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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
NOVEMBER 13, 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, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Acting Chief Rick Emerson, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Engineer Ray Koenig and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 23, 2017 Board meeting and October 30, 2017 Strategic Planning meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski asked for a moment of silence for the recent shooting in a Texas church.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing to report for the Beautification Commission or Fourth of July Commission.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the Youth Commission's next event is Nerf Day on November 19th at the Junior High School. Approximately 70 kids have registered to participate. The Youth Commission will be participating in the Washington Township holiday event at the Community Hall on December 9th. A bowling event will be held in January.

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Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The benches are all done and bricks have been engraved and installed. The memorial will be dedicated in the spring.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Depot. Seven more plaques have been ordered to total thirteen so far.

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 Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills totaling \$383,037.61 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. It was noted that due to the holiday, many bills were added since reviewed the previous week and were highlighted on the bill list. Trustee Kraus asked about the dispatching fees. Both Eastcom and Laraway are being paid based on a prorated number of days. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered award of a bid for the rehabilitation of the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bids were opened on October 31st and five bids were received. A bid tab sheet was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve authorization of award of a bid for the rehabilitation of the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$8,696,500 to IHC Construction Company of Elgin, IL, subject to the Village's receipt of a formal loan offer from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported that Public Works is looking at a purchase of a used F800 tandem axle dump truck. This item was budgeted for the next fiscal year, but there is a current opportunity to purchase a truck for significantly less money than budgeted. Photos and specs of the truck were provided to the Board for review. Crew Leader Matt Conner drove the truck and confirmed the truck was in good shape and had the new equipment as advertised. Crew Leader Conner asked for

additional funds over the truck price to get some needed work done on the truck. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve waiving of bids for the purchase of a used tandem axle dump truck at an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the truck and needed extras. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to authorize the Village President to execute documents for the purchase of a used tandem axle dump truck in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a Resolution adopting a social media policy as recommended by the Committee and approved after minor revisions were made by the Attorney.

RESOLUTION #2017-09 – A Resolution adopting a social media policy for all elected and appointed officials of the Village and the use of the Village’s Facebook page. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-09. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The page went officially live that morning and Treasurer Rooney announced the page had 270 followers as of 6:30 p.m. that evening.

H. NEW BUSINESS

There was a five minute recess at 7:23 p.m. to prepare for continuation of the strategic planning discussion.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk