

**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  
OCTOBER 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, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** None.

**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 and Denis Tatgenhorst.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Superintendent Conner reported that the Beautification Commission met the previous week. They changed their regular meetings to the second Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Village Hall. A dedication for the Paul Lohmann memorial bench was done on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Depot Park. President Szymanski said the Beautification Commission did a great job decorating the area for the ceremony.

There was nothing to report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission report. The junior high haunted house event was held the previous Friday and attended by approximately 85 people.

Trustee Wehling provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. The next meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The basement recently flooded due to heavy rains the previous week. Some papers had gotten wet and they are working on getting them dried out.

**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. Treasurer Rooney reported that the Village is still collecting 2% interest on their accounts. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, 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 \$125,834.39 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: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1315 – An Ordinance approving a Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the year 2040. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1315. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1316 – An Ordinance for the establishment of an Enterprise Zone, subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois and authorize the President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement and waive the reading of the ordinance. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1316. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to extend the bid award time for the Gould Street watermain project to June 15, 2020 in exchange for a 2% in contract price if the bid is awarded prior to that time. Bid letter and bid tab sheet were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment to I.H.C. in the amount of \$288,317.88 upon receipt of IEPA funds as partial payment for the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Copy of invoice was provided in packet for review. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment to Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$34,999.88 for construction management services related to the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant, pending receipt of IEPA funds. Copy of invoice was provided in packet for review. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the purchase of a Boss interchangeable snow plow and frame in the amount of \$5,400 to be used on back-up plow truck. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

President Szymanski asked the Board their desire as to whether to hold an advisory referendum on the sale of recreational cannabis in the Village. There will be a survey in the Fall newsletter. There was discussion as to timeline of opting in or out. President Szymanski commented that something should be on the books by January 1, 2020 one way or the other, which would be before the referendum. Also, no recommendation has been provided from the PZC yet. There were discussions as to voter turnout and whether there would be a fair vote by referendum. No action was taken on holding an advisory referendum.

President Szymanski asked whether the Village would like to hold an advisory referendum on establishing a park district in the Village. After the advisory referendum it can be decided if a grassroots organization would be formed to determine boundaries, petition for a binding referendum, and promote the concept. Trustee Wehling made a motion authorizing the attorney to draft an ordinance for an advisory referendum on a park district for the Village. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

The Board considered a request from the Fire District for the use of the Village's vacant lot at Penfield and Maxwell for temporary housing for firefighters and paramedics. The Fire District has asked if the Village would allow them to have a double-wide trailer for temporary housing and a construction trailer on our lot from March-December, 2020, while they remodel and expand the fire station to meet building codes for housing employees. The Village President, Administrator and Superintendent have been working out the logistics with the Fire Department. We will also be losing part of the Fire Department parking lot in 2020 due to the construction and the fire station

expansion. Trustee Kraus suggested Beecher Recreation be notified of possible loss of a portion of the parking lot. All plans for the temporary building are very preliminary at this time. Once a better idea of what the Fire Department is planning to do it will be brought back to the Board. Trustee Wehling made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and to review executive session minutes for consideration of approval and release to the public. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Basile made a motion to return to regular session at 8:42 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A Resolution regarding release and approval of executive session minutes will be provided at the next meeting for consideration.

The Board considered an Ordinance authorizing a moratorium on the collection of certain new residential building permit fees in the Village of Beecher until October 31, 2021. This will set the building permit fees to a flat \$1,500 for two construction seasons. We still don't have an answer from the School Board on this issue. There was some disagreement between Board members on this issue.

ORDINANCE #1317 – An Ordinance authorizing a moratorium on the collection of certain new residential building permit fees in the Village of Beecher until October 31, 2021. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1317. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Basile.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to hire special counsel Christian Jorgensen to handle pending litigation with Fieldgate. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus reported on a state enforcement agency that's creating a task force that our Police Department can be a member of. He said the officer would be 100% funded and include a car and overtime costs. Trustee Kraus has spoken to Chief Smith. A meeting had been set with the task force to listen to the proposal. The meeting was scheduled, then cancelled. The meeting still needs to be rescheduled. There was some discussion on this matter.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk