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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
AUGUST 14, 2017 -- 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, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Donna Rooney and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Peter Thomson and Jason Imig.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 24, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile 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 report. Public Works did cleanup last week of Depot Park and Women's Club Park. Two locations for benches have also been marked out.

Trustee Meyer provided a Fourth of July Commission report. She indicated that there are still some outstanding bills, and said that the festival should just barely end in the black this year, but it's too soon to tell.

Trustee Mazurek provided a Youth Commission report. The Deep River Waterpark event was a success with 382 residents in attendance. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

Trustee Basile provided a Ribbon of Hope Commission update. Three benches have been installed.

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The rest are being painted and should be installed soon. Bricks will be ordered soon and a dedication will occur in the fall.

Trustee Wehling provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. Celebration of Beecher's founding father's birthday this year is going well. The Commission gave out birthday cake at the Lions Club Summerfest and passed out business cards about the Depot Museum. The Commission is working on recruiting new members and letting people know that Beecher has a history. The next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was provided to the Board for review and the Treasurer was present to answer questions.

Trustee Kypuros questioned two large bills that were paid for park labor by the Fourth of July Commission. Trustee Meyer responded that the Fourth of July Commission Chairman approved the park labor and no one else knew about the hired labor until the bill came in. There was much discussion regarding this issue. President Szymanski stated that there have been many discussions about this and the Chairman has been told this cannot occur again.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion Carried.

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

A list of bills totalling \$174,384.70 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Kypuros questioned the large amount being paid to Dacav this month. Trustee Kraus questioned the bills for the PZC Planner and Secretary and their duties and also questioned the bills for cleaning of the Police Department and Village Hall. After some discussion, it was suggested that these issues can be brought up at a future Committee meeting.

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 granting a special use permit for 607 Penfield Street. The petitioner has a detached garage and wishes to construct a garden shed on the property. The Zoning Ordinance requires a special use permit for more than one detached accessory structure. There are already several instances in the neighborhood where more than one accessory structure exists on one zoning

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lot but they most likely were built prior to the Zoning Ordinance being approved. A petition from the neighbors was filed supporting this special use and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended unanimously to approve the special use permit request after a Public Hearing was held.

ORDINANCE #1273 - An Ordinance granting a special use permit for two accessory structures on one zoning lot at 607 Penfield Street. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1273. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a contract with Baxter and Woodman Engineers to provide construction management services for the wastewater treatment plant project in an amount not to exceed \$628,000. None of the funding will be spent until the Village begins the project and the loan funds are secured. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving payment of an invoice for Brandt Excavating for the Penfield Street watermain replacement for an amount not to exceed \$230,000. The grant funds to pay this have been received. The new main is connected east of Trim Creek and the old main has been retired. Work west of Trim Creek will begin the week of Monday, August 21st. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber noted that the variance reports have a new layout due to a software upgrade. Staff is in the process of eliminating the use of Quicken to save entering data twice in some cases but this will take some time to switch over.

Treasurer Rooney explained to the Board a new water billing module has been purchased to allow water bills to be emailed. She asked Board members who wanted their bill emailed, to let her know. She plans to test the system on a few water billing customers before offering it to all residents. It will be a cost savings once enough people sign up to have their bills emailed. It can also be used for sending out other types of emails to residents. Residents will also be encouraged to sign up for autodraft for those who sign up for paperless billing. Trustee Kypuros will have a Committee meeting to discuss some type of possible incentive program for those who sign up for e-bill and autodraft.

Trustee Basile said he recently attended a Postal convention where they discussed "Informed Delivery" which will allow postal customers to see a picture of first class mail that will be delivered

to their home that day, which could be used for businesses and residents.

Trustee Kraus said he was asked by a couple residents recently what the Village is doing about business in the community besides putting in the boardwalk. For example, they asked about the empty building in front of the grocery store. The Administrator explained that the Village doesn't always have control over what property owners do to their buildings. He said that with the housing market stagnant it's hard to bring in more businesses. Strategic planning is planned for later this year where the Board can discuss these types of issues. President Szymanski also commented he is working on trying to get senior housing in Beecher. He encouraged Trustee Kraus to attend the Illinois Municipal League (IML) conference sessions on economic development to learn more about the economics of bringing in new businesses.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk