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March 20, 2020

Beecher Residents,

A special board meeting was held on March 18, 2020 to discuss how Village business will need to change due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Village Board is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and is implementing recommendations released by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Will County Health Department, as well as The office of The President of the United States and the Governor's Office. For any updated information I would recommend you visit any one of those websites.

We will continue to provide all essential services, but changes are being made to minimize exposure to our first responders, staff and members of the Village Board. First responders and other employees may be wearing protective equipment, and day-to-day municipal business will be conducted by phone.

- All Village Board Meetings after this date are cancelled at least until April 13<sup>th</sup>. Special Board Meetings will be called as needed. If one is called, we will continue to post the meeting notice, video tape it, and post it on our YouTube Channel, even though the meeting may be conducted by a conference call. All regularly scheduled meetings of Village committees and commissions are suspended until further notice.
- We have closed our municipal buildings to the general public to protect our employees and the public. Effective March 19<sup>th</sup>, the drive-up window at the Village Hall is closed and will be used for communications only. We are encouraging our residents and customers to use the drop box located just outside the front doors of the Village Hall, the E-Pay system on the Village website or the U.S. Mail for municipal payments. Anyone using the E-Pay system for their water bill will have the convenience fee credited on your water billing account so you don't have to worry about the extra cost.
- We are asking anyone who needs to conduct business with the Village which requires a physical presence to call the Village Hall, to call and make an appointment and we will guide you from there.
- Late fees for water bills are being suspended until the next billing cycle. Water shut offs are suspended until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. As always, if anyone needs help making payments, please contact the Village Hall and we will be happy to work out payment arrangements with you.

- The Village is suspending late fees on dog tags until further notice. Dog tags will continue to be \$10 each and may be purchased online through our online E-Pay system.
- We have extended for 60 days or until July 1<sup>st</sup> any Village issued business, liquor, and vending machine license, as well as contractor's licenses.
- We have stopped replacing water meters or conducting any public service calls involving direct contact with the public unless absolutely necessary.
- Public Works continues to be out on the street as we are continuing operations as normally as possible but we ask that residents do not approach these employees directly. If you have questions about Public Works projects, please call the Village Hall and staff will do their best to get you an answer as quickly as possible. It's asked that everyone practice social distancing to eliminate risks to employees and residents.

Please heed the advice of the professionals and continue to wash hands often, frequently clean commonly used surfaces, avoid touching your face, cough or sneeze into your elbow, practice social distancing and stay home if you are feeling sick. If you are feeling sick, call your doctor and follow their instructions or in an emergency dial 911.

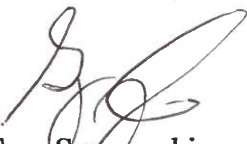
It is asked that if you must purchase supplies, please do not overbuy. Stores are restocking daily so leave enough for everyone.

Dining in our bars and restaurants has been prohibited but everyone is encouraged to take advantage of local restaurants offering carry outs. These small businesses depend on your business to make a living.

If we work as a team, we will get through this national emergency.

We will continue to review how we do business, and update you of any changes. Once again for information on the virus itself, visit the CDC, IDPH and the Will County Health Departments websites.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Hall. The Village Hall is currently fully staffed and will be conducting business during normal businesses hours.



Greg Szymanski  
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