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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
AUGUST 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 and Chief Greg Smith.

GUESTS: Sasa Colovic and Larsa Khanice.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Szymanski provided a railroad quiet zone update.

A COVID-19 update and use of masks was discussed. On Friday, Governor Pritzker announced enforcement and penalties for businesses not enforcing the wearing of masks.

Trustee Mazurek made a motion to open a public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

A public hearing was held to consider an Annexation Agreement and an Ordinance of Annexation for 229 W. Indiana Avenue, 6.75 acres, commonly known as Layne Western property. Trustee Mazurek said the petitioner wishes to store trailers on the property for six-month leases to over-the-road drivers. No more than 160 trailers would be on-site at any one time and typically only about 10% of his fleet would be on-site being serviced for re-leasing. One of the out buildings would be used for repairs and the main building would be used for office space. The petitioner has a similar operation running in Des Plaines, IL, having 140 trailers for leasing. The Village has water and sewer adjoining the property and the petitioner will connect to these utilities at a future date when the lifespan of his current private utilities expire. A public hearing pertaining to the rezoning and special use permit was held on July 23rd where the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and the petitioner agreed to eight specific conditions of the special use, which were read aloud during the public hearing. The petitioners were present to answer questions.

Chief Smith requested the business install cameras at the entrances and exits to property for security purposes. The petitioner agreed.

After there was no further discussion, Trustee Mazurek made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1330 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Annexation Agreement for 229 W. Indiana Avenue. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1330. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1331 – An Ordinance annexing 229 W. Indiana Avenue. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1331. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE #1332 – An Ordinance rezoning 229 W. Indiana Avenue from AG-1 Agriculture to I-1 Limited Industrial with the special use permit for a freight terminal subject to nine conditions as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Chief of Police as follows:

1. Limited to 160 trailers stored on site.
2. No stacking of any containers.
3. No transfer of freight permitted on property.
4. Operations limited to 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
5. The special use applies to the petitioner only and cannot be transferred to any other business or owner of the property.
6. Truck engine idling be limited to 30 minutes.
7. Photometric assessment required to be approved by Village for any yard lighting and shall not impede upon adjoining property.
8. The staging of trucks shall not block Indiana Avenue at any time or be permitted in the County right of way.
9. Installation of security cameras to entrance and exit to property.

Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1332 including the nine conditions. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion carried.

The Board again discussed the demolition of a structure due to unsafe conditions at 752 Penfield. The matter was deferred at the last Board meeting since the property owner was making significant progress to safely secure the building. Photos were taken earlier in the day and provided to the Board for review. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to have discussion regarding demolition of a structure at 752 Penfield Street. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion. The motion was then withdrawn. Staff reported the building is structurally sound but there are repairs that still need to be made to doors and windows to keep varmints from entering the building. Some board members were opposed to demolishing the building due to its history in the Village. Staff was directed to send another letter to the owners regarding remaining repairs that need to be done to the building and the outbuildings and give the owners a specific timeline for repairs to be done.

Administrator Barber provided a Treasurer's Report. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the report of financial activity for the prior month. Trustee Meyer 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 review.

Trustee Basile read aloud bills added to Friday's bill list that was sent to the Board. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$272,396.91. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1333 – An Ordinance adopting a sexual harassment policy for all elected and appointed officials and all employees of the Village of Beecher. This new Ordinance is required by the State. Every employee, appointed official and elected official is now required to be trained and provide the Village with an acknowledgment form stating that they have read the policy and took the training. This needs to be completed by December 30, 2020. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1333. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1334 – An Ordinance amending the code pertaining to hotel/motel taxes. This rewrite conforms to State law and includes the temporary rental of housing for less than 30 days such as Airbnb's. We do not believe we currently have any of these in the Village but they are required to report and pay local taxes if there are. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1334. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed authorizing the expenditure of up to \$183,000 in grant funding for COVID-related pandemic response. The Village has received an \$183,000 federal allotment to reimburse the Village for any COVID-related expenses which have occurred or will occur outside of the current budget up until December 30, 2020. Since this is a reimbursement program, the Village has to spend the money first and then apply for the reimbursement.

Staff explained the Board would approve a general motion for COVID-related spending and creating a line item in the budget where all such charges will be expensed in the General Fund. A revenue line item will also be added called CARES Grant so when the reimbursement funds arrive they will be placed into this revenue line item. At the end of the fiscal year we can then pass a supplemental appropriation for both the revenue and the expense. The motion will allow staff to proceed with the purchase of services and items that utilize this funding. Staff prepared a detailed list of items that could be purchased to help with COVID-related issues. Will County has control of the money so they could decide if something qualifies or not. The Finance Committee will be authorized to approve the specific expenditures. Trustee Basile made a motion authorizing expenditure of up to \$183,000 in grant funding for COVID-related pandemic response and creation of a line item in the budget where all such charges will be expensed in the General Fund with the individual expenditures to be approved by the Finance Committee. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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Trustee Kraus made a motion approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County pertaining to the use of its 800 MHz radio system for E.M.A. and mutual aid operations. 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 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County Animal Control for fees for services rendered for the coming three years. 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 authorizing final payment to I.H.C. in the amount of \$657,304.98 for completion of the Beecher wastewater treatment plant project, upon receipt of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) funds. It was noted that this final payment was approved on June 8th, but since the loan agreement was amended this motion reauthorizes the invoice to be paid. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

1. Building Department monthly report
2. Water Department monthly report

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus asked if a response has been received from Walt's Foods about our letter to them. There has been no response so they will be contacted and asked to meet with the Village to discuss the agreement.

Trustee Mazurek wanted to discuss putting together a Village of Beecher senior wellness program for the fall to check on our seniors. It would be voluntary to participate. Chief Smith reported that we do have a list of seniors but it most likely needs to be updated. Trustee Basile suggested we work with the Post Office on this since they would know who is not getting their mail and usually monitors those kinds of things. The Chief and Public Safety Committee will work together on this.

Trustee Kypuros said he would like to change the Village meeting schedule to the third Monday of each month through the end of the year so it isn't the same night as School Board meetings, and since the Village Board would prefer to only meet once a month because of COVID. There were no objections from any Board members to changing to the third Monday of each month through the end of the year.

Trustee Kypuros requested an Executive Session be held to discuss a collective bargaining agreement with IUOE Local #399.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss a collective bargaining agreement with IUOE Local #399. 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 return to regular session at 7:52 p.m. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kypuros 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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk