

**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
JUNE 25, 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, Mazurek, Kypuros and Wehling.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Crew Leader Matt Conner and Chief Greg Smith.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Ron Stluka, Bill Glass and Becky Thompson.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 11, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Basile, Meyer, Mazurek and Kypuros.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Wehling.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

A report on income received since the last meeting was provided.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Board considered the future of electrical aggregation for the Will County Aggregation group and whether the Village should stay with the aggregation group, go out on its own, or go with ComEd for the Village's accounts and residential accounts. The current contract with Dynegy through the Will County group expires on October 1st. If a new contract isn't signed by August 1st, the accounts will flip back to ComEd.

Another option available would allow Beecher to obtain rate quotes on its own. Washington Township had an individual rate with Nania which saved them money over ComEd's rate last year. Becky Thompson from Nania Energy was at the meeting to explain this option to the Board. Washington Township just locked in rates for 3 years at \$0.0689. The Village is currently \$0.0719 until October 1st. The current ComEd rate is \$0.07358. The new ComEd rate for October 1, 2018 will be \$0.0790. Staff did not have a recommendation on this at this time. However, if the Village does go local we will have to re-write our plan of governance to include a local bid and broker process. It was the consensus of the Board to table action on this matter until the next meeting to give the Board time to consider it.

The Board decided to table action on the Ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the installation of small cell wireless facilities in the Village rights of way since the Ordinance was just provided by the Attorney that day. Administrator Barber explained the small cell wireless facilities.

ORDINANCE #1289 – An Ordinance establishing prevailing wages for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve Ordinance #1289. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered an Ordinance granting the expansion of a special use permit for an outdoor seating and recreation area (beer garden) at 618 Gould Street (The Gould Vault) from Ron Stluka/Bill Glass. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) continued its hearing from the previous meeting and drafted a special use permit with ten (10) conditions that met the demands of the neighbors. Trustee Kypuros suggested that condition #4 about pouring beer outside be clarified that it can't be poured or served outside, and no bottles or cans allowed outside in the beer garden. Trustee Kypuros also asked about cutting the beer garden back from being so close to the Park. It was noted that there will be an 8' solid fence which will be 5' off the property line. The 5' off property line will be clarified within the wording of the Ordinance. The petitioner said he has no plans to have outside music or bands. It was noted that all requests relating to the outdoor seating area are subject to approval by the Liquor Commissioner. Some discussion followed.

ORDINANCE #1290 – An Ordinance granting the expansion of a special use permit for an outdoor seating and recreation area (beer garden) at 618 Gould Street, subject to the following 10 conditions, as amended by the Board on items #4 and #8.

1. Sound from exterior amplification must be contained within the property unless a special outdoor entertainment permit is issued by the Liquor Commissioner.
2. All exterior amplification must be off by 10 p.m. unless a permit allows otherwise.
3. All lighting inside the beer garden must be contained within the property and shine towards the building.
4. Alcohol must be poured from inside the building to be consumed outside. No bottles or cans.

5. All outdoor seating and beer garden areas must be closed by 10 p.m. on all nights except 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.
6. No banners or signage are allowed on the outside of fence. Signage and banners are allowed on the fence as long as facing inward toward the beer garden area.
7. Fence must be solid and be 8 feet in height with rounded edges on the top.
8. Landscaping buffer to be provided along exterior side of the fencing facing the park. A total of 14 arbor vitae bushes should be provided spaced six (6) feet apart; fence to be 5' from north property line.
9. Total occupancy of the beer garden shall be posted not to exceed 120 persons.
10. An exterior emergency exit with one way latch on the fence shall be provided. A sign shall be placed on the gate saying "Emergency Exit Only."

Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #1290 as amended. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An update on the Comprehensive Plan was provided. Mike Hoffman and Pete Iosue spent all day Thursday in town talking to members of the community and visiting certain sections of town and then met with the PZC as the steering committee to go over the next phase of the planning process, which involves community visioning. A community visioning workshop is planned for Thursday, July 26th, which will have different stations for participants to visit.

A loss control service letter from the Illinois Public Risk Fund was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Crew Leader Conner reported on the generator at the Police station. Bids were obtained and the cost came in at \$10,700. The generator was also placed on a trailer. It should take 4-6 weeks to get the transfer switch and do the work to complete the project.

Trustee Wehling reported on the Tot Lot in Firemen's Park. An account has been set up and the Village will transfer \$5,000 towards the project. The Lions Club is donating \$3,000. Trustee Mazurek said the Youth Commission will also be considering this at their next meeting.

Trustee Wehling stated that he will have an update on the Firemen's #2 ballfield lights after July 4th.

An update on a video security system in Firemen's Park was provided by Chief Smith. The equipment is up and running but the video feed is not working yet. It should be done before the Fourth of July festival.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided for review.

The E.M.A. monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

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

ORDINANCE #1291 – An Ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for the proper dissolution of the Eastern Will County Communications Center (Eastcom) and all of its assets. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve Ordinance #1291. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros asked about Code Enforcement and when subdivisions will be mowed. He said Hunter's Chase (Phillippe) was warned many years ago about no more warnings for cutting their lots. Lots are supposed to be cut by the end of this week.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A Dunbar Street watermain update was provided. Bids will be opened on June 28th and will be considered at the July 9th meeting.

A sewer plant project update was provided. A site has been secured for the removal of 500 semi loads of fill and a stone road has been built to the dumping site as excavation sets to begin. Weekly progress meetings will also begin after July 1st. This project will last through September, 2019.

A Gould Street re-striping update was provided by Crew Leader Conner. He reached out to the contractor that day and hasn't received a response.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) completed an inspection of the Village water system. The Village was found not to have any violations or concerns mentioned by the inspector.

The IEPA also completed an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant operations. This inspection occurred on Tuesday, June 19th and the Village will not receive a letter for another month on the results of this inspection. Administrator Barber said he was told inspection went well and no excursions are expected.

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The Board considered waiving the bidding requirements due to an emergency repair at the Miller Street lift station. One of the single phase pumps is failing and we were scheduled to replace these two pumps with 3-phase heavier duty pumps with new piping and check valves later this summer. This was a budgeted project recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board. Public Works went to two of our pump repair vendors and received proposals for the work to be done. Since the proposals are slightly more than the \$20,000 threshold for bidding a job the Village Board has to pass a motion waiving the bid requirements and this motion has to pass with 2/3 vote. Both vendors have been used by the Village in the past. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to waive bidding requirements due to an emergency repair of the Miller Street lift station. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving the proposal from Superior Pump in the amount of \$22,865 for the replacement of pumps, electrical components, check valves, slide rails, and piping at the Miller Street lift station. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported that Crew Leader Conner talked to him this morning about making repairs to Superintendent Cowger's old pickup truck. Two bids were obtained and the estimated cost is \$5,000 to get the truck repaired. There were no objections to repairing the truck.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1292 – An Ordinance dissolving the Ribbon of Hope Commission and establishing a perpetual care escrow account for the memorial. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1292. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

G. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Szymanski reported that Sophia's Café requested a road closure from his business to Reed Street to hold an anniversary party on Sunday, July 29, 2018. There were no objections from the Board.

President Szymanski said the Fire Department requested permission to put up a training center with intermodal containers to the east of the Public Works garage. They were asked to put a formal proposal together and bring it to the Village. Chief Falaschetti is working with Crew Leader Conner and Chief Smith on this. This would be a lease for the property.

H. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Mazurek commented on the Beecher 2040 project. The website is up and running for the comprehensive plan and she wanted to make everyone aware of it.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk