

**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 13, 2018 -- 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 Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Basile.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Greg Smith, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUESTS: Tom Fagan and Russ Jensen.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

A presentation was provided by Tom Fagan from Azavar. He explained that his company investigates revenue accuracy from utilities and vendors from sales taxes, utility tax, telecommunication tax and franchise fees. Any collectible revenue they find would be split between them and the Village 45/55 for a period of three years. There is no cost to us for this program. Trustee Kypuros asked how we know what is being found, and requested a list of references of other municipalities that have used them and wanted to check some of the references. A report will be provided by Azavar showing what addresses were missing. After some discussion, Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve a proposal with Azavar to investigate revenue accuracy from utilities and vendors from sales taxes, utility tax, telecommunication tax and franchise fees. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a Special Use in a B-1 Historic Downtown Business District for a crematorium at the Hack Funeral Home at 753 Hodges. After due notice and public hearing at which one person objected to the special use on the grounds that it would generate more traffic in the area, the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) voted unanimously to recommend the

special use on the condition that no smoke or odor ever emanate from the self-contained unit. The unit will be installed in the garage at the rear of the funeral home.

ORDINANCE #1296 – An Ordinance granting a Special Use in a B-1 Historic Downtown Business District for a crematorium at the Hack Funeral Home at 753 Hodges. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1296. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Superintendent Conner reported that the Beautification Commission has ordered a new bench honoring Paul Lohmann and it should be delivered this week.

A Fourth of July Commission report was provided by Trustee Meyer. Next meeting is scheduled for November 27th, and the Commission will be working on a budget for next year.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the Youth Commission just held their Nerf wars event, with 117 participants. Trustee Mazurek thanked the Youth Advisors for their work on the event. The Commission is looking for new commissioners.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at the Depot. The historic sign program is still on-going. The Commission will be sending out additional letters to historic properties.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TREASURER’S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer’s report was provided to the Board for review and Treasurer Rooney was present to answer questions. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the preceding month were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totaling \$179,087.34 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2018-11 – A Resolution of support for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant to close gaps in public sidewalks in subdivisions. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-11. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion declaring the following pieces of equipment as surplus property and authorizing them for sale through a bid process and minimum bid requirement: 1990 GMC Topkick, 1988 Ford F800, 1990 Ford flatbed, Snow Wolf plow for skid steer, and 2005 Chevy Impala. Proceeds from the sale of equipment will be placed into the Capital Equipment Sinking Fund. Bids will be due by 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 6th, at which time they will be opened. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a proposal to build a G.I.S. for the water distribution system, with M.E. Simpson in the amount of \$10,450. This system would allow Public Works employees to access locations and types of valves right from their phones when it is dark and when there is snow on the ground to locate and access valves for water breaks. It also logs water breaks, main size and flows which can then be used by the Fire Department in times of emergency and when ISO ratings are established every five years. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve partial payment #1 to Bisping Construction in the amount of \$164,644.59 for Dunbar watermain replacement. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the waiving of bids for the replacement of watermains on Oak Park Avenue between Indiana and Penfield, due to an emergency. Trustee Kypuros explained that this can be done now because there is still money left in the budget since the Dunbar watermain came in below estimates. Oak Park is where the biggest problems are now located. Residents on Oak Park have complained about low water pressure and quality and this needs to be done now. This process should save us 60-90 days and get the work done sooner. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Mazurek, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing acceptance of a proposal for the replacement of watermain on Oak Park from Indiana Avenue to Penfield Street, to Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$72,113.42. Three local contractors who were the lowest three bidders on the Dunbar watermain were asked to submit a proposal. Two submitted proposals and Brandt was the lowest. Even with this project including engineering fees, replacement of both Dunbar and Oak Park

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watermains will cost less than budgeted for just the Dunbar watermain. Engineer estimates came in much higher than actual costs. Work may begin between Thanksgiving and December 1st and completed by Christmas. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

It was also the consensus of the Board to allow Administrator Barber to sign an agreement with Baxter and Woodman for supervision of this project to get it moving forward.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal from Baxter and Woodman to conduct a topography survey for the Gould Street watermain project for an amount not to exceed \$9,300. This survey needs to be done before Baxter and Woodman can start the design. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a change order from I.H.C. in the amount of \$29,618 for the installation of an external automatic transfer switch on the generator pad of the new Sewer Treatment Plant. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1297 – An Ordinance amending the Village Code to eliminate the meter charge of \$275 for each home turnover and replace it with a new account charge of \$50 for a residential account and \$100 for a commercial account. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1297. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed proposed plans for a playground in Firemen's Park. Trustee Wehling explained the plans and location for the equipment. He showed a drawing for the proposed location for the equipment as drawn out by him and the Public Works Superintendent. Additional funds are still needed to complete the project. Trustee Wehling wants to begin ordering equipment as soon as enough money is in the account (\$18,000) so installation can begin in the spring. Trustee Wehling made a motion adopting the official plans for Phase I of a playground in Firemen's Park and authorizing the committee to begin purchasing the equipment for the project in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, contingent upon receipt of adequate funds. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski said he wanted to thank Trish Moran for bringing this idea to him a few years ago for park equipment in Firemen's Park.

Trustee Meyer discussed the property tax levy for 2018 collectible in 2019. Tax caps have the extension increase limited to the COLA or about 2% which would generate an additional \$12,112 for the General Fund. The Village has not increased the levy since 2011 and the committee recommended that we should go at least one more year without a levy increase since the EAV has not yet rebounded, meaning tax rates are still high. The current levy stands at \$605,333. It was the consensus to keep the levy at the same level.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c) regarding the hiring of part-time police officer candidates at 7:56 p.m. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to return to regular session at 8:07 p.m. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to submit five names to the Chief of Police as follows to move forward with part-time Police Department hiring, subject to further testing: Ilya Krutoyarskiy, Jonas Kujawa, Raul Arroyo, Mike Rodriguez and Matt Bozicevich. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk