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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
APRIL 12, 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: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, 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. **STAFF PRESENT REMOTELY:** Clerk Janett Conner.

GUEST: Joe Tieri.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 22, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros 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) Deputy Clerk Meyer requested a closed session be held at the end of the meeting to review, approve and release Executive Session minutes.

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RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

VILLAGE COMMISSION REPORTS

Superintendent Conner provided a Beautification Commission update. A meeting was held last Thursday. Fifty-five hanging baskets were ordered. The Beautification Commission is cutting back on some of the flower plantings this year.

Trustee Meyer provided a Fourth of July Commission update. A meeting will be held April 13th. At the last meeting it was the consensus of the Commission to hold a celebration in the fall.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission update. The Commission hopes to meet in the next couple months to plan events to be held later in the year.

Trustee Wehling provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. The Commission plans to have their first meeting in a couple of weeks.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Szymanski congratulated all of the candidates that won in the recent election.

A COVID update was provided by President Szymanski. Beginning today, anyone 16 and over is eligible to schedule their vaccinations.

A railroad quiet zone update was provided. Superintendent Conner stated that they are still on schedule for April 16th with railroad flaggers. Public Works will be pre-marking areas and calling in locates soon.

A Proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerks Week was read aloud by President Szymanski. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A Proclamation recognizing Public Works Week was read aloud by President Szymanski. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Public Works Week Proclamation. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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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 \$140,393.21. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1346 – An Ordinance of supplemental appropriation to account for \$200,000 in COVID funding, \$40,000 for Firemen's Park parking lot, \$28,000 transfer to MFT for paint striping and \$212,000 in new MFT revenues. This supplemental appropriation is an audit requirement. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1346. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-03 – A Resolution authorizing line item transfers to the Village's budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to cover those items in the supplemental appropriation. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-03. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal from Menard Consulting in the amount of \$2,000 to complete an actuarial study of Village retirement benefit costs per G.A.S.B. 75 for a two-year period. This study is an audit requirement. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

It was reported that the Village has received certification of the tax levy. The levy rate dropped from 0.6835 to 0.6572. This is because the EAV increased by 5.12%. Trustee Kypuros stated that the Village did increase levy to Public Safety only. There were eight years without increasing the levy at all.

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ORDINANCE #1347 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign a new cable franchise agreement with Comcast until December 31, 2031. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1347. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss a collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Beecher and UIOE Local #399 clerical workers and price for the acquisition of a drainage easement.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling is working on obtaining new splash pad bid specifications and estimates. A meeting is scheduled for next Monday at 10 a.m., and he plans to have information for the next Board meeting.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on a variance for a fence in the front yard setback at 320 Mallards Cove. The hearing will be held Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The status of squad car replacements was provided. Trustee Kraus stated that the Police Department purchased a 2017 Ford Taurus, with some parts already in it, which saved some money. It is on the street as of today. The SUV should be done by the end of the week, they are waiting for parts.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Board considered extending an agreement with Carl Smits (Smits Farms) for the disposal of leaves to match the length of the current contract with Homewood Disposal. Trustee Meyer explained the agreement and made a motion to approve an extension of the agreement with Carl Smits (Smits Farms) for the disposal of leaves for the length of the current contract with Homewood Disposal (2028). Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update on the DCEA Fast Track Grant for the Gould Street watermain replacement was provided. Administrator Barber stated that the grant agreement was signed last week. It goes to

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Springfield to be signed, and then the Village can go to bid on the project.

An update on the part-time Public Works hiring process was provided. The Village is looking for one employee for Firemen's Park and up to four workers for the Public Works Department. Superintendent Conner reported that he conducted four interviews last Friday. One part-time employee will be starting tomorrow for Firemen's Park. Another part-time employee, still in High School, will be starting June 7th. Superintendent Conner is still going through applications. Trustee Kypuros confirmed with Superintendent Conner that his intent was to stagger the multiple new hires, rather than having all of them work forty hour weeks.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve awarding of a proposal in the amount of \$4,531.58 to McGill Construction for watermain street patch repairs which occurred over the winter months. Four proposals were received and McGill was the lowest price. Superintendent Conner wants these patches to be done as soon as the asphalt plants open. Superintendent Conner stated that asphalt plants should be opening next week. 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

A newsletter update was provided. Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the final draft went out last week to the Board and it looked good.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus reported that a part-time officer will be sworn in this week, and he will introduce the officer to the Board at the next meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Meyer made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to consider a collective bargaining agreement with UIOE Local #399 clerical workers, to review Executive Session minutes for approval and release to the public, and to discuss acquisition of land for a drainage easement. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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Trustee Wehling made a motion to return to regular session at 8:02 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1348 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign a collective bargaining agreement with UIOE Local #399 clerical workers. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1348. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-04 – A Resolution releasing certain Executive Session minutes. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-04 and release closed session minutes. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros amended his motion to adopt Resolution #2021-04 to release and approve certain Executive Session minutes. Trustee Meyer seconded his amended motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve a surface drainage easement agreement with Ron and Jamie Anderson and authorize the Treasurer to release a check for \$10,000. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

1. Building Department Monthly Report
2. Police Department Monthly Report
3. Water Department Monthly Report
4. Sewer Department Monthly Report
5. Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative Quarterly Report
6. Illinois Personnel Benefits Cooperative Monthly Report

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee

Kypuros 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Patty Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk