

**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
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Pro-Tem Wehling called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

ABSENT: President Szymanski.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Greg Smith and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUEST: Ben Juzeszyn.

President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, 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 read aloud a letter of resignation from Frank Basile as Village Trustee. 3) Clerk Conner announced that election packets are available for pickup beginning Tuesday, September 22nd. The Village President and four Trustee positions will be up for election.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

In the absence of President Szymanski, Administrator Barber provided an update on the changes to the COVID mitigations for Will and Kankakee County on Friday.

Superintendent Conner provided a railroad quiet zone update. ADA compliant plates were put down today and we should be getting our permits soon. Perino Brothers is working on the grain elevator entrance.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Treasurer Rooney also provided a report on the increase in utilization of credit card and e-check payments through the Village website in the last year, and especially since COVID began and how the Village Hall has begun doing business differently to accommodate residents better during the pandemic.

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

A list of bills to be paid was provided. Bills added since the bill list went out the previous week were read aloud. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$201,095.12. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Administrator Barber explained the new requirement for all Village employees and officials to do mandated sexual harassment training and signing of an acknowledgement form regarding the training.

An update was provided on the CARES and FEMA grants. A memo was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Meyer made a motion waiving bids for the installation of touchless doors on the Village Hall and Police Station. The waiving of bids was requested due to the time factor of having work done and getting the invoice paid prior to grant expiration of December 30, 2020. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (3) Trustees Wehling, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (2) Trustees Mazurek and Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion approving several proposals from Preferred Window and Door totaling \$68,502.73 for the installation of touchless doors on several public access points to the Village Hall and the Police Station. Once the bill is paid, the Village will seek reimbursement through the CARES grant program. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (3) Trustees Wehling, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (2) Trustees Mazurek and Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

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B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling reported on a new alarm system approved for the Beecher Depot. An inspection revealed the old alarm system that was not working properly. Aaron’s Alarm offered an intrusion alarm and full fire alarm with dial out to a central service for an installation fee of \$2,285.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

An update of compliance at 752 Penfield Street was discussed. At the last meeting it was noted that progress had been made with the masonry work on the building to prevent bricks from falling off the façade. However, there were other concerns that had not been addressed regarding the condition of the property. The Village Attorney sent a letter demanding full compliance by October 19th and substantial completion by September 21st of the outstanding items. Photos of the property were provided to the Board. It did not appear that any further work was done by the property owners but was indicated that they have hired contractors to do the required work and say it will be completed by the deadline.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1335 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement pertaining to the use of the Village’s water tower by WILCO. This is the new agency formed to own and maintain old Eastcomm radio equipment for the fire departments in eastern Will County. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1335. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Chief Smith provided a report on the municipal adjudication process. The Villages of Beecher and Peotone are looking at sharing the cost of creating a municipal court where local ordinance violations are adjudicated locally by a hearing officer, as opposed to using the circuit court system. Chief Smith explained the program in more detail, and is looking at software which would cost approximately \$5,200.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase and outfitting of a new front line patrol car using funds received from the COVID 19 FEMA and CARES Act program for expenditures already made by the Village, contingent upon receipt of the unencumbered grant funds. Chief Smith provided his plan for the vehicle This revenue would be used for the purchase of the patrol car this year, and next year the department will focus on remodeling the police station. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing Baxter and Woodman to complete the submission of an application in the amount of \$3,000 for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds for the \$250,000 public sidewalk infill program. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-16 – A Resolution authorizing the use of \$3,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for submission of an ITEP application. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-16. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal for the completion of 2020 curb replacement program in the amount of \$23,160 to Perino Brothers. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal for the completion of a 2020 public sidewalk replacement program in the amount of \$24,617 to Perino Brothers. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update on a DCEO grant for Gould Street watermain replacement was provided.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve an engineering services agreement with Baxter and Woodman in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 for grant administration services related to the signing of a formal grant agreement with the Village, the contractor and the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal with low bidder, Quality Paving, in the amount of \$8,552 for the patching of streets due to watermain breaks, quiet zone and sewer repair. Bids were received from McGill Construction in the amount of \$14,009.22, Pavement Systems in the amount of \$10,620, and Quality Paving in the amount of \$8,552. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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It was requested to hold an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a tentative agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local #399 for Department of Public Works employees.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Board members were asked for suggested on any articles they would like in the fall newsletter, which will be mailed in mid-October.

It was reported that the Lincoln/I-394 Enterprise Zone has received a 15-year extension, which is another tool for incentives for economic development.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss a collective bargaining agreement with IUOE Local #399. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return to regular session at 8:17 p.m. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1336 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a labor agreement between the Village of Beecher and International Union of Operating Engineers Local #399. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1336. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus asked the Village to paint a blue stripe on the street on Penfield between Maxwell and Reed Streets to show support to the Beecher Police Department and other police departments. There were no objections from the Board. Superintendent Conner will look into getting prices to get it done.


The following report was provided in the packet for review:

-IPBC Dashboard for Beecher (Health Insurance pool)

There being no further business, President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.
AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk