

**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
JULY 12, 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, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Juzeszyn.

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

GUESTS: Dale Murray, George Schuitema and Chuck Gardner from NuToys.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

CLERK'S REPORT

A report was provided of income received in June, 2021.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Superintendent Conner provided a Beautification Commission report. Flower baskets in town are doing well.

Trustee Kraus provided a Fourth of July Commission report. Event is scheduled for September 3rd-6th. Fireworks are on September 5th. Committee is waiting on sponsors and then signs will be put up.

A Youth Commission meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m. to elect officers and to discuss kid and pet parade for the festival.

Trustee Kypuros is planning to set up a Historic Preservation Commission meeting for August.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

The request for a liquor license for Silver Screen Vapes was withdrawn.

President Meyer made the following appointments:

- Code Enforcement Officer: James Hancock

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointment of James Hancock as Code Enforcement Officer. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

- Police Commission: Todd Kraus and Joe Tieri of Public Safety Committee are two existing members and a new appointment of resident Tom Johnson was made.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointment of Tom Johnson as Police Commission member. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

- Public Information Officer: George Schuitema

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointment of George Schuitema as Public Information Officer. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$159,903.05 and payroll for the previous month. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A debt service schedule was provided for review as discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

The audit process has been delayed. The audit is being rescheduled to begin in August.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve a bid to George's Landscaping in the amount of \$147,187 for the installation of the splash pad in Firemen's Park. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion. The total project is now \$27,219 over. The Finance Committee was asked to propose a borrowing plan for this project in the next 90 days. Chuck Gardner from NuToys, who is the company for the equipment, was present to answer questions about the materials and bid process. The project should be completed by the end of September. The concrete will need to cure 28 days before the rubber flooring can be installed.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28th, at the Washington Township Center, to consider a preliminary PUD for the Illiana Crossroads Business Park.

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

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

The full-time hiring status was provided by Chief Smith. A full-time officer was disqualified due to polygraph test results. The department is moving forward by doing a lateral full-time hire and part-time officer.

A report was provided by EMA Director, Bob Heim. There were ten calls for service and five emergency callouts. A report on equipment maintenance was provided.

Trustee Kraus made a motion declaring the 2008 Ford Crown Vic as surplus equipment so that it may be sold and the proceeds used to repair a newer EMA squad. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Chief Smith provided a Code Enforcement program update. Officer Hancock is being trained and has been doing a lot of work on code enforcement and doing a great job.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A Quiet Zone update was provided. The Quiet Zone will go into effect at midnight on July 13th.

An update was provided on the Route #1 resurfacing project. They are not as far along as anticipated due to the weather. Grinding still has not occurred in town.

A Penfield STP project update was provided. IDOT is running behind on its reviews so the bid opening has been pushed off to January 19th. The goal is to have this project completed by November 1, 2022.

The Gould Street watermain project bid opening date will occur on August 19th.

The Dixie Highway watermain has been fully engineered and is awaiting approval from IEPA, IDOT and the Will County Highway Department. Once these permits are received, the project will go to bid.

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

The Water Department monthly reports were delayed until the next Board meeting, due to vacation schedules.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Wastewater Treatment Plant open house is being planned and an invitation list should be available for the next meeting for Board review.

Clerk Conner reported that Pin and Tonic's anticipated opening date is now in September. Tony's Pizza's relocation permit has been approved.

G. OLD BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk