



**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 25, 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 Basile, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.  
ABSENT: Trustee Meyer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief of Police Jeff Weissgerber and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

**GUESTS:** None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**CLERKS'S REPORT**

A report on tax income received since the last meeting was provided.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Board members were reminded to complete their strategic plan surveys by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dates for the strategic planning process will be set up at the next Board meeting.

The five-year financial plan process has begun by staff. The plan will be presented in January and considered in February.

The audits were provided to the Board. The auditor will be present at the next meeting to provide their report.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wehling provided results of events in Firemen's Park in the past month.

It was reported that the Village has been approached by the Fire Department and Lions Club regarding a joint project to construct playground equipment in Firemen's Park near the new Beecher Recreation stand. The Fourth of July Commission and Beecher Recreation may also be approached to participate. This is only a concept and fundraising will need to be done. Trustees Wehling and Kraus will be scheduling a meeting at the park to consider this project.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

The Committee met to discuss a new ordinance for the parking of vehicles and trailers on private property. The Committee determined this should be a municipal parking code and not a zoning ordinance amendment so it is easier for Code Enforcement and the Police Department to enforce. Some language was provided to the Village Attorney and the Committee will be meeting to consider the draft ordinance before presenting it to the full Board.

**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.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

It was reported that mosquito abatement is done for the year.

ORDINANCE #1276 – An Ordinance amending the nuisance abatement code to include all property, not just private property. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1276. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

The water billing register for the months of July and August, 2017 were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros noted that the pumped to billed ratio improved to over 77% which is better than expected.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment to Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$388,308.97 pending receipt of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan proceeds sufficient to cover the cost of the pay request. A copy of the pay request was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A Penfield Street watermain update was provided. The restoration work is complete and a final walk through of the job is being planned. There is one issue regarding some heaving pavement on Birch Drive north of Penfield Street that is being addressed.

A wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation update was provided. Bids were let on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Village Hall for all interested bidders. Bid opening will occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Village Board will consider the bids at its November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Village has a commitment for a 30-year loan at 1.5%. A timeline for the project and planned financing was provided.

The Village Engineer has drafted a Capacity, Management Operation and Maintenance Report for review by the IEPA. This is required for all sanitary sewer systems licensed throughout the state and required before we obtain a loan.

Superintendent Cowger provided a sidewalk replacement update.

A Chestnut streetlight update was provided. Superintendent Cowger met with King Electric and is waiting for him to submit a proposal and then will move forward with the project.

Route #1 shoulder widening is scheduled to begin this week and be completed by the end of October.

Superintendent Cowger provided a Fall hydrant flushing update. Flushing went well. A written report of gallons flushed will be provided in the next Board packet.

Superintendent Cowger provided a valve turning program update. He is working out a schedule with M.E. Simpson on when work will begin.

A water meter replacement program update was provided. This is the third year of a six-year program to replace all meters in the system with IPERLS.

The Board considered a proposal for the take down of nine dead or dying trees. Twenty-three trees have been tagged for takedown by Public Works this winter in-house and an additional eight trees need to be trimmed. An additional nine trees have been identified for contractor removal since they are too large for the Public Works Department to handle. Prices have been obtained for this work and Superintendent Cowger recommended hiring AAA Tree Service in the amount of \$12,481. AAA Tree Service was not the lowest bidder but their bid includes all removal and restoration, guarantees the work and is a local company. Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal with AAA Tree Service in the amount of \$12,481 for the take down of nine dead or dying trees in Village parkways. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Leaf collection is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and end the week of Thanksgiving depending on the weather.

Superintendent Cowger reported that the flashing traffic light along Route #1 will be moved further down the road by Public Works, in order to improve visibility. This will be put in the parkway across from Circle K gas station.

#### **F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

A Gould Street boardwalk update was provided. The extra railing has been delivered and it needs to be installed by T+K. The deck should be treated next Summer. The parking spaces still need to be painted due to the change in the location of the stairs.

A Fall newsletter update was provided. It is scheduled to be mailed the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Basile reported that a Committee meeting will be scheduled this week to discuss the Facebook page.

An update on a Vietnam era Veteran's commemoration ceremony to be held at Prairie State College was provided. Forms are available at the Village Hall.

#### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Results on the Illinois Municipal League Conference was provided. Those who attended provided a summary of things learned.

#### **H. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Mazurek reported that the Youth Commission will not be taking part in a Trunk or Treat. The Chamber couldn't commit to help and they couldn't do it on their own. However, the St. Paul Lutheran Church farmer's market is doing a Trunk or Treat on October 28<sup>th</sup> so the Youth Commission will be participating in that. Plus, there will be another event held at Beecher High School for younger children that the Commission will be sponsoring.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk