

**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
DECEMBER 10, 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 and Meyer.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Crew Leader Jim Pratl and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUESTS: None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 26, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Crew Leader Pratl reported that the new memorial bench with a plaque in honor of Paul Lohmann has been installed at Depot Park.

Trustee Meyer reported that she is working on closing the books for the Fourth of July Commission.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the next Youth Commission meeting will be held in January.

Trustee Wehling reported that there will not be a Historic Preservation Commission meeting this month. The next meeting will be held in January.

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: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

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

A list of bills totaling \$335,342.26 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Administrator Barber provided a copy of the draft of the five-year financial plan to review in the coming month. A workshop will be held after the first meeting of the month in January to discuss the plan.

Treasurer Rooney recommended combining the Ribbon of Hope and Veterans Memorial bank accounts into one Preservation account. The Veterans Memorial account has over \$11,000 and the Ribbon of Hope only has a little over \$300. The Ribbon of Hope account doesn't currently earn interest. Trustee Kypuros expressed concerns about donations made to the Veteran's Memorial account were made just for that purpose. He recommended closing the Ribbon of Hope account and have the Village take on perpetual maintenance of the memorial. After some discussion it was decided to leave the accounts separate at this time.

A letter advising the Village of pending Comcast rate changes was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A report was provided on the previous week's employee training on fire extinguishers. Crew Leader Pratl said a total of 18 employees were trained on the use of fire extinguishers, as requested by our liability insurance company.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The next Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019. Actual planning will now begin as the new comprehensive plan begins to take shape.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department, E.M.A. and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Wehling provided a report on the status of the full-time officer eligibility list. The written exam and physical agility tests were conducted on 12 applicants on October 21st. Ten applicants passed the physical agility test and sat for the written exam. Of these ten, eight passed the exam and are now eligible for oral interviews by the Police Commission. Interviews are currently being conducted. These eight will then be ranked for a two year list. The final oral interviews will occur Tuesday evening.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Crew Leader Pratl provided a report on the status of the Oak Park watermain project. Work has begun. Pipe has been pulled and the contractor is ready to energize the new main.

Administrator Barber provided a report on the wastewater treatment plant rehab project. A couple change orders will be considered later in the meeting. Project is moving quickly, and contractor is getting ready to install some of the large equipment. Project is approximately 30 days behind schedule due to equipment and weather delays.

It was reported that leaf collection will continue until December 14th, and the last brush collection for the year will be on December 17th.

Bids for the sale of surplus Public Works equipment were opened on December 6th and the results were provided in the packet for review. The Public Works Superintendent recommended that the Village sell three of the items and not sell the 1991 stake bed or the 2005 Impala due to the bids being low. Superintendent Conner felt he could get better bids for these two items if taken to auction. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve awarding of bids for the 1998 Ford F800, 1990 GMC dump and the skid steer plow to the highest bidders. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve change orders in the total amount of \$8,563.22 for surge protection on certain equipment (\$8,155.22) and for installation of jacket heater on ATS (\$408.00) to I.H.C. for the Sewer Plant project. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the results of the speaker presentation on generational differences held on November 28th. Approximately 75 people attended the event. Positive feedback has been received from those who attended and the event went well.

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President Szymanski provided a railroad quiet zone update. He received a report earlier in the day and will provide details when he has had a chance to review it.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Szymanski appointed Nelson Collins to the Beecher Fourth of July Commission. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was noted that Marcy Meyer will be moving over to fill the vacancy of secretary, and Nelson Collins agreed to again take over the Treasurer position.

There will not be a second Board meeting of the month on December 24th, due to the Christmas Eve holiday.

President Szymanski requested an Executive Session be held to discuss land acquisition.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to return to regular session at 7:42 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Basile reported that Beecher resident Juan Hernandez held a special event for special needs children at his Alicia's House facility in South Chicago Heights over the weekend. He is hoping to find a building in Beecher at some point for his events. Trustee Basile said Mr. Hernandez does some wonderful work and just wanted to recognize it.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk