# 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 June 24, 2019 -- 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, Meyer and Kraus

ABSENT: None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner and Chief Greg Smith.

**GUEST:** George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling 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.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion Carried.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner asked that anyone wishing to ride in the parade to let her or President Szymanski know.

# **RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

None.

# **A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Basile reported that the preliminary fieldwork has been completed for the audit and the auditors will be back in July to continue the audit. Trustee Basile said he received an audit questionnaire letter from Sikich which was addressed for Bolingbrook Park District so they will be contacted to correct this.

Trustee Basile provided an update on the Village's investment policy. If the Village wishes to keep any funds at a financial institution outside of the Village limits, the investment policy resolution will need to be redone. The Finance Committee is doing a full review of the services and investments offered by the local banks and will provide an update once completed. Trustee Kypuros asked what would need to be done to change the investment policy. A new resolution would be needed. Trustee Kypuros asked that the Resolution be updated so the Village investments can be changed at any time and the new policy be ready at the next meeting.

Trustee Basile made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement for enrollment in a purchasing cooperative for solar energy. This agreement is a result of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and Greenest Region Compact agreement the Village entered into a few months earlier. As a result of this agreement, the Village was estimated to save between \$1,862 and \$5,585 per year on its own electric accounts. There is a \$500 subscription fee that has to be paid up front to the Mayors Caucus. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

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

Trustee Wehling made a motion authorizing payment to G.T.I. in the amount of \$9,500 for electrical work at 533 Reed Street. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

# C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Mazurek reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting for June has been cancelled because CMAP has made several changes to the Comprehensive Plan update that requires re-writing much of the plan. It may be considered in July.

## **D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus proposed the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV pick-up truck as a new police squad. \$30,000 was budgeted for purchase of an SUV but the cost to purchase and equip a new SUV would be more than the \$43,000 amount budgeted. Purchasing the pick-up would keep the project within budget. Chief Smith also explained the problems with Dodge Chargers in the past and why he would recommend purchasing the truck instead. The Lieutenant will drive the new vehicle since it will have the room for scales and equipment he currently has in the Suburban. Trustee Kraus made a motion to purchase the 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV as a new police squad for an amount not to exceed \$28,000. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

Trustee Kypuros questioned why the new police squad won't be marked. The Chief explained it is a take home vehicle which will be taken out of town. There was disagreement between board members as to whether or not the vehicle should be marked and whether the motion to purchase

the vehicle could be amended or a separate motion is needed to mark the vehicle. Roll Call was then taken on the original motion.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion that the new police squad be marked/striped. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (2) Trustees Kypuros and Mazurek.

NAYS: (4) Trustees Basile, Wehling, Meyer and Kraus.

Motion failed.

## **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kypuros provided a water treatment plant project update. The new belt press has arrived and is being connected. The UV lighting system for disinfection has been installed. Clarifier #2 is being rebuilt. It has been so wet that we have been unable to dispose of the liquid sludge so work can begin on the orbal ditch.

Trustee Kypuros provided a report on the Gould Street watermain bids. Five bids were received and opened and a bid tab sheet was included in the packet for review. The low bidder was Brandt Excavating for \$880,719.41. We have until October 4<sup>th</sup> to award the bid or negotiate an extension of the bid price. The Village has to wait and see how the \$950,000 in capital bill funds will be released and awarding a bid before the grant agreement is signed could nullify the grant.

The Board considered future watermain projects since it appears the Gould Street watermain will be fully funded by the capital bill. The next project will be the lead service line replacement program, then there are several projects on the drawing board. The Committee will need to select the next project in line.

Superintendent Conner provided a curb and sidewalk repair update. Perino Brothers has the list of what needs to be done. They were asked to hold off until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion waiving bid requirements for emergency road repairs on Woodward, Reed and Dunbar Streets. The Superintendent has identified 7 areas on these roads that are in substantial failure and wishes to address these failures as soon as possible. These areas are in the 500, 600 and 700 block of Woodward, 527 Dunbar, 540 Dunbar, 623 Reed and 633 Reed. Three proposals were solicited and two obtained. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing acceptance of a proposal in the amount of \$44,858 from Wirkus Paving for 10,265 sq. ft. of patching repairs. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

A

Superintendent Conner provided an update on road patching for the 400 block of Woodward Street. Work has been done and residents seem to be happy with the job.

An update was provided on the lead service line project. A meeting was held three weeks ago to identify the location and number of lead service lines. This project is not currently funded so a loan package will be prepared and supplemental appropriation done before the end of the fiscal year.

## F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A proposal for a laser light show on Saturday, August 1, 2020 for the Village's Sesquicentennial was discussed. The cost is \$12,000, would last about 20-30 minutes and be located in the north end of Firemen's Park. It would include a 100 foot screen set along with music. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve a proposal for a laser light show on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer provided a Sesquicentennial update. The book is progressing well. \$17,000 in ad sales have been raised so far and the book should cost about \$10,000-\$12,000 to produce depending on the length. The Committee wants to hold the street dance/birthday bash on July 25, 2020, one week before the Lions Summerfest, on a Saturday night so as not to burn everyone out.

# G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski announced the appointments to the committees will remain the same, but there will no longer be co-chairs of committees. This is because he is changing to a Committee of the Whole structure, which was discussed individually with each Board member prior to the meeting. President Szymanski also made the corrections to errors on the appointment list previously provided. Laura Voss should have been removed from the Fourth of July Commission list and Nelson Collins added. It was also discussed that no one was appointed as Code Enforcement Officer. The entire Police Department will be responsible for code enforcement moving forward.

President Szymanski said he received a complaint about a pond off of Miller Street that's on the golf course near 8N. There's no water in the pond and it's weeded over. It may be for drainage for a commercial lot that was never built upon. Need to investigate where water is supposed to drain from or whether it can be filled in if not being used for drainage. President Szymanski will get with Superintendent Conner this week to look at it.

Farmers Market began in the Village Hall parking lot last Saturday. President Szymanski said it was well-attended and seemed to be a success.

## H. OLD BUSINESS

The following monthly/annual reports were provided in the packet for review:

- 1. Com Ed 2018 annual report
- 2. Building Department monthly report
- 3. Police Department monthly report
- 4. EMA monthly report
- 5. Code Enforcement monthly report
- 6. Water Department monthly report
- 7. Sewer Department monthly report

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

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

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner Village Clerk