

**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  
FEBRUARY 12, 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 Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Acting Chief Rick Emerson, Treasurer Donna Rooney and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

**GUEST:** George Schuitema, Matt Walsh from Greenburg Engineering and Mel Chamaru from Borrego Solar Systems.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 22, 2018 Board meeting and January 29, 2018 Joint Taxing Body meeting. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Superintendent Cowger provided a Beautification Commission update. He is going through the process of trying to decide which pots to go with for flower baskets.

A Fourth of July update was provided. President Szymanski appointed Brad Johnson to the Beecher Fourth of July Commission. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve President Szymanski's appointment. Trustee Basile seconded the motion. Brad Johnson will replace Ray Smith who passed away last year.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Meyer made a motion authorizing the letting of bids for the Fourth of July raffle car. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission report. The Father Daughter Dance is coming up this Saturday. The Commission is looking for one more Commissioner.

There was nothing to report for the Ribbon of Hope Commission.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.

#### **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 Basile made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills totaling \$111,369.03 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a permit for a solar farm located within 1.5 miles of the Village limits (planning jurisdiction) from Borrego Solar Systems for 17 acres on both sides of Indiana Avenue between Cottage Grove and Stoney Island Avenue. Matt Walsh and Mel Chamarru representing Borrego Solar Systems provided a presentation on the proposed solar farm and explained the project. Matt Walsh explained that there are actually two separate projects: one on the north side and one on the south side of Indiana Avenue. Staff reported that the petition appears to satisfy all of the requirements of the new ordinance even though this will be an unincorporated facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) voted unanimously to recommend a letter of no objection. Board members asked questions of the petitioners. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve a letter of no objection to Will County for a special use permit for a solar farm located within 1.5 miles of the Village limits (planning jurisdiction) from Borrego Solar Systems, 17 acres on both sides of Indiana Avenue between Cottage Grove and Stoney Island Avenue. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Basile made a motion authorizing a special Village Board meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for the purposes of reviewing the proposed Village budget. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the five-year financial plan. The Finance Committee met on the plan and is comfortable with it. Trustee Kypuros explained some of the changes made to the plan by the Committee, items to consider for the upcoming budget and how the future trends affect the revenues and expenses in coming years. Staff will know more about final numbers in the water and sewer fund once they know the loan terms with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

RESOLUTION #2018-02 – A Resolution adopting a five-year financial plan for the Village of Beecher, 2018-2022. Trustee Basile made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-02. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported on the Dunbar Street watermain project. After meeting with the Village engineer about high project cost estimates, a revised engineering estimate of construction cost came in at \$394,800 along with the engineering fees, bringing the total project cost to \$458,825. Trustee Kypuros felt these numbers still seem high but this is below the amount of cash available on May 1, 2018, so this project is now feasible. Trustee Kypuros asked the Board how aggressive they want to be in replacing old watermains. He was looking for a consensus on what to do on raising water rates. The Village can replace ductile iron mains with plastic pipe and increase the watermain replacement portion of a bill to replace more old lines sooner. Superintendent Cowger asked why the Village is looking at replacing the Dunbar Street main. This would be to solve some problems with service lines blocking up on Dunbar that may continue to be costly. The oldest main in town is most likely on Indiana Avenue between Dixie and Gould, but it will be very costly to replace. After much discussion it was agreed to move forward with this project and go through the budget process for further discussion on increasing the water rates. After much discussion, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve an engineering services agreement with Baxter and Woodman in an amount not to exceed \$30,925 for design and bidding and \$33,100 for construction observation for the replacement of the Dunbar Street watermain. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Mazurek.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski reported on the Joint Fuel Committee meeting. The Fuel Committee solicited 16 vendors for fuel bids and only received one bid from Heritage FS. After reviewing the variable and flat pricing the Committee recommended to award the bid to Heritage FS on variable pricing for the coming year. Administrator Barber explained the results of the meeting. Treasurer Rooney explained how prices can be monitored for fuel. Trustee Kraus made a motion to award bid to Heritage FS in the amount of \$0.10 over low rack OPIS for unleaded and diesel fuel for the period of March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There was some discussion on locking in pricing for the remainder of the fuel term in case fuel prices begin to trend upwards or downwards and it becomes advantageous to lock in a flat price. Trustee Wehling made a motion authorizing the Intergovernmental Fuel Committee to lock in pricing for the remainder of the fuel term with Heritage FS. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A draft Strategic Plan Resolution was provided in the packet for review. Board members were asked for any questions or comments regarding the plan. A vote on the plan will be considered at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Mazurek commented on the hiring of another Police officer, if the day shift could go to an existing officer or the new officer. It was answered that it is up to the collective bargaining agreement.

President Szymanski requested an Executive Session be held to discuss the terms and conditions for the hiring of a Chief of Police. He stated two motions may be required after the Executive Session approving an employment contract and approving the appointment.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss the terms and conditions for the hiring of a Chief of Police. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Wehling made a motion to return to regular session at 9:01 p.m. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1282 – An Ordinance approving an employment agreement with the Chief of Police as amended by the Board as follows: to extend vacation days out to the end of the contract; capping sick time at 240 hours; and removing the wording with respect to approval of the Village Board stating vacation time has no cash value. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance

#1282 as amended. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Szymanski appointed Greg Smith as the new Chief of Police. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve President Szymanski's appointment. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk