

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

ABSENT: Trustees Mazurek and Basile.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Greg Smith, Corporal Andy Leroy and Officer Tom Beck.

GUEST: George Schuitema, Ana Tristan and Justin Bakker.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner announced that 2020 dog tags will go on sale on December 2nd. 3) Clerk Conner explained an issue with the mailing of the Fall newsletters. The post office delivered newsletters for the route that would have included Prairie Crossings to people out in the country.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Administrator Barber provided an update on the Laraway Communications Center meeting held the previous week. At least 9 of the 32 agencies submitted letters of intent to withdraw from the communications center, mostly from fire departments, due to a number of difference concerns. Beecher has not filed a letter of intent because there is currently nowhere else to go. The 9-1-1

dispatch center management is asking for more time to work out the issues. The letters of intent were believed to be a vote of no confidence and not necessarily intent to pull out. There are only three dispatch centers allowed to be in the county so there is nowhere for them to go at this point. Trustee Kypuros questioned if Beecher should also write a letter of intent so we have an option in the next year to withdraw before we would be responsible for additional capital costs. After some discussion, Trustee Kypuros recommended a letter of intent be drafted and more facts obtained to make a decision on this. Staff will work on this.

It was reported that Diane Basile has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission so there is now one vacancy. There will be an application on the website for anyone who is interested in serving on the PZC.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing the previous week regarding the sale of recreational cannabis as a special use in the Village. The PZC provided a recommendation to approve the model ordinance with a change to add a 1,500' buffer zone from churches. An updated map from the planner was provided which showed the possible properties that could allow a dispensary. Trustee Meyer provided some detailed statistics on recreational cannabis in Colorado. She asked about the required distance between businesses selling liquor and churches and schools. At the next meeting the attorney will be present to answer legal questions. Trustee Kraus asked more maps be available showing a radius of different buffer distances from residential, church, school, etc. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A wastewater treatment plant update was provided. The project is getting closer to getting done. Paving has started this week. Project is 85-90% complete.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an engineering services agreement with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$10,000 to conduct a phosphorous remediation plan and operating permit renewal for the Beecher wastewater treatment plant.

Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.
AYES: (4) Trustees Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Superintendent Conner reported that brush pickup will end on November 26th and leaf collection will continue into mid-December due to leaves still being on some trees.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign a local agency agreement for federal participation: Penfield Street PE II for \$309,750. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

It was reported that Village Administrator and Trustee Meyer as Chair of Economic Development have been invited to attend a Government Affairs meeting of the Southwest Builders Association to discuss our moratorium on impact fees.

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

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

G. OLD BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

The Chief provided a report on the recent spike in crime due to vehicle break-ins, auto thefts and armed robberies. The three stolen vehicles were recovered. The Police Department is working with other agencies. This is not unique to Beecher and is happening around a large area. He reported that an arrest was made for auto theft and it seems to be the same group doing this. Corporal Leroy reported that he is working with a number of different agencies on this. Officer Beck urged people to lock their cars and not leave the keys in them. Chief Smith said he only has a part-time detective who is still working the street and needs more time to spend on investigations so would like this to be considered in the future. Chief Smith asked residents to remain vigilant and provide information if they have any to help solve these crimes.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk