

**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
NOVEMBER 16, 2020 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT IN PERSON: President Szymanski and Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Mazurek and Juzeszyn.

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Kraus.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Greg Smith and Treasurer Donna Rooney. All observed COVID mitigations and stayed at least 6' apart.

GUESTS: None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner reported that a check was received from Will County in the amount of \$161,049.27 for reimbursements under the CARES Act Grant for COVID related expenses. 3) Clerk Conner read aloud a letter from Walt's Foods agreeing to reduce the sales tax reimbursement payments remaining by 50% due to the difficult times because of COVID.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE: None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

A COVID update was provided by President Szymanski. Under new mitigations, he urged residents to wear their masks and observe social distancing. He also asked residents to support local businesses.

A railroad quiet zone update was provided. The project has been completely approved, all the permits have been obtained, but we couldn't get flaggers scheduled for this year, so the project will be postponed for the third and fourth weeks of April, 2021.

President Szymanski read aloud a Proclamation recognizing National Apprenticeship Week.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros 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 Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$349,565.57. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1337 – An Ordinance for a 2020 tax levy, collectible in 2021. The Public Safety Chair met with the Chief regarding the levy. A 1.5% increase in the tax levy would be used for the Police Department, since it is the police protection levy that would be increasing. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1337. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1338 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher Fire Protection District regarding the parking lot at Firemen's Park. This Ordinance requires the Village to contribute \$40,000 towards the improvement of Firemen's Park parking lot and provide some maintenance, but also guarantees the public use of the lot and who is responsible for improving the lot moving forward. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1338. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the payment of \$40,000 from the Village's infrastructure account to the Beecher Fire Protection District for rehabilitating the parking lot for Firemen's Park. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: No report.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No report.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing the approval of a proposal from Baxter and Woodman for the design of the Dixie Highway watermain project at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An executive session was requested to be held at the end of the meeting to consider the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Public Works IUOE #399.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

It was reported that the downtown business incentive ordinance has expired and the residential building permit fee of \$1,500 expires October 31, 2021. Staff asked for direction as to the extension of the residential building permit fee before builders commit to purchasing lots in Nantucket Cove and Prairie Crossings South. There is concern that the pandemic will significantly impact 2021 with little new building occurring and an extension gives them breathing room to start some homes. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion authorizing the Village Attorney to draft ordinances extending the residential building permit fee of \$1,500 and the historic downtown business incentives until December 31, 2023. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS

I. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Superintendent Conner received proposals for watermain and road patches that need to be done before winter. The lowest proposal was with Quality Paving in the amount of \$5,420 for patches. Consensus agreed to authorize Superintendent Conner to get the paving done.

Trustee Kypuros said he was approached by a resident on Blue Heron requesting a “No Outlet” or “Dead End” sign due to many cars speeding and turning around at the dead end, and many children in the neighborhood. Matter was referred to Public Works Superintendent Conner and Chief Smith to take a closer look.

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

1. Building Department
2. Police Department
3. Water
4. Sewer
5. Water billing register
6. IPBC quarterly

There being no further business to discuss in open session, Trustee Meyer made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. to consider the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Public Works IUOE #399. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1339 (repeals 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 Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1339. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk