

**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 14, 2019 -- 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 of Police Greg Smith, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUESTS: George Schuitema and new part-time Police Officers Jonas Kujawa and Michael Rodriguez.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

George Schuitema thanked the Chief and Police Department staff for their professional handling of a recent incident at the high school.

Clerk Conner swore in new part-time Police Officers Kujawa and Rodriguez and they were introduced to Board.

Trustee Kraus thanked Trustee Wehling and Joe Tieri for their help with part-time officer interviews and the hiring process.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

President Szymanski reported on the Beautification Commission meeting held the previous week. At the meeting it was discussed that a resident, Mr. Boland-Prom, wants to donate trees and plant them in the park. This project may be done in Welton Stedt Park. The resident will come up with a plan and present it.

A Fourth of July Commission report was provided. Trustee Meyer plans to meet with the new Fourth of July Treasurer later this month to go through everything and transfer all documents to him.

Trustee Mazurek reported that the next Youth Commission event is bowling on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Pin and Tonic. She said the Commission is in need of volunteers and commissioners.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6 p.m. Trustee Wehling said his Commission is also looking for volunteers. Anyone interested can attend any regular meeting 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 Mazurek 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 bill to the list in the amount of \$850.00 for Ottosons Industries for a part for a Public Works truck, making the total list of bills in the amount of \$215,036.90. Trustee Basile made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills, including the added bill for a total amount of \$215,036.90 as presented. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed the purchase of real estate at 533 Reed Street. This was discussed in executive session at the last meeting and the Village and owner have agreed upon a price of \$90,000 for the 33,750 sq. ft. parcel and the 4,000 sq. ft. building. The building will be used by Public Works, the Police Department and EMA for storage. Improvements will be made to the building and property using General Fund reserves. Superintendent Conner explained a number of repairs and improvements that need to be done to the building and how the building will be used.

ORDINANCE #1300 – An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of real estate at 533 Reed Street in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1300. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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The Joint Fuel Committee solicited bids for fuel for 2019. Two bids were received after soliciting 17 vendors. The Intergovernmental Fuel Committee recommended that the flat price be awarded to lock prices in for one year. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve a bid award for fuel pricing for 2019 to Heritage FS at \$0.11 over low rack or a flat price of \$2.008 for 87 UNL and \$2.3219 for diesel. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed replacing the watermain on Oak Park from Hodges Street south to 623 Oak Park. Public Works replaced half block of watermain in 2013 due to watermain repair issues but did not complete the last half of the block. There are residents who have had poor water quality in this area and this will allow another block of watermain to be replaced. Brandt Excavating was asked to provide a price and it will be the same unit prices from the last block of Oak Park. Since the project is over \$20,000 it requires a motion for a waiver of bids. Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing waiving of bids for an emergency repair to 310 feet of watermain on Oak Park from Hodges Street south to 623 Oak Park. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion accepting a proposal from Brandt Excavating for the replacement of watermain from 623 Oak Park to Hodges Street in the amount of \$37,201.90. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an engineering services agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineers in the amount of \$26,000 for the design of the Gould Street watermain replacement project. Trustee Mazurek seconded the motion.

The project is for Gould Street from Miller Street south to Indiana Avenue, and then east on both Penfield Street and Indiana Avenue to the other side of the railroad tracks. Bids would be opened in late April or early May, and construction could begin in June or right after July 4th. This will depend on Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permits as to how we decide to proceed.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving the payment of engineering services bills from Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$67,952.62 for construction management at the wastewater treatment plant for the months of October and November, upon receipt of IEPA loan funds. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski reported that the School Board passed a motion to enter into negotiations with the Village for a School Resource Officer. When something concrete is decided the Board will be advised.

Trustee Wehling reported that at the last Beecher Recreation meeting they indicated they would like to install a backstop on the Tee-ball field. Trustee Wehling is going to work with them on the design. Beecher Recreation has obtained a bid for the work and will install it with their funds. It was also reported that the lights for the ballfield are in Champaign, IL, and are supposed to be installed by April 25th.

Administrator Barber reported that the School District will be discussing their intent to annex into the Village the 30 acres they own located west of Lions Park. This should be considered in the coming months.

Trustee Meyer made a motion for a ten minute recess before discussion on the five-year plan. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the five-year financial plan in detail. No final decisions were made.

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 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk