

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY,
30251 S. CARDINAL CREEK BLVD., BEECHER, ILLINOIS
MARCH 22, 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, 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 and stayed at least 6' apart.

GUESTS: Paul Scheetz and Joe Tieri.

Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing the award of a bid, subject to approval of a loan agreement from the IEPA, with Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$2,777,865 subject to the removal of component B (meter installation in the amount of \$324,915) for the removal of all lead service lines in the Village of Beecher. The Village will be responsible for purchasing and installing meters. The wording of this motion was provided by the IEPA as a condition of their loan agreement. All three bidders agreed to remove Component B of the bid regarding meter purchases and installations. Brandt remains the lowest compliant bidder. The Village is now responsible for the meter purchase and installation part of the project. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion approving a proposal for the removal of parkway trees using Motor Fuel Tax funds from Homer Tree Care in the amount of \$5,225. Superintendent Conner explained that he obtained three proposals for removal of six dead trees and Homer Tree Service was low bidder at \$5,225. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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Trustee Kraus made a motion to declare two Dodge Charger squad cars as surplus property. Chief Smith explained that they need to be taken out of service because the two Dodge Chargers need new engines. There have been multiple problems with these cars for a while. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the purchase of one used police pursuit vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$19,000 to replace the two cars declared as surplus. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Dr. Paul Scheetz, a resident of Beecher and local business owner, was recognized. He expressed his wish to become more involved in the community.

There was no need to hold an Executive Session to discuss the IUOE #399 clerical contract negotiations at this time.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board held a workshop to go through the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. Finance Chair Kypuros went through each department in the budget.

Some of the matters discussed included:

- Whether Code Enforcement belongs in the Police Department or not.
- The Emergency Management Agency Department: \$5,000 was put in the budget by the Finance Committee for salaries. Chief Smith explained a possible paid on call system for EMA volunteers. Chief also said that at times EMA members watch prisoners housed overnight and he felt those times should be paid. Trustee Kraus wanted to see what the Chief comes up with and reassess after six months. Chief Smith will work on this.
- A study for a new Police station or remodeling the existing station.
- Increasing the line item for vehicle maintenance in the Street Department to repair Public Work dump trucks.
- Flooding problem near Pine Street that needs to be addressed.
- Covid grant money the Village may be getting. Administrator Barber said it needs to be determined on what is eligible under the grant, put the money in an escrow account and then decide what to spend the money on separately from the regular budget – possibly using some of the money for improving parks.
- Two additional part-time employees for Public Works to cover for the additional meter installations in coordination with the lead service line replacement project.

When there was no further discussion on the budget, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk