

**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 12, 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 Crew Leader Jim Pratl, Chief of Police Greg Smith, Treasurer Donna Rooney and Auditor Anthony Cervini.

GUESTS: None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Board meeting. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Beautification Commission – No report.


The next meeting for the Fourth of July Commission is Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Mazurek reported the Youth Commission has approximately 91 kids registered for Nerf Wars this Sunday. Youth Commission meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Wehling reported the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20th at the Depot at 6 p.m.

A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No action was taken regarding the resolution supporting Amendment #1 to SB616 which would consolidate downstate police and fire pension funds due to changes to the Senate Bill.

President Szymanski reminded the Board about the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on November 21st at the Washington Township Center, 7:00 p.m. A Public Hearing will be held regarding the sale of recreational cannabis in the Village. The PZC will present its findings to the Village Board for consideration at the December 9th meeting. 

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A list of bills totaling \$87,865.56 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 Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Auditor Anthony Cervini of Sikich was present and provided the audit report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 to the Board. The Village has asked for and received time extensions for submittals to the Comptroller and Will County due to the late submission of the audit by Sikich. Cervini apologized for the delay and said there were challenges on Sikich's end as to why the audit was delayed and said it would not happen next year. He went through the details of the audit, through the Management Letter and any recommended changes provided to minimize risk. When there were no further questions, Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the audit. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed the property tax levy. It was reported that dispatching will be going up by 14% and union employees will be receiving 2-2.5% raises along with other increasing costs. Administrator Barber recommended a 2% tax levy increase for public safety. Trustee Basile said the Board has been doing a 0% levy increase in the past few years and recommended to stay at 0% increase. Trustee Basile made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to draft a property tax levy ordinance with a 0% levy increase for the December 9, 2019 Village Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2019-12 – A Resolution amending the appropriation for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 (prior fiscal year) for the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Trustee Basile made a motion to adopt

Resolution #2019-12. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.
AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Board again discussed adopting an advisory referendum question for the March election relating to establishment of a park district in the Village. At the last meeting there were suggested language changes and the revised question wording was provided.

ORDINANCE #1318 – An Ordinance adopting an advisory referendum question as follows: “Shall a park district be created in the Village of Beecher by its residents that would have the authority to tax and provide park and recreational services and activities for all ages?” to be put on the ballot for the March, 2020 election. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve Ordinance #1318. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

D. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No report.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1319 – An Ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Thornton as lead agency for participation in the Secretary of State Auto Task Force. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1319. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$15,829.40 to Baxter and Woodman Engineers for construction management services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant pending receipt of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan funds. Copy of the invoice was provided in the packet for review. 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 for partial payment #12 to IHC in the amount of \$298,791.78 for work performed to-date and materials for the Waste Water Treatment Plant improvements, pending receipt of IEPA loan funds. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board considered applying for an IEPA public water supply loan program for lead service line replacement and water meter improvements. Trustee Kypuros explained details and how program repayment works. Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the Village President to sign all documents necessary to apply for an IEPA public water supply loan program for lead service line replacement and water meter improvements. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

G. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

H. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros talked about the water and sewer rate increase as discussed at last meeting. He spoke to President Szymanski and Administrator Barber. It will be discussed during the five-year plan in the coming year and will be explained in further detail to the Board.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Basile thanked Public Works for their work installing the new slide and Joe Cook's bench in Lions Park. He thanked them for all of their hard work.

A letter supporting Balmoral Park was provided in the packet for review.

Monthly reports provided in packet for review:

Variance reports

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wehling 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 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Village Clerk