

**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 26, 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, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**GUEST:** George Schuitema.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer 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.

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Trustee Basile.

Motion Carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided. 2) Clerk Conner reported that 2019 dog tags will go on sale on December 3rd.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE # 1298** – An Ordinance adopting a tax levy for 2018 collectible in 2019. This will be the eighth year that the levy hasn't been increased. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1298. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**ORDINANCE #1299** – An Ordinance amending Rule 27 of Title 1, Section 6, Chapter 6 of the Beecher Village Code pertaining to public participation at regular and special meetings of the

Village Board. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1299. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2018-12 – A Resolution adopting an amended Sexual Harassment Policy in compliance with State law. Trustee Basile made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-12. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

The Board discussed converting to LED lighting for the remaining municipal buildings and streetlights. Product Distribution Company would do the conversion through incentives from ComEd bringing the cost of the project to the Village to around \$10,317.50. This project includes converting the Village-owned streetlights in Nantucket Cove to LEDs. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve a proposal to convert to LED lighting for the remaining municipal buildings and streetlights in the amount of \$15,085.50. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made authorizing the use of \$2,400 in Nantucket Cove escrow funds to convert street lights in the subdivision from sodium vapor to LED. Trustee Kypuros asked why street lighting money isn't being used for this. He preferred keeping the Nantucket Cove escrow money for other things in Nantucket Cove subdivision such as service line repairs, etc. The motion was then was withdrawn. The money will come out of the budget for street lighting.

The results of the liability insurance company's inspection of the Public Works facility and water tower tank was provided. Only two recommendations were made and the inspector states that Beecher has only a fraction of the violations noted in most other communities inspected.

The status of the Fire District training facility was provided. A sign was approved to be installed on the property announcing the new center to be built. Engineering is complete and has been sent to the Village Engineer for review. The Public Works Superintendent and the Fire Chief are working together on this project. According to Superintendent Conner, the project is probably not going to begin until spring, due to the weather.

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

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

The December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, when conceptual planning will begin on the comprehensive plan.

A Beecher 2040 Plan update was provided. The existing conditions report and the survey results are being posted to the 2040 website for everyone to see. Planning concepts based on these results are being drafted for the PZC to begin their portion planning workshops.

#### **D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

#### **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

The water billing register for September and October was provided for review. The billed to pumped ratio is 61.95%. There will be a focus on the sewer plant which is a current massive user of unmetered water. Leak detection is also ongoing and two additional broken service lines have been found which should improve the pumped to billed ratio.

Superintendent Conner said that grass restorations on Dunbar Street will have to be worked on in spring since restoration areas have been sinking. He has been receiving a lot of complaints from that area.


Superintendent Conner reported that he spoke to the contractor for the Oak Park watermain replacement project and they hope to be here later in the week to begin, but may not be able to start due to the weather.

Administrator Barber provided a wastewater treatment plant project update. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., to discuss a 4" pump in a wet well that is down. The Committee will need to determine if it needs to be replaced or if it can wait since a new one will be needed with the project. The project is on schedule.

Superintendent Conner provided a leaf and brush collection update. Due to storm damage overnight and snow, both brush pickup and leaf collection will be extended into December.

The results of the Penfield Street reconstruction workshop held on November 7<sup>th</sup> was provided. A copy of all the comments were provided in the packet for review. The engineer will be responding to the comments. The most common concern was the change to parallel parking in front of the Post Office with the reconstruction.

The results of the fall hydrant flushing and inspection program were provided. The project has been completed and all hydrants greased.



Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a three year proposal from M.E. Simpson for the turning of water valves in the Village in the amount of \$7,000. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Village entering into a customer consent with ComEd to convert all sodium vapor street lighting in the Village on ComEd poles to LED fixtures. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion. This consent will save the Village approximately \$10,000 per year.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Public Works Committee has reviewed the snow removal plan with Superintendent Conner. Three snow routes are designated with three drivers on each route. There is at least one experienced driver in each route which will train the other two drivers during the season. Salt runs will be handled by three trucks and a three man rotation per run. Superintendent Conner reported that with the recent snow, the plan seemed to go well.

Minutes of the October 24<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee meeting were provided for review.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment contingent on receipt of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan funds in the amount of \$214,857 to I.H.C. as progress payment #3 on the Beecher wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

The Board was reminded about the presentation on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Faith Church called "From Handshake to Hashtag". The speaker will address the community on communicating between generations.

President Szymanski provided an update on the railroad quiet zone. Last week a meeting was held with Union Pacific Railroad, the ICC, Federal Railway Administration, HR Green, himself and staff. So far the project is pretty much as planned. It was learned that some roads have to be widened. The bad news was that two of the railroad gates are already too close to the road on Church Road and Eagle Lake Road, so they need to be moved. It was questioned if they are already too close, will the railroad be responsible for moving them. Waiting to get a report back before determining if the costs will be too high due to the two gates being too close and needing to be moved.

A sesquicentennial update was provided. The Committee is working on the next chapter of the book and ad sales will begin in January. A checking account will be set up for this project. The Board was asked if they wish to include in next year's budget money to place an ad in the book.

### **G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Szymanski reported that the Mayors of Eastern Will County met in late October with County Executive and County Board members to discuss local truck routes. This was a second meeting and made sure all comments from previous meeting were included on the map. One item that needs to be discussed with IDOT is that a portion of Route 50 has to be opened to trucks through Peotone.

### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Barber reported on Goodenow Road construction. Will County has reported that a utility was found at the bridge that wasn't known to be there before the project. The utility will need to be relocated so the road may not reopen until next spring.

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 Mazurek, Basile, Wehling, Kypuros, Meyer and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk