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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
MARCH 9, 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.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, 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 reminded residents of the upcoming dog tag deadline.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing to report for the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Meyer provided a Fourth of July Commission report. At the last Commission meeting it was determined that the overall loss last year, after getting all the numbers in, was \$5,480.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission update. The Daddy Daughter dance was successful with close to 300 attendees.

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Trustee Wehling provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. A new person attended the previous meeting, and he hopes they stay involved and possibly become a member. The Commission talked about class tours and will reach out to the schools to determine interest in this. June 20th is this year's Drivin' the Dixie. The Sesquicentennial was also discussed. The Commission talked about coordinating an open house at the depot and caboos during the street dance. The next meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of next month at 6 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

A Buchmeier building (752 Penfield) update was provided. A letter was sent providing a 15-day notice for securing loose brick and a 90-day notice for the remainder of the issues with the building before the Village Board will consider its next steps. President Szymanski said there was a considerable amount of work being done on the building over the weekend. A letter also went to them regarding their home, which is a work in progress.

ORDINANCE #1323 – An Ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Will County for the establishment of a quiet zone on Indiana Avenue. This agreement is required before they issue a permit for the work. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve Ordinance #1323. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

It was reported that a political rally is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st from 10 a.m. to noon at the northeast corner of Chestnut and Dixie in the right-of-way.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report of financial activity in the prior month. Treasurer Rooney was present and provided a report. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports were provided in the packet for the preceding month.

Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$93,088.18. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Village has locked in electrical supply pricing for three years on all of its accounts through NIMEC. A report was provided in the packet for review.

A budget workshop will be held on Monday, March 30th at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling reported on the splash pad. He looked further into putting in a rubber floor for the splash pad called Aquaflex. Price is \$24-25 per square foot on top of a concrete base and has a 3-year warranty. Staff estimated an additional cost of \$62,500 for a rubber pad based on the size of the proposed splash pad. Trustee Wehling is also getting other pricing. Trustee Kypuros expressed concerns about having a concrete pad, for safety reasons.

Clerk Conner reported that the flyers for the park district referendum were mailed the previous Thursday, the information is on the Village website, and will be posted weekly on the Facebook page.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Board discussed amending the zoning code to permit solid fences and fences up to six feet in height in rear and side yards. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) held a public hearing and all who testified were in favor of the change but questions arose regarding covenants and HOA review. The PZC unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance amendment. Trustee Mazurek said seven people attended the hearing and all were in favor.

ORDINANCE #1324 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code to permit solid fences and fences up to six feet in height in rear and side yards. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1324. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The 2019 Police Department annual report was provided to the Board.

Trustee Kraus requested an Executive Session be held to discuss hiring of an officer to replace Mazurek.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A wastewater treatment plant project update was provided. Punch list items are being done and the open house will be scheduled for June 13th from 10 a.m. to noon at the plant.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment to I.H.C. in the amount of \$325,528.91 as a construction progress payment for work at the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant pending the 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.

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Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$23,639.59 to Baxter and Woodman for construction management services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant pending receipt of IEPA loan funds. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A lead service line project public hearing will be held on Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall and may have to be continued to Friday, March 20th. Trustees need not be present at these hearings since it is an administrative hearing. The project is on target for summer 2020.

A Gould Street watermain project update was provided. The bid is good only until June 15th, but legislators have not responded to when this project will be funded. It is unknown if there is funding yet for these projects. The Village President and Administrator will be heading down to Springfield in late March where they hope to speak to Representative Smith and Senator Sims to find out what's going on.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Village has received a special use permit application for a craft grower at El Consuelo ranch. The location would be for the back half of the property outside of our current buffer zone. By mutual agreement this application and the fee paid will be held in escrow until a state license is granted to the petitioner so we do not have to go through a process that is not approved by the State. Since the special use has been filed this now becomes a planning, building and zoning item. Administrator Barber said there was one change to special use permit application. They have to apply for a transportation license so they will have to submit two applications and not just one.

The Village has received an inquiry about annexing Layne Western property on the south side of Indiana Avenue east of Dixie Highway. The inquiry was for a truck and trailer leasing business inside the yard. These would be empty trailers. If annexed the most likely zoning of the property that would be requested is I-1 Limited Industrial with a special use for a truck terminal. This would require PZC action and hearings.

The drafting of the Sesquicentennial book first draft is almost complete. The plan is to sell 500 copies at \$20 each. A street dance and laser light show will be a part of the Sesquicentennial celebration.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a new Police Officer at 7:32 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to return to regular session at 7:45 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS

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

1. Building Department
2. Water Department

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk