

**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
JANUARY 11, 2021 -- 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 IN PERSON: President Pro-Tem Wehling and Trustees Kypuros and Juzeszyn.

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustees Meyer and Kraus.

ABSENT: President Szymanski and Trustee Mazurek.

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

STAFF PRESENT REMOTELY: Administrator Robert Barber.

GUESTS: Frank Hillegonds from Homewood Disposal and Joe Tieri.

President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus 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 Pa-Chan-ga, a new Mexican restaurant, will be opening at 436 Dixie Highway, in the old Aurelio's building. The Subway next to Dunkin' Donuts will also be re-opening with a new franchise owner.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT - None.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

AYES: (5) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, 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 \$90,424.71. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Frank Hillegonds from Homewood/Star Disposal was present to explain the options for a five-year extension of the refuse franchise agreement. The Village was approached by Homewood Disposal regarding an extension of the current agreement which expires on June 30, 2023. A report was included in the packet explaining each option. He explained the contract can be written to allow the Village to select any option prior to June 30, 2023. After that date, whatever option we are on will remain fixed unless we re-open the contract. Formal consideration of the extension will be at the February meeting. There was further discussion of the extension of the contract later in the meeting, after going over the five-year plan.

The Board discussed the five-year Financial and Capital Improvement Plan. Administrator Barber explained the plan and an alternate plan prepared for the water and sewer systems which shows the need for more watermain replacement revenue. Trustee Kypuros went through the plan in detail highlighting changes and trends. Kypuros pointed out that by 2023/24 the water and sewer account will be running in the red because we have not been collecting enough water and sewer revenue to cover future expenses due to a decrease in water usage. The alternate five-year plan proposed a .25 cents per 1,000 gallons increase instead of the current annual .10 cent per year increase. Administrator Barber indicated no action was needed to be taken at this meeting but staff is looking for direction as to how to proceed with the water and sewer rate increases. Consensus of Board members present agreed the rate increases are necessary to keep up with costs.

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

The Board discussed the Homewood Disposal proposal again. Trustee Meyer proposed adopting option 1 or option 2. She felt that another increase of refuse rates at the same time as an increase in water and sewer rates would be difficult at this time. After some discussion, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance authorizing the Village

President and Clerk to sign a five-year extension of the refuse franchise agreement with Homewood Disposal for option 1, not including the electronic waste. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner reported that the Public Works employee that was injured in an accident last year will be returning to work on Tuesday.

I. NEW BUSINESS

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

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

There being no further business, President Pro-Tem Wehling asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

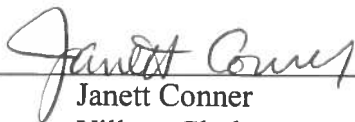
AYES: (5) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, and Juzeszyn.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk