



**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
DECEMBER 21, 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, Kraus, Mazurek and Juzeszyn.

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, wore masks and stayed at least 6' apart.

GUESTS: None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer 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 dog tags for 2021 are now on sale.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

A COVID update was provided by President Szymanski. The vaccine is being distributed. The Federal government passed an aid bill, but it does not include any financial assistance for local governments. President Szymanski is having discussions with the Governor's office to try and get some of our businesses open again legally, but the Governor's office announced that current restrictions are to stay in effect into the new year. President Szymanski will provide more information when he has the details.

RESOLUTION #2020-19 – A Resolution providing for and authorizing landing rights to Santa Claus in the Village of Beecher. President Szymanski read aloud the Resolution and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-19. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing Village Board meetings be held on the second Monday of the month for January and February, 2021, return to the regular meeting schedule of the second and fourth Mondays of each month beginning in March, and authorize President Szymanski to call a second meeting of the month in January and February if needed to conduct business. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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. 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 \$342,165.97. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Committee has been working on the preparation of the five-year financial plan. It will be provided to the Board for review at the January meeting and considered for approval at the February meeting.

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 explained the results of the meetings held with Homewood Disposal pertaining to a five-year extension of the refuse franchise agreement. The extension provides a number of options which include an electronic waste option and an unlimited yard waste option. Homewood Disposal will attend the January meeting to answer any questions about the proposals or contract extension and an agreement would be considered at the February meeting.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve an extension of an agreement with John Hernandez as a contractual operator of the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current contract expires April 30, 2022. This would extend his contract through April 30, 2026. Trustee Kypuros and the Committee recommended approval. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1340 – An Ordinance extending the historic downtown business district incentive program until December 31, 2023. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve Ordinance #1340. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1341 – An Ordinance extending the moratorium on the collection of certain new residential building permit fees until December 31, 2023. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve Ordinance #1341. 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

Trustee Kraus reported that the Police Department and Fire Department will hold their Secret Santa event on December 23rd.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Meyer made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss a recommendation for the hiring of two Public Works employees to replace two employees who recently resigned. Trustee Kypuros

seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to return to regular session at 7:33 p.m. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made the motion to approve the hiring of Logan Baker and Austin Timmer as two new full-time Public Works employees. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

1. Building Department
2. Police Department
3. Water
4. Sewer
5. Water billing register
6. IMIC quarterly report
7. Will County Transportation five-year STP plan
8. Comcast rate increase notice
9. AZAVAR quarterly report

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk