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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTER,
30200 TOWN CENTER ROAD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
APRIL 26, 2021 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, Mazurek (arrived at 7:08 p.m.) and Juzeszyn.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Greg Smith, Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Treasurer Donna Rooney and new part-time Police Officer James Hancock.

GUESTS: Friends and family of outgoing officials, the Szymanski family, Wehling family, Hugh O'Hara from Will County Governmental League and Kristi Delaurentis from South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Mazurek.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

New part-time Police Officer James Hancock was introduced to the Board by Chief Smith.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Conner read aloud a letter from the Fourth of July Commission thanking the Village for the \$15,000 donation for the festival to be held in September this year.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Conner provided an update on the railroad quiet zone. Work began today and delineators are up at the Penfield Street crossing. Road widening has started on Hodges Street. Work will continue.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness month in the Village of Beecher. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Mazurek.

Motion Carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to open a public hearing at 7:07 p.m. to consider a budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Mazurek.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Mazurek arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Administrator Barber made a formal presentation on the details of the budget. After the presentation, Trustee Kypuros requested the budget be amended to include some additional items that have come up since the budget workshop: increase expenses in the Public Infrastructure Fund by \$13,316 to do additional patching and drainage, and in Capital Outlay Infrastructure increase expenses by \$2,500 for drainage improvements. Trustee Wehling then provided the newest proposal for the splash pad so it may also be considered with this budget. The Board agreed that they would like to get the splash pad up and running this year. The concrete work will need to be bid out yet. The Board had previously discussed a soft pad instead of concrete which would cost an additional \$35,000. An additional \$52,000 would need to be added to Capital Improvements for the splash pad. (Encumber \$77,000 from the Quiet Zone project). The loan amount will be changed in the budget to reflect the changes. The expense and revenues for all changes would have to both be increased.

Board members and the audience were asked for any questions or comments. When there were no further discussion, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-05 – A Resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as amended (increase expenses in the Public Infrastructure Fund by \$13,316, increase expenses in Capital Outlay Infrastructure by \$2,500, and increase Capital Improvement expenses by \$52,000). Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-05. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1349 – An Ordinance adopting an appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1349. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion. AYES: (6) Trustees Meyer, Wehling, Kypuros, Kraus, Mazurek and Juzeszyn. NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-06 – A Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-06. 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

Trustee Wehling provided a splash pad update earlier in the meeting.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Mazurek provided an update on the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing for a fence variance at 320 Mallards Cove. The hearing was held last Thursday night for a variance for a fence in the front yard setback. A finding of fact and ordinance is being drafted based on the recommendation made by the PZC and will be considered by the Village Board at the May 10th meeting.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

New part-time Police Officer Hancock was introduced earlier in the meeting.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A Route #1 resurfacing update was provided. Concrete work is supposed to begin May 3rd, and construction work is scheduled for the week of May 24th.

A Gould Street watermain update was provided. We are still awaiting an executed grant agreement from the State. In the meantime, the Union Pacific Railroad has changed its regulations for installing pipes below their rail lines, which has required the Village to re-apply for their permits.

A Dixie Highway watermain design update was provided. Superintendent Conner met with the engineer and came up with some different plans and ideas. Indiana Avenue is an add-on. The Superintendent will continue to work on the design with the engineer and should have numbers soon.

A Firemen's Park parking lot update was provided. Paving work is scheduled to begin on May 3rd. 

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Clerk Conner reported that the newsletter will be mailed on Tuesday.

G. OLD BUSINESS - None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Trustee Mazurek for her four years of service to the Village of Beecher.

RESOLUTION #2021-07 – A Resolution of Appreciation was read aloud by President Szymanski and presented to Trustee Wehling for his 24 years of service to the Village of Beecher as a Trustee. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-07. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling thanked his family, the Board, Village staff, the supporters in the community, and all of those who voted for him over the years.

RESOLUTION #2021-08 – A Resolution recognizing Village President Greg Szymanski for his many years of service to the Village of Beecher. Clerk Conner read the Resolution aloud and presented President Szymanski with a plaque in honor of his many years of service to the Village. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-08. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Hugh O'Hara from the Will County Governmental League provided a plaque to President Szymanski for his service to the Governmental League.

Kristi Delaurentis spoke and thanked President Szymanski for his work with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers and stated that he will be missed.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Cake and refreshments were served for the outgoing Board members after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk