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**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 14, 2021 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Meyer called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: President Meyer and Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
ABSENT: None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Greg Smith and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

**GUESTS:** Denis Tatgenhorst, Dale Murray, Bob Heim, George Schuitema, Nelson Collins and David Hoover.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

None.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

1) A report was provided of income received in May, 2021. 2) A letter from Comcast regarding customer account adjustments was provided for review.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Superintendent Conner provided a Beautification Commission report. All flowers have been planted except baskets along Route #1, due to construction.

President Meyer provided a Fourth of July Commission report. Event is still on schedule for in the fall.

There was nothing to report for the Youth Commission.

There was nothing to report for the Historic Preservation Commission.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

The strategic plan process has begun. All Board members were sent a survey which is due by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

A meeting was held with Mayor March of Peotone. A joint adjudication court was discussed between the two Mayors. The Board was asked if they were interested in this. A joint Public Safety Committee meeting with both towns would be held if we want to move forward with it. Chief Smith explained the pros and cons of the program. Trustee Kraus was in favor of it. There were no objections. We will wait to see what Peotone does and what it would cost.

The Board discussed the future of any new liquor licenses. President Meyer handed out the liquor code to Board members for reference. Some Board members said they would not support changing the current code at this time, and that they would prefer considering requests on a case-by-case basis.

President Meyer made appointments as follows. Appointments are subject to contract negotiations for contractual employees.

**Village President Pro-Tem:** Jonathan Kypuros

**Finance and Administration Committee:** Chair: Jonathan Kypuros, Roger Stacey

**Public Safety Committee:** Chair: Todd Kraus, Joe Tieri

**Public Works Committee:** Chair: Joe Gianotti, Jonathan Kypuros

**Economic Development and Community Relations Committee:**

Chair: Ben Juzeszyn, Joe Gianotti

**Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation:** Chair: Joe Tieri, Ben Juzeszyn

**Planning, Building and Zoning:** Chair: Roger Stacey, Todd Kraus

**Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator and Economic Development:**

Robert Barber (pending contract)

**Village Clerk:** Janett Conner (pending contract)

**Village Prosecutor:** Tom Knuth

**Village Corporate Counsel:** Tim Kuiper, Austgen and Kuiper, P.C.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Tom Goodrich

**ESDA Coordinator:** Bob Heim

**Chief of Police:** Greg Smith (pending contract)

**Public Works Superintendent:** Matt Conner (pending contract)

**Village Treasurer:** Donna Rooney

**Building Department Services:** Safebuilt

**EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:**

Member: Bob Barber, Alternate: Todd Kraus

**Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary:** Patty Meyer

**Joint Fuel Committee:** Jonathan Kypuros and Robert Barber

**Village Engineer:** Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on a case by case basis)

**Planning and Zoning Commission:**

Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/23)

David Weissbohn (term expires 5/1/23)

Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/21)

Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/21)

George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/21)

Denis Tatgenhorst (term expires 5/1/22)

Kevin Bouchard (term expires 5/1/22)

**Beautification Commission:**

Matt Conner (Village Liaison)

Sandy Lohmann

Steve Weishaar

Jean Smith

Jessica Treco

George Obradovich

Paula Weishaar

**Fourth of July Commission:**

Todd Kraus (Village Liaison) Nelson Collins

Hayden Karstensen

Debbie Falaschetti

Nichole Modschiedler

Marcy Meyer, Village President

Bruce Becker

Kevin Bouchard

Mary Lou Cooper (ex-officio)

Barb Hodgett

Chuck Hoehn

Cameron Ohlendorf

Robert Barber

Marge Cook

Ken Bobowski

Jenna Barber

Phil Salmen

Nicholas Hoehn

Mike Lau

Howard Perry (ex-officio)

**Beecher Youth Commission:**

Ben Juzeszyn (Village Liaison)  
Michele Panozzo  
Catherine Gonzalez  
Trish Moran  
Megan Haddon  
Sarah Murphy

Laura Irwin  
Roger Sipple, Tom Beck ex-officio  
Emmanuel Gonzalez  
Diana Jerkatis  
Mary Rose Gianotti  
Kim Wojciechowski

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

Jonathan Kypuros (Village Liaison)  
Virginia Bath  
Roberta Patzer  
Don Sala  
Arnie Cooper

Janett Conner  
Scott Wehling

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointments as presented. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report of financial activity in the prior month. Treasurer Rooney was present. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

A list of bills was provided. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$318,092.07 with removal of bill for Roger Sipple in the amount of \$900 for uniform reimbursement. Bill total approved was \$317,192.07. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Nelson Collins was present and explained history of the escrowed funds for 170 East Indiana Avenue and request for extension. Trustee Kypuros said in his industry he doesn’t anticipate costs and supplies to improve much in the next year, so he didn’t have a problem with giving Mr. Collins a 24-month extension. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to grant a two-year extension of escrowed funds for 170 East Indiana Avenue until June 1, 2023. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

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NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

David Hoover from NIMEC was present and explained the purpose of the electrical aggregation cooperative and details of how the program works. A new program for aggregation locks residents into the ComEd variable rate but allows the Village to utilize carbon credits for renewable energy and obtain a cash reimbursement as an option. This cash reimbursement can be used for any purpose the Board sees fit and comes from the green energy incentive and not from residents. There is currently only a one year term available for the program. Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a bid for electrical aggregation with NIMEC (Northern Illinois Municipal Electrical Cooperative) for 100% green energy with civic contribution from Eligo Energy. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Stacey.  
NAYS: (1) Trustee Kraus.  
Motion Carried.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion approving the proposal for directional drilling of 4" watermain and electrical service to the splash pad to M & J Excavating in the amount of \$19,851.70. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

A Fire District business inspection update was provided. Approximately 100 inspections and about 50 follow-ups have been conducted.

**D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus questioned the amount of full-time overtime in payroll. He explained the overtime was mostly due to an open shift and an officer out on injury. Chief anticipates the overtime to go down.

Chief Smith reported that he provided a conditional offer to a new officer. The officer will next need to get his physical and then polygraph and psych. Chief explained it will be difficult to get him into the training class soon but will get him trained as soon as possible.

The new Code Enforcement Officer will be introduced to the Board at the next meeting.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

The Sewer Department monthly report was not provided at this time. It will be available next month.

A lead service line replacement program update was provided. The bid has been approved as well as our loan agreement. The loan agreement is being sent to the Administrator for his signature.

A Gould Street watermain project update was provided. Will County has agreed to consider a special permit to put a watermain down Indiana Avenue but it will increase the cost of the project. Bids will need to be obtained and see where they come in at.

The Dixie Highway watermain crossover project has been designed and we are awaiting permits to start the bid process. This project will be bid one week after opening the Gould Street watermain bids in hopes of getting lower bids.

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided. The Village is expected to receive \$290,000 in additional funding for this project from COVID Infrastructure funds bringing the total cost of this project to \$4,890,000. The Village's local share of this project currently stands at \$920,000 and 80% of this amount. Bid opening is still scheduled for November 5, 2021 with construction beginning in March of 2022.

A Route #1 resurfacing update was provided. It is anticipated that they will be paving in town in July.

A Village 2021 resurfacing program update was provided by Superintendent Conner. Everything is completed and all is back to normal. Two patches are still open and are scheduled for a separate repair.

The new Public Works truck has been purchased. Public Works got the truck that was approved at the last meeting for \$58,000. Some minor repairs need to be done. Truck is at the shop and will be used for driver training this week.

The status of part-time hiring of summer workers and full-time position replacement was provided. Superintendent Conner has three part-timers in place right now. Two are school-aged. One is mainly for Firemen's Park maintenance, and he hasn't filled the fourth position yet. He is still waiting on meters for meter replacements for lead service line project. Will need to fill another position to get those replacements completed. Five interviews are scheduled for the full-time position this week, after receiving 72 applications. Superintendent Conner is still waiting to hear back from some candidates that aren't returning his call.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion declaring the 1965 Ford tractor as surplus property. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

An Executive Session was requested to be held at the end of the meeting to discuss possible disciplinary action of an employee and discussion of employee contracts.

**F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

An open house for the Sewer Plant ribbon cutting was set for August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss possible disciplinary action of an employee and discussion of employee contracts. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return from Executive Session at 10:51 p.m. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk