

**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
JULY 15, 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, Meyer and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustees Wehling and Kypuros.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief of Police Greg Smith and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 24, 2019 Board meeting. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Superintendent Conner reported that the Beautification Commission is done planting for the year.

Trustee Meyer provided a Fourth of July Commission report. Preliminary numbers show approximately \$84,000 was brought in, but final numbers aren't available yet since there are still bills outstanding.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission report. The Kid and Pet Parade was successful during the festival. The Youth Commission's July meeting was cancelled. Their next meeting will be in August.

There was no report for the Historic Preservation Commission. The next meeting will be held on August 21st.

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: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

A list of bills totaling \$228,373.90 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: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Action on revising the Village Investment Policy was deferred until the next meeting.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was reported that the 533 Reed Street building remodeling project has been completed and Superintendent Conner said they are hoping to move in the first week of August. The fence is currently going up.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Mazurek reported that we are still waiting for CMAP to sign off on the Comprehensive Plan.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1311 – An Ordinance adopting State law changes to the sale and possession of tobacco products laws. The State increased the age limit for sale to 21 and older and the Village's local ordinances need to conform. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1311. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board considered an intergovernmental agreement with Will County for animal control services. The Village will still use the Beecher Veterinary Clinic, but there are times where the capture and relocation of wildlife is necessary. The Vet Clinic does not do this and the Police

officers are not trained to handle wildlife such as sick skunks, raccoons, etc. These types of services will be provided on a pay per call basis. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Will County for animal control services. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus reported that a new full-time Police officer hiring list is being created and explained the process.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A wastewater treatment plant update was provided. A progress meeting was held July 2nd. The biggest delay is getting liquid sludge moved out. Now that the weather is drying out it should be able to get removed. Project is about 70% complete.

Superintendent Conner reported on future watermain replacement. The Superintendent and Committee Chair are recommending replacement of several sections of main on Dixie Highway from the south end of the Village to Chestnut Street. The estimated cost of this project is about \$500,000. The Committee Chair has asked to see two RFPs for the design of this work: one from Robinson and one from Baxter and Woodman to bring back to the Board. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve accepting RFPs for the design of the next watermain project to include replacement of several sections of main on Dixie from the south end of the Village limits to Chestnut. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Superintendent Conner reported that curb repairs have been completed and sidewalk repairs have now begun.

A road patching update was provided. Patching should be started the third week of July.

Superintendent Conner provided a report on the lead service line replacement project. Public Works is meeting with Robinson Engineering for inspections of homes where appointments were made to see if they have lead service lines. This is just the first phase of this project.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$401,759.15 to I.H.C. upon receipt of I.E.P.A. loan funds as progress payment #8 of the wastewater treatment plant project. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$38,026.17 to Baxter and Woodman for construction management services related to the Beecher wastewater treatment plant upon receipt of I.E.P.A. loan funds. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer provided a Sesquicentennial update. The laser show contract has been signed for August 1, 2020 and the Village will have to provide a 45 foot lift for the screen. The next thing is to begin planning for the street dance on Gould Street for Saturday, July 25, 2020, and to decide if we are going to have a community church picnic on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Szymanski reported that he received an update from Will County on the Goodenow Road bridge. Due to delays with all of the rain, problem with utilities and issues with the wing wall, the road isn't scheduled to be open until the end of August.

President Szymanski appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate requests for TIF incentives. All requests will also come before the Village Board. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve the appointment of Marcy Meyer and Jonathan Kypuros to the Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate requests for TIF incentives. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS

President Szymanski said the police hiring committee needs to be reappointed at the next meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski said he is in the process of meeting with one or more property owners that need to make improvements to their buildings. He met with one property owner so far and trying to get needed repairs made and will work with some of the other property owners.

President Szymanski asked Board members if they are planning to use their tablets in the future or if they would like to receive paper packets, since the tablets purchased are out of warranty and one isn't working. The majority preferred the paper copies for now. The packet will be emailed on Fridays and paper packets will be provided the evening of the meeting.

The following monthly reports were included in the packet for review:

1. Police Department
2. EMA
3. Code Enforcement
4. Water Department
5. Sewer Department
6. Water billing register

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

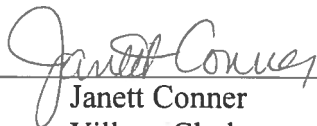
AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk