

**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
JANUARY 8, 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.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros 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.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing to report for the Beautification or Ribbon of Hope Commissions.

Trustee Meyer reported that the Fourth of July Commission is making some down payments on bands for this year's festival. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2018.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the next Youth Commission event is bowling at Pin and Tonic on January 15th.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on January 18, 2018 at 6 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 \$98,307.21 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.

Trustee Kraus asked Lt. Emerson about uniforms on the bill list for EMA. Trustee Kraus will contact Denis Tatgenhorst and ask him.

The Board considered granting a special use permit for a drive-thru at 1121 Dixie Highway. After holding a public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended approval of the special use permit subject to two conditions: 1) Stripe the parking lot so no one parks or cues in the main entrance to the parking area of Lacey's at the southeast corner of the building; and 2) provide some type of security barrier between the drive-thru exit lane and the doorway located at the northwest corner of the building. The barrier will be some type of fence such as that used at McDonalds at their drive-thru. There was no testimony provided at the meeting.

ORDINANCE #1279 – An Ordinance granting a special use permit for a drive-thru at 1121 Dixie Highway. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1279. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1280 – An Ordinance extending a balloon loan in the amount of \$350,000 to First Community Bank and Trust for a period of one year at an interest rate of 1.85%. The current loan is due February 3rd and cannot be paid off with current debt service funds, since we haven't received the loan offer from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and we cannot draw down on \$620,000 in reimbursement funds for the design and permitting of the new sewer plant. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1280. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1281 – An Ordinance amending the IEPA loan request to reference a 30-year repayment period in lieu of a 20-year repayment period. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1281. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

The Board considered several items to close out the Safe Routes to Schools grant project:

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving an amended engineering services agreement in the amount of \$3,226.00 with \$645.20 being the Village's share of the cost. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve local agency amendment #1 for federal participation. 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 supplemental amendment letter. 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 quality-based selection reference letter since Baxter and Woodman is the designated Village Engineer. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2018-01 – A Resolution prohibiting sexual harassment by any elected or appointed Village official or any employee of the Village of Beecher. Trustee Basile made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-01. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Basile, Meyer, Kraus, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Trustee Basile reported that the Five Year Financial Plan was provided to the Board for review to give the Board time to look at it before approval in February.

A reminder was provided that there will be an Intergovernmental meeting on Monday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center. Discussion on the TIF District will be the only item on the agenda.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss the candidates for the Police Chief selection process. Trustee Basile 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 8:10 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski reported that after speaking to someone from CSX he is unsure what is to happen with the intermodal in the future. CSX encouraged the Village to apply for a grant and we will be getting \$10,000 for a generator.

There was a five minute recess to prepare for continuation of strategic planning discussion.

The Board continued discussion on the Strategic Plan.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Janett Conner
Village Clerk