lobby Days in Springfield, the first one being the Will County Governmental League on March 15th and 16th and the second one will be the South Suburban Mayors and Managers/Illinois Municipal League on April 25th and 26th. President Szymanski is making plans to meet with legislators and representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

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

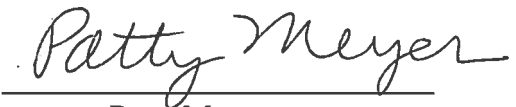
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Patty Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk