

**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
APRIL 9, 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, Chief Greg Smith, Treasurer Donna Rooney and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUEST: George Schuitema and Denis Tatgenhorst.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 26, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus 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 reported on the Beautification Commission. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7 p.m. to discuss upcoming events.

Trustee Meyer provided a report on the Fourth of July Commission. Bids will be opened for the raffle car on April 11th and the Village Board will consider these bids at the next meeting. The Fourth of July Commission will be meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the next Youth Commission event is the Mom-Son dance on April 14th. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

Trustee Basile reported that a dedication ceremony will be held at the Ribbon of Hope in Firemen's Park on Sunday, May 20th.

Trustee Wehling reported that the Historic Preservation Commission meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The Commission is working on more plaques.



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.

Treasurer Rooney provided a report on some water billing charts indicating how people pay their bills: by credit card, autodraft, cash, etc., and improvements the State is making to the credit card payment program that will be implemented soon. Also, with the new changes by the State, the Village will begin accepting Visa.

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

A list of bills totaling \$117,806.57 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 Basile asked for any further changes on the proposed budget before posting it on the website and a Public Hearing being held at the next meeting. Trustee Kraus felt the hourly rate for part-time Police was too low and wanted to increase it to \$20 per hour to attract new part-timers. The budget amount will remain the same. There were no objections. Administrator Barber said the Village was approached by Washington Township and the Chamber of Commerce about putting in an LED sign in front of the Village Hall and asked if the Village would be willing to partner by contributing \$10,000 to the project. It would be for announcing community events, etc. This would be paid for by reserve cash if approved. The Chamber of Commerce or Washington Township haven't officially voted on it, but it is on their agendas, and has been budgeted for by both entities. The Board was asked for input on whether to add it to the budget. The Village would take the lead on selecting a sign, location, etc., and the other organizations would donate the money to the Village. Concerns were expressed about using reserve cash when other projects were cut from the budget and a due-to was already added for getting the quiet zone done. Trustee Kypuros recommended it not be put into the budget due to the possible effect on the bond rating and the project could be added later by supplemental appropriation if there is money. The Board recommended keeping the project out of the budget, but all were in favor of the project and would like the costs to be obtained and to move forward with getting more information.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve a five-year agreement in the amount of \$495 per year to the Village and a service fee of \$12.95 per year to the tester of cross connection protection devices in the Village. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There are approximately 200-300 cross connection devices in the Village and they need to be tested and certified annually per the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Superintendent Cowger and Treasurer Rooney explained the program.

Trustee Wehling made a motion authorizing approval of a new set of by-laws for the Illinois Public Risk Fund. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros said there is a full-time position in the Street Department budget and he talked to Superintendent Cowger and would like to hire a second part-timer for summer. There will be enough money in the budget because by the time the vacant full-time position is filled, Floyd Burger will have been retired and no-one will have been getting paid. There were no objections.

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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk