

**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  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020 -- 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 Greg Smith and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

**GUEST:** George Schuitema and Eddie Hiller.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Basile.

Motion Carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Chief Smith introduced Brian Fravel as new full-time Police officer. He was previously part-time.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner reported the dog tag deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

There was nothing to report for Beautification Commission.

Trustee Meyer reported that the next meeting of the Fourth of July Commission is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission update. The Daddy Daughter dance is scheduled for February 29<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Depot. A report was provided on the ongoing plaque program.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Szymanski appointed Michelle Panozzo, Kim Wojciechowski and Megan Haddon to the Beecher Youth Commission. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve President Szymanski's appointments. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered an Ordinance reducing the population requirements for a Class A liquor license to permit two additional licenses for consumption on premise. Trustee Meyer questioned the Lacey's request for a full liquor license and if there is a process to check on whether food is served at locations with liquor licenses. Trustee Basile asked about the population criteria for liquor licenses. President Szymanski said that approving additional licenses is part of the process, but a license would not be issued until certain conditions are satisfied for the businesses.

ORDINANCE #1322 – An Ordinance reducing the population requirements for a Class A liquor license to permit two additional licenses for consumption on premise. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1322. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Basile.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Basile and Clerk Conner attended the SSMMA meeting with local legislators the previous week and provided a report.

**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 provided a summary. 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 \$130,971.60 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.

A budget approval timeline was explained. The Board decided to hold a special Board meeting the fifth Monday in March, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and review the entire budget at once. Trustee Basile made a motion authorizing a special Board meeting to discuss the budget on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Basile made a motion to authorize a public hearing on the proposed budget on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7 p.m. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was reported that elected officials and employees are required to take sexual harassment training before December 31, 2020. More information will be provided once the training requirements are available.

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

Trustee Wehling provided an update on the splash pad. He provided two sets of splash pad renderings and prices. He then explained the design and how it would work and how different phases can be added after the initial pad. Can look into financing with grants or if a park district is approved it could be something the district could do. Board discussed brushed concrete vs. rubber floor for pad. Trustee Wehling will look into the difference in cost. The splash pad is being planned for 2021.

The park district referendum will be on the ballot on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed getting information out to the residents. The Board was asked whether there should be a one-page mailing in addition to using social media to get the word out. The Committee will work on a flyer.

## **C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

A public hearing on the proposed fence amendments is scheduled for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Township Center.

Copies of the new 2019 Comprehensive Land Use Plan were provided to the Board at the last meeting. The project is now complete.

#### **D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A proposal for a new code enforcement program for 2020 was provided in the packet for review. The intention is to remove code enforcement from the Police Department and make it a function of the Village Hall. The proposed program will add \$15,246 in new expenses to the General Fund, since the original plan in the Police Department included patrol coverage that cannot be reduced. This will be discussed further in the budget workshops. President Szymanski asked if a consensus is needed on the program cost so staff can begin looking for someone to fill the position and be in place for spring, pending approval of the budget. Otherwise the Police Department would need to continue code enforcement until the budget and this program is approved. The Village may also work with the Fire Department on finding staff for this. It was questioned where the funding will come from for this program. The money would most likely not come from the Police budget but be an added expense.

A Laraway Communications Center update was provided. Trustee Kraus and Administrator Barber attended the last Board of Directors meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. There was an agreement to a 5% cap on fees for 2020 which reduced Beecher's cost by over \$12,000 for the coming year and was less than what was anticipated.

#### **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve an agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineers in the amount of \$50,000 for Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant permit compliance. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board considered a resolution to submit an application to the Will County Governmental League Transportation Committee for inclusion of the rehab of Church Road from Dixie Highway to Cardinal Creek Boulevard as an 80/20 Federal STP project in the new five-year plan for fiscal year 2026 from Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$4,000 using MFT funds. Administrator Barber reported Penfield Street project was scheduled for 2019 and just learned federal government pushed project back to 2022 due to problems at the State so we need to move forward and get on the list for this new project now since it is unknown how far it could be pushed back. Trustee Kypuros recommended to get moving with this project to get ahead. President Szymanski expressed concerns on applying for a project and tying up future funds and not being able to save to get other local roads improved.

RESOLUTION #2020-02 – A Resolution to submit an application to the Will County Governmental League Transportation Committee for including of the rehab of Church Road from Dixie Highway to Cardinal Creek Boulevard as an 80/20 Federal STP project in the new five-year plan for fiscal year 2026 from Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$4,000 using MFT funds.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-02. Seconded by Trustee Mazurek.

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 \$19,995.11 upon the receipt of IEPA loan funds for progress payment for construction management services related to the Beecher wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

## **F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Committee is planning to meet and discuss a date and time in March to hold an open house for home builders.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Meyer reported that she submitted some photos and a video online to HGTV to enter Beecher into their contest to make improvements to the downtown. She had a number of issues submitting the information including the HGTV website being hacked and some files being too large but was able to get it done by contacting HGTV through email.

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

1. Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative (IMIC) year-end financial report
2. Laraway Communications Center (LCC) year-end report
3. Laraway Communications Center Strategic Plan
4. Building Department monthly report
5. Water Department monthly report

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

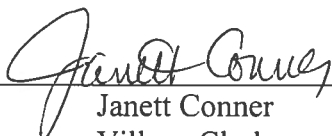
AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk