

**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
NOVEMBER 28, 2016 -- 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 Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger and Code Enforcement Officer Denis Tatgenhorst.

GUESTS: Kyle Meyer from Southland Voice, Diane Carson and Stacy Mazurek.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Ahrendt, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner read aloud a thank you card from the family of Leroy Buck. 3) It was announced dog tags go on sale December 1st. 4) The filing dates for the April 2017 election were provided.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1252 - An Ordinance adopting a property tax levy for 2016 collectible in 2017. Trustee Meyer made a motion approving Ordinance #1252. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer provided an overview of the Five Year Financial Plan. The plan is scheduled for distribution for the Board's review at the next meeting and for consideration in January or February.

Administrator Barber provided a report on the process of abating the 2009 General Obligation Bonds. According to a bond company from Bloomington, the Village has a call option on the bonds that is due in 2018. This can extend the bond issue out and drop the levies. The bond company is putting together three scenarios for the Committee to consider. The Finance Committee will then need to meet with the bond company to consider the options for refinancing the bonds. The bonds were originally issued in 2009 for the construction of the new Public Works Facility on Cardinal Creek Boulevard. Interest rates are now lower and it would be a savings to refinance. Staff is working with First Midstate Bank of Bloomington, IL on a strategy for refinancing. The cost for issuance would be approximately \$5,000 for bond counsel and \$5,000 for consultation and bold placement which would be rolled into the bond issue. This was for information only.

The Board considered removing a "due to" Public Infrastructure from General Fund that has been on the books since 2007 when the first ½% sales tax was imposed and the Auditor has recommended it be removed from the books. Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing the removal of a "due to" Public Infrastructure from General Fund in the amount of \$28,584. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Wehling reported that the Committee will be meeting over the winter to discuss park rules and park maintenance. Parks are getting more use and there is a need to come up with more rules.

Trustee Wehling said that the HVAC unit on the Village Hall roof is not working properly due to a rusted out heat exchanger. The unit was existing when we bought the building and is old and needs to be replaced. Prices were solicited and five bids have been received. The cost came in under \$12,000. This is an unbudgeted item and needs to be approved by the Board. The Committee will review the bids and is asking for permission to review the bids and authorize the Committee to approve the purchase since it will be two weeks between meetings and the unit is limping along and may need to be replaced by then. Screening for the unit may also be considered. Trustee Wehling made a motion to authorize the Committee to approve a proposal not to exceed \$12,000 for a new HVAC unit on the roof of the Village Hall. Trustee Ahrendt seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

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There are no Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meetings planned until January, 2017. There are no significant agenda issues at this time.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Officer Denis Tatgenhorst provided a report on the status of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Community Policing. The EMA started in September and is up and running. Officer Tatgenhorst is looking at applications now and have three vehicles for EMA use. The EMA assisted in directing traffic during watermain breaks over the last two days. They are also helping with a food drive in Beecher and promoting reading books for the squad cars for children in crisis. An EMA certificate was presented to the Board that provides designation of EMA status which was given to the Village effective May 1, 2016. Staff was certified for two years by completing the regional plan. Chief Weissgerber reported that he had a lot of comments from residents that the new EMA is being well received after their work during Halloween and the watermain breaks. Officer Tatgenhorst was thanked for their help during the watermain breaks.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Water and Sewer Department monthly reports were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros reporter that the water billing register for the months of September and October was provided in the packet for review. The pumped to billed ratio has increased again, possibly due to flushing, flow testing and fire department use of water. The Committee will continue to monitor the ratio and see why it changed.

Superintendent Cowger provided a report on fall hydrant flushing and flow testing for ISO Rating. He reported a lot of water was flushed during hydrant flushing for ISO ratings which he believed contributed to the change in the pumped to billed ratios. There are a few hydrants that need to be repaired.

Superintendent Cowger reported on the three watermain breaks on Indiana Avenue over the last two days. These breaks were actually service taps on the main. The pipe is splitting where service lines go into the main. The fall flushing may have contributed to the watermain breaks. Superintendent Cowger thanked the EMA for their help during the break.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the letting of bids for the Penfield Street watermain project. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Safe Routes to School update. IDOT has approved the beacon designs however they lost the original specifications so it is being reviewed again, so the beacons have not arrived for installation.

Superintendent Cowger reported that the sidewalk replacement program has been completed for 2016.

Brush and leaf pickup will continue through November 28, 2016.

Village snow plow routes have been changed. A third truck was added to the north route (Hunter's Chase) and the south route took some streets from the center route in order to balance the work load of the crews on the street.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Basile provided a report on the presentations made at Bult Field on October 28th by area Village Presidents, IDOT, the CSX Railroad and HITS on the future of Balmoral Park.

Prints for the Gould Street boardwalk were provided to the Board for review. The project can be bid out in the Spring, depending on funding. Administrator Barber pointed out the lighting shown on the prints is for the future. A ramp would have to be put on private property to make it ADA compliant. Trustee Kypuros asked if the boardwalk would be level or to what grade it will be constructed. Administrator Barber said he wasn't sure but it will be ADA compliant. President Szymanski asked if this plan included the conduit for the electric. The plans show a space for conduit but it wasn't sure if the plans actually included installation of conduit. This will need to be clarified. Some commented they liked the previous design better than the current one. Trustee Ahrendt would like to see a more open design for the railing. Consensus of the Board preferred the vertical lattice proposed in the original rendering. Administrator Barber was directed to contact Mike Stanula and let him know that 2x2 vertical baluster is preferred over the current design and also to verify the conduit in place in the new plans.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee Kypuros made a motion cancelling the December 26th Board meeting and having a full Board meeting on December 12th. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros asked when the Board was going to change to tablets for Board packets. He was referred to Administrator Barber to discuss further.

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.
AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk