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**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 24, 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 and Chief Greg Smith.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Mazurek 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.

CLERK'S REPORT - No report.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

The Village has hired a new labor attorney to replace Tim Guare who retired. Michael Kuczvara of Laner Muchin in Chicago will be retained on an hourly basis for labor management guidance.

A code compliance officer update was provided. President Szymanski said he felt it important to get the advertising process going so the Village is prepared once the budget is approved. The Committee did agree to advertise for the position and if it's not approved in the budget then the position won't be filled. There were no objections from the Board to advertising the position.

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It was reported that Brandy Flores and Terri Kasput have resigned from the Beecher Youth Commission. They no longer have the time to put into it. There are people in the organization that will continue and Brandy and Terri indicated that they will be available to answer questions and provide information. Board members agree that Brandy and Terri were valuable members of the Youth Commission and will be missed.

The Board discussed a request from the Beecher 4th of July Commission for a 30-day line of credit not to exceed \$50,000 for opening expenses related to the festival as a standing motion. At its meeting on Thursday night, the Commission was told by its beer vendor that state regulations have changed regarding the wholesale purchase of beer for special events, requiring payment in full for product before the festival opens and being reimbursed for unused product at the end. This will require \$37,000 according to the Committee that runs the beer stand. The Commission only has \$38,000 in the bank at this time. Trustee Basile made a motion approving a request from the Beecher 4th of July Commission for a 30-day line of credit not to exceed \$50,000 for opening expenses related to the festival as a standing motion. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The first draft of the budget for the March 30th workshop was provided for review.

The Village participated in bidding for community solar purchasing. The bids were not favorable so the Village will remain in the NIMEC sub pool at this time.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

An update on the park district referendum was provided. A handout was provided for review which has been shared by social media and on the website. Clerk Conner is working on getting flyer printed that will be mailed to residents.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th at the Washington Township Center regarding fences.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

It was reported that Officer Mazurek resigned to take a position with another police department. Staff is waiting on an opinion from the attorney before moving forward with filling the position.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A Wastewater Treatment Plant progress report was provided. There was \$11,200 in extra sludge that had to be removed out of the inner two rings that was not accounted for in the bid. The Village will be using the remaining \$9,200 of IEPA loan for this grit removal and HIS will bill the Village for the remainder.

A date for the ribbon cutting and open house at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was considered. Possible dates were Saturday, June 13th or June 20th from 10 a.m. to noon. Board members were okay with either date. It will be decided when date gets a little closer.

RESOLUTION #2020-03 – A Resolution adopting a complete streets policy for all Village road construction or re-construction projects. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-03. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-04 – A Resolution including the resurfacing of Gould Street from Penfield Street to Indiana Avenue as a LAPPO project in the STP for Penfield. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-04. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-05 – A Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the Will County Transportation Committee for STP funds for the reconstruction of Church Road from Dixie to Cardinal Creek Boulevard. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-05. 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 a public hearing for Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. on the Village's lead line replacement program. Trustee Wehling 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

It was reported that a potential craft grower of cannabis met with the Village earlier in the day. They are going for March 16th deadline for craft grow application to the State of Illinois. They are looking at property outside the Village's buffer zone. They will still need to go through the special use application process which includes public hearing if they get a license from the State.

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

- 1) Sewer Department for January
- 2) New STP schedule regarding Penfield Street
- 3) Public Works Department Annual Report for 2019
- 4) Report from the City of Joliet on Water Supply Alternatives (presented to Will County Governmental League on 2/13/20)
- 5) AZAVAR quarterly report to the Village

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Basile seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to re-open the meeting at 7:22 p.m. to discuss one more item. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski reported that a 15-day letter has been drafted to the Buchmeiers regarding their building at the corner of Penfield and Reed Streets. The building had bricks fall off the west side of the building again last week. The Village has attempted to get improvements made to the building to bring it up to code for over 14 years and no major work has occurred on the building to make improvements. There have been multiple attempts by the Village to get something done with this building with no results. The Board discussed pursuing possible demolition proceedings (which were discussed by previous Boards). It was one of the first brick buildings built in Beecher so it has important history but is a safety issue. Board members were asked how they would like to proceed. The building needs to be inspected to determine the overall condition. The consensus of the Board agreed that the Attorney will send a 15-day compliance letter and then determine what action to take after the 15 days.

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kypuros 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 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk