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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  
July 23, 2018 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held for recent tragedies that have resulted in losses of life.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Basile.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Crew Leader Matt Conner and Police Chief Greg Smith.

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema, Fire Chief Joe Falaschetti, Bob Kopec, Marge Cook and Keith Vallow.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**CLERKS'S REPORT**

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) There were no objections from the Board for a request for a block party on Saddle Run Lane on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

A presentation was provided by Chief Joe Falaschetti of the Beecher Fire Department to explain a request to allow them to use Village property east of the Public Works garage for a fire training site. The Village has 2-3 acres of land east of the garage. This would require some type of a long-term intergovernmental agreement, since the cost of the facility requires a longer-term arrangement. The facility would be constructed out of shipping containers, and painted earth-

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tones to match the Public Works and Washington Township buildings. Chief Falaschetti explained the hours and types of training required for firefighters. In the future, the training center could be leased to other local fire departments. The entire facility would be fenced in and locked. Chief Falaschetti showed drawings of the proposed facility, which would cost approximately \$60,000 with the Fire Department doing a lot of work themselves. Trustee Kypuros asked about drainage from the facility. Trustee Wehling asked about the current spoils pile, which may need to be relocated if not used by the time the project starts. President Szymanski said the Village would propose a 20-year lease. Trustee Kypuros stated that when the lease would end, that property would need to be returned to its original condition. By mutual agreement, the lease could be extended for additional years, after the original 20 years. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed and provide the Fire Department with an intergovernmental agreement in writing.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Meyer provided a report on fund balance comparisons since 2007. This year the Village is performing very well and there does not appear to be any issues with cash flows.

It was reported that bids for the Will County Aggregation group will be opened and a recommendation made to the committee on or about July 31<sup>st</sup>. The goal is to have a new supplier on line for the residents by October 1<sup>st</sup>, when our current contract expires.

A Village audit update was provided. Audit is on target for an October presentation to the Board.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Crew Leader Conner reported on the generator project at the Police station. Metro Power is getting the final parts and should complete work in approximately one week.

Trustee Wehling provided an update on the Tot Lot. The committee is looking for grants. Village and Fire Department monies have been deposited in a Tot Lot account. Money from Beecher Lions and Beecher Youth Commission will be forthcoming.

Crew Leader Conner provided a report on Lions Park playground work. During the fall and winter, gravel and wood around existing playground will be removed. Certified playground mulch will then be installed.

Chief Smith provided an update on the video security at Firemen’s Park. Three high definition cameras have been installed.

There was nothing new to report on Firemen’s Park field #2 ballfield lights.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

Trustee Mazurek reported that a community planning workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Board members were encouraged to attend and participate in the planning exercises for that evening.

**D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Police Department, Code Enforcement and E.M.A. monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus reported that a new hiring list for the Police Department will be created since the current list expires April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

The water billing register for May and June were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kypuros stated that pumped to billed ratio is 74%, which is better than it has been. Accounting for unmetered water is on-going.

A Wastewater Treatment Plant update was provided. Administrator Barber stated that they have dug the clarifier pit, but there has been too much rain to frame and pour concrete.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Dunbar watermain project update. Bid has been awarded, and pre-con meeting will be held next week.

Crew Leader Conner provided an update on the Miller Street lift station. Originally, one pump went down, followed by the second pump failing. Public Works rented a bypass pump. Currently, all work has been completed and the lift station is up and running.

Crew Leader Conner provided an update on the manhole issue on Route #1. The manhole in front of 702 Dixie Highway collapsed on itself. On Wednesday, All Pro Paving will complete repair with asphalt. Public Works will inspect all manholes on Route #1 in southbound lanes.

A curb and sidewalk replacement program update was provided. Perino Brothers should start work mid-August. Crew Leader Conner just received bid on mudjacking and sent it off today.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the letting of bids for 2018 crack sealing program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

A water and sewer SCADA update was provided. Crew Leader Conner reported that Energetics went through sewer plant and well houses, and will come up with a plan.

The Gould Street paint re-stripping has been completed.

A copy of the results of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) inspection of the existing Sewer Treatment Plant was provided in the packet for review. The Village was cited for one excursion in February when a fecal release occurred due to the pond overflowing after a very heavy rain.

Crew Leader Conner provided a Gould Street boardwalk sealing update. Gass Painting will be power washing the boardwalk the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>, and sealing the boardwalk the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>, all weather permitting.

Trustee Kypuros provided an update on ComEd's pole replacement project on Route #1. They are now at Church Road, but it's unknown when they will be coming further south. Administrator Barber said residents along Route #1 received letters today.

The status of Fairway Drive street lights was provided. After some resident inquiries and an inspection, it was learned that Fairway Drive was missing three street lights since they were installed in 1995. They still appear on the ComEd bill list so we have formally requested that ComEd put in new poles at these locations.

Trustee Kypuros requested an executive session be held to discuss personnel.

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

RESOLUTION #2018-08 – A Resolution of intent to establish a Tax Increment Finance District. This is required as part of the process for creating a TIF District. Trustee Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-08. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1293 – An Ordinance of participation in the Tax Increment Financing District. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1293. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion Carried.

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Trustee Meyer reported that a senior housing project is still a priority for Beecher. The first choice to build a senior housing project isn't showing any interest so the Village will be proceeding to other potential builders and investors in such a project. Trustee Kypuros suggested reaching out to Landmark Construction, who does a lot of work on senior housing projects.

The Village has entered into an agreement with HR Green to complete the quiet zone by the end of the fiscal year. The Village received the first draft of proposed improvements today. Roads will have to be widened slightly at Hodges and Church Road crossings.

**G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Szymanski said that the Illinois Municipal League conference will be held from September 20-22 in Chicago. Board members should let Staff know if they plan to attend.

The next Intergovernmental meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to get local official input into the Comprehensive Plan and provide a TIF update.

**H. OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus reported that Police Officer Roger Sipple raced in the 5-0 at the Dirty-O in Joliet last Saturday, and his team raised over \$6,500 for Special Olympics. Chief Smith thanked people that were able to attend and everyone for their support.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss personnel. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return to regular session at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Kypuros stated that he is looking to get a design from Baxter and Woodman for Hodges Street by Firemen's Park, for a round-about, to utilize for dropping off children and equipment for ballgames. The Village already has a survey of the property. Trustee Wehling wants to be involved in the planning of this.

Trustee Mazurek asked about the hole in pavement on Indiana Avenue. Crew Leader Conner

stated that the hole was from a previous watermain break and All Pro Paving will repair the area on Wednesday.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Meyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patty Meyer  
Deputy Clerk