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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  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021 -- 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 and Juzeszyn.

**PRESENT REMOTELY:** Trustee Mazurek.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:** Administrator Robert Barber, 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.

**GUESTS:** None.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Trustee Mazurek.

Motion Carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner reminded residents that dog tags are on sale. The deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** - None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Szymanski provided a COVID-19 update. We are currently in Phase 4. A task force is working on how to get to Phase 5. Vaccinations are rolling out, but locally most have not received any notifications that they are on the list. Beecher Police, EMA and school teachers in the area are on the list and receiving vaccinations.

## A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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 read aloud bills received that day that were added to the list to be paid. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$117,561.26 which includes the additional bills. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-01 – A Resolution adopting a five-year Financial and Capital Improvements Plan for fiscal years 2021-2025. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-01. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board again discussed increasing the annual rate for water and sewer charges. These increases were discussed at the last meeting and a motion was approved authorizing the Attorney to draft the ordinance. The annual increase of \$0.25 is needed to fund operations of the water and sewer system and the \$1.00 increase for watermain replacement is needed to accelerate the replacement of the old iron watermain in town. In total (including the refuse rate increases), a minimum user in 2021 will see a \$12.75 increase per billing or \$76.50 per year and an 11,000 gallon average user will see a \$17.25 increase per billing or \$103.50 per year. Trustee Kraus indicated he would be more comfortable with this increase after the budget meeting to further discuss the impacts. Trustee Kypuros explained the need and reasoning for this increase.

ORDINANCE #1342 – An Ordinance increasing the annual rate increase for water and sewer from \$0.10 to \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons of water for operations and increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons for watermain replacement effective March 1, 2021. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1342. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. It was also noted that the second meeting in March (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) the budget workshop will be held at the Public Works garage. 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**

ORDINANCE #1343 – An Ordinance updating the truancy regulations in the Village. Chief Smith explained this update was necessary because of remote learning the schools have had to implement due to COVID in the last year. Truancy no longer means not only being physically present in school but also failing to participate remotely. There have been issues with students never logging in and participating in remote learning and this ordinance will hold the parents accountable. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1343. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.  
AYES: (6) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, Mazurek and Juzeszyn.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

ORDINANCE #1344 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign a five-year extension of the refuse franchise agreement with Homewood Disposal (HDS) with numerous options. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1344. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, Mazurek and Juzeszyn.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1345 – An Ordinance setting rates for refuse collection through June 30, 2028. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1345. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, Mazurek and Juzeszyn.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-02 – A Resolution of agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation District #1 regarding maintenance obligations on the State rights of way. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-02. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, Mazurek and Juzeszyn.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

The Board considered the award of a bid for the purchase of unleaded and diesel fuel for the Intergovernmental fuel system for 2021. Bids were opened the morning of the meeting and five

bids were received. After some discussion Trustee Meyer made a motion to award the flat and fixed price contract for fuel to Co-Alliance based upon the fixed price bid and based upon combined total cost of unleaded gas and diesel in the amounts of \$2.2012 for 46,000 87 unleaded, and \$2.5279 for 36,000 for low sulfur diesel. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A report on water system updates was provided. The lead service line project bid opening is set for Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. with a recommendation for award to be made at the next meeting. The Gould Street watermain project still does not have a bid date since we do not yet have a signed grant agreement from the State. The plan is to bid out Gould Street and Dixie Highway main replacements on the same date, but as separate projects. A bid date for Route #1 (Dixie Highway) is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Village staff proposed to use COVID grant funding to cover the cost of the Spring newsletter instead of soliciting ads from local businesses who may still be hurting due to being closed down due to COVID. Board members were asked their feelings on this and also ideas for the newsletter. The Board had no objections to using COVID grant funding for the newsletter. Article ideas were: water rate increase, Homewood disposal rules and rates, Fourth of July, and welcome new businesses. Free ads will be given to businesses who advertised in the last two newsletters.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Mazurek asked if the Youth Commission could have meetings so they can plan events. Yes, they can, as long as they observe the COVID regulations.

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

1. 2020 Water and Sewer Pumping and Usage Report
2. Building Department Monthly Report
3. Building Department Annual Report for 2020
4. Sewer Department Monthly Report for December
5. Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report for 2020
6. A recap of funds dispersed per the Walt's sales tax agreement 2000-2020
7. Police Department Annual Report for 2020
8. EMA Annual Report for 2020
9. Water Department Monthly Report for January

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janett Conner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk