

**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
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Chief Greg Smith, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Public Works Crew Leader Jim Pratl and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUEST: Marge Cook, Joe Falaschetti and Dennis Kennedy.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing to report for the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Meyer reported that the Fourth of July Commission is still waiting for final bills to come in so she can provide final numbers.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the next Youth Commission event is the On the Square "Back to School Fun". She suggested those interested should register on the Beecher Youth Commission website soon because space is limited.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on September 19th at 6 p.m. at the Depot. The Commission needs some carpentry work done, and will work with Public Works to complete. Some things outside the Depot will need to be covered for the winter.

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 Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Basile, 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 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the list of bills was provided. Trustee Basile added a \$3,360.14 bill that came in late this afternoon for Becker’s Automotive for squad car repairs. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills with the addition of the bill to Becker’s Automotive for \$3,360.14, for a total amount of \$131,999.44. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed an intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher Fire Protection District for the construction of a training facility on Village-owned property. The Village President negotiated an agreement with the Fire District for the use of the property east of the Public Works garage on Indiana Avenue. Chief Joe Falaschetti answered questions from the Board about the proposed facility. The design for the facility is still being worked on by the Fire District.

ORDINANCE #1295 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Beecher Fire Protection District for the construction of a training facility on Village-owned property at Town Center Road and Indiana Avenue. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1295. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered moving the second Board meeting in October to Monday, October 29th to allow the Village Administrator more time to prepare the agenda since he will be on vacation the week before the meeting date. The Board decided to keep the meeting on October 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus asked about the speaker that was discussed at the Intergovernmental meeting to provide a presentation on how different generations think and communicate and to get other generations more involved in the community. Trustee Kypuros would like this done by the end of the year so it can be incorporated into the comprehensive planning service and would like this

open to the entire community. It was discussed that this would be an advantage to the Chamber of Commerce and maybe they could contribute. President Szymanski felt that \$10,000 was a lot of money and should be shared by multiple local agencies. This hasn't been budgeted by any of the agencies. President Szymanski asked where the money would come from and asked why this needs to be done this budget year when other projects such as sidewalks, etc., need to be done. It was felt by some that this could be advantageous to do during the planning process. This will be considered at the next meeting since it wasn't on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Meyer reported that she was approached by a resident and asked if the Village has plans to add any more townhomes in town that would be available for seniors. She felt there is a need for this and not enough available. Administrator Barber said that the Village currently has 380 townhome lots ready to go but haven't been moved upon by the developers. Trustee Meyer will get with Administrator Barber to discuss this.

Clerk Conner and Treasurer Rooney provided a report on the new EPay program being implemented and the advantages to staff and residents. The program is for paying with credit cards and e-checks to the Village.

The full-time and part-time police testing and application process is now available on-line, according to Trustee Kraus.

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk