

**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
October 22, 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, Aaron and Kristin Dacorte, Ron Mazurek and Roger Sipple.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

- 1) A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.
- 2) Clerk Conner reported that Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer has been attending building permit technician certification classes.
- 3) The Clerk reminded the Board that election packets are available for pick up at the Village Hall for the April 2, 2019 election.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Chief Smith presented Certificate of Commendation awards to Corporal Dacorte and Officer Mazurek for their work on a case involving a police stop and arrest where a gun was recovered that had been used in crimes elsewhere.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Mazurek reported that the next Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting will be held on October 25th at 7 p.m. to consider a request for a crematorium for Hack Funeral Home and continued work on the Comprehensive Plan.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus provided an update on the part-time and full-time Police officer hiring process. The full-time hiring physical agility and written tests were conducted on Sunday. Twelve applicants went through the hiring tests. Results should be available in a week or so and then the remaining applicants who passed this first testing will be given an oral exam to determine the hiring list.

A Public Safety Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23rd to discuss the Police Department full-time hiring process.

Trustee Kraus reported that he and Chief Smith will be meeting with the School District to discuss the future of an SRO program.

Trustee Kraus provided a report on the new fire inspection program being introduced by the Fire Department. They are looking to start this program next year. He will be meeting with the Fire Department to work out the details.

Chief Smith provided a report on the results of the commercial fraud seminar held the previous week for the business owners in town. At the seminar they went over credit card skimmers, counterfeit money and senior scams. There were skimmers found at a local gas station recently which is being investigated.

Chief Smith provided results of the Police Department open house. It was raining so the event had to be held inside, but there was a good turnout.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Kypuros provided an update on the sewer plant construction project. Administrator Barber reported that we received another \$600,000 check from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) today and will make payment to the contractor. The project is currently on schedule.

A Dunbar Street watermain update was provided. Project is complete and restorations are being done.

Fall leaf pickup will begin this week according to Superintendent Conner. Brush pickup is running late because of storm damage from the high winds over the weekend.

A Penfield Street STP public meeting will be held on November 7th at 7 p.m.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve progress payment to IHC Construction for payment #2 for the wastewater sewer treatment project in the amount of \$336,178.64. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered a new drug and alcohol policy for Public Works employees. This is a legal revision of what we are already doing. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the new drug and alcohol policy for Public Works employees. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A Public Works Committee meeting will be held on October 24th at 7 p.m.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Meyer reported that the Fall newsletter was mailed on October 11th and seems to be well received by the community.

Trustee Meyer provided a report on hiring of a speaker on generational differences. Trustees Kypuros and Meyer attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and explained to them about the generational speaker which was well received. The event probably won't be able to be done by mid-November as originally wanted. The speaker needs audio visual equipment for his presentation so the Committee is working on getting a location and equipment for this. They are working with the School District and looking at other locations.

A railroad quiet zone update was provided. President Szymanski said a meeting is set up for November 16th with the railroad, Federal Railway Administration, ICC and Engineer to go over the plan submitted by the engineers.

Trustee Meyer provided a Sesquicentennial update. Work on the booklet has begun. The Committee agreed to the procedure for selling the ads.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee Kypuros made a motion cancelling the December 24th Village Board meeting. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk