

**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 26, 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 and Stacey.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

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

GUESTS: None.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Board approved a request from the Knights of Columbus for their Annual Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive to be held Friday, September 17th through Sunday, September 19th.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer appointed Trustee Joe Gianotti to the Fourth of July Commission. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Tieri and Stacey.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion Carried.

The railroad quiet zone has been completed and approved by the FRA (Federal Railroad Administration). There are still some circumstances under which the train horns must still be sounded, but it should be mostly quiet. It is also up to the engineer's discretion.

President Meyer requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss an interim Police Chief. President Meyer said Chief Smith would not be continuing with the Village and wished him well in his future endeavors.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Board discussed renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the joint purchase and use of fuel which expires in April, 2022. Trustee Kypuros provided some pros and cons of continuing with this agreement. The current agreement makes budgeting easier. There are times the Village could lose or save money depending on circumstances at the time. It was questioned if gas stations were closed could we still get gas in the event of an emergency. Superintendent Conner supported keeping the fuel system we are using and explained the benefits of having control over our own fuel system to determine fuel priority in the event of an emergency such as a blizzard, etc. The Board discussed use of staff time to administer the fuel system, and suggested the school district could administer the system because they are the biggest user. A meeting will need to be held with all of the entities to discuss the future of the fuel system and discuss these issues. A fuel meeting will be scheduled and then information will be brought back to the Board.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A pre-con meeting with George's Landscaping on installation of the splash pad is scheduled for Friday, July 30th at 9 a.m. Superintendent Conner reported that infrastructure has been installed.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

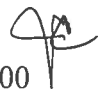
No report.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

The water billing register for the May-June billing period was provided for review. The billed to pumped ratio was 65%, roughly 10% better than the same period last year.

The pressure washing of the Gould Street water tower has been completed.

The Gould Street watermain project bid opening is set for Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. 

A Dixie Highway watermain project update was provided. Plans have been sent to both IDOT and Will County Highway Department for their review and comment.

A Route #1 resurfacing update was provided. Grinding of the road through town began today. IDOT still needs to do some deep patching to some areas of the road, which has recently delayed the project.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion approving an engineering services agreement in IDOT form with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$20,000 for the Gould Street resurfacing project. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A letter of denial was received from IDOT on the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) grant request.

Trustee Gianotti requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss the resignation of a Public Works employee and discuss a replacement.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A draft invitation and invitee list for the Wastewater Treatment Plant open house was provided for review. The invitation will also be placed in the newspaper and on Facebook.

It was reported that Pin and Tonic has delayed its opening to September and remodeling for the new location of Tony's Pizza has begun.

It was reported that Phillippe Builders has pulled permits for a two-unit townhouse, which will be the first townhouse built in approximately ten years.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss an interim Chief of Police and the resignation and replacement of a Public Works employee. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to return to regular session as 8:19 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to hire Anthony Gonsiorowski for a lateral position in the Public Works Department starting at step "B". Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve a contract for an interim Chief of Police for a six-month term with Terrence Lemming through the Linebacker Program through IACOP. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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 Gianotti seconded the motion.

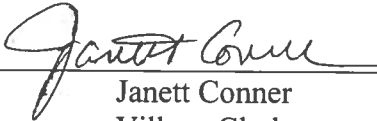
AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Stacey.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk