



**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  
MAY 11, 2020 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Present in person: President Szymanski and Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** In person: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber and Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner. Electronically: Chief Greg Smith.

**GUESTS:** None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling 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**

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner explained that the Village Hall is still closed to the public but building permits and other services can be conducted by appointment. Residents are encouraged to make payments by using the drop box by the front door or by using the E-Pay system on the Village website.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE:** None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Szymanski provided a COVID-19 community response update. He has been asking of Will County Governmental League and other COG's for a break in the Governor's order for small businesses that could easily be open with social distancing. Beecher has been included in a region which lumps us in with Cook County. President Szymanski is still trying to receive relief on this issue but is hearing that the Governor isn't budging on the regional issue. As of today there are 32 reported cases in Beecher. Residents were encouraged to contact State Representatives on these issues to try and get relief.

A budget workshop is scheduled as a special Village Board meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. A call-in option will be provided for those that prefer to attend in that manner.

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A Proclamation honoring the 2020 senior graduating class was read aloud by President Szymanski. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve President Szymanski's Proclamation. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Basile asked questions about lockers purchased by the Police Department that were included in the bills. Chief Smith explained that he used money in the budget from his personal development account to purchase the lockers since trainings were cancelled this year and the officers have never had full size lockers for their gear. Trustee Basile also read aloud the bills added to the list that day. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$201,853.46. 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.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal from Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$89,000 for construction management services related to the lead line replacement program. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal from Baxter and Woodman Engineers in the amount of \$5,000 to assist in completing and submitting a grant application for the replacement of the Gould Street watermain. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion declaring \$2,086.33 of water usage and \$5,407.14 of penalty as uncollectible in the water/sewer billing system. These uncollectible amounts are due to old accounts where some home closings slipped through the cracks and staff was unable to collect from the previous owners. This action was recommended by the auditors so they can be taken off the books. A list of old past due accounts was provided for review. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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 \$10,062.62 for construction management services pertaining to the wastewater treatment plant improvements contingent on the receipt of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan funds. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion deferring the automatic rate increases for water and sewer of \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons to July 1<sup>st</sup>. This increase typically occurs with the May 1<sup>st</sup> billing. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Administrator Barber reported that the open house, ribbon cutting and tour of sewer plant reconstruction will be deferred until the fall.

Trustee Kraus asked if the Fourth of July Commission bills being paid were incurred before the Fourth of July celebration was cancelled, which they were.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Basile asked about the laser show scheduled for the Summerfest and what charges would be incurred on this if the event is cancelled. President Szymanski will look into this matter.

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

1. Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.
2. Variance Report as of March 31, 2020.
3. Report on revenues collected for fiscal year 2019/2020.
4. Building Department
5. Status of Builder's Escrow Account (mowing fees paid and charges collected)
6. Water Department
7. Water Billing Register for the months of March and April

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wehling 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janet Conner, Village Clerk

Janett Conner

*Bills added after Board mtg*

**From:** Greg Szymanski  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** Janett Conner  
**Subject:** RE: Added bills

I approve

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Janett Conner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Greg Szymanski <gszymanski@villageofbeecher.org>; Robert Barber <rbarber@villageofbeecher.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Added bills

Greg,

Can you send an me an email I can print for the auditor saying you approve adding the four additional bills to the April bill list and the Chase Credit Card bill reviewed by the board but omitted from the bill list?

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1 Bill reviewed by Village Board but omitted from bill list:

Chase Card Services:   \$9,429.87

4 Additional bills added after Board Meeting for payment:

Beckers:               \$ 42.84  
ICMA:                 \$ 803.33  
ILCMA:                \$ 290.00  
Warehouse Direct:   \$ 129.90

TOTAL APRIL, 2020 BILLS TO BE PAID IN MAY, 2020       \$211,552.14.

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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk/Office Mgr  
Village of Beecher  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Greg Szymanski  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** Janett Conner <clerk@villageofbeecher.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Added bills