

**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
AUGUST 9, 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, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Tieri.

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

GUESTS: Art VanBaren, Sr., Artie VanBaren, Jr., Warren Opperman, George Schuitema, Barb McWhorter and Dave Weissbohn.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Beautification Commission – No report.

Trustee Kraus provided an update on the 4th in the Fall Festival, stating dates of the event.

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the next Youth Commission meeting will be August 25th. The Commission provided two bouncy houses for National Night Out. The Commission will discuss new recruits, officers, and plans for the kiddie and pet parade.

Trustee Kypuros reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 6 p.m. at the Depot.

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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 and provided report. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, 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 \$169,291.41 and payroll for the previous month. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A splash pad update was provided by Superintendent Conner. Some of the progress dates are changing due to the inability to obtain some of the materials for the job and the need for the coating to cure on the concrete. George's Landscaping is looking to begin the week after the Festival, approximately September 7th. It should take approximately two weeks and then concrete needs to cure so splash pad won't be able to open until May of next year.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Warren Opperman was present to provide any new information and answer any questions since the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) hearing for the Illiana Crossroads Business Park. The project is 110 acres located on the South side of Church Road between the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Dixie Highway. The Village Attorney drafted a resolution along with the exhibits pertaining to the deliberations of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the results of the public hearing on July 28th. There are several concerns to be addressed prior to the approval of the preliminary plan which include a traffic study for Church Road, drainage and the proof that the project will not drain onto adjoining property, and research on whether this change in use will affect adjoining property by looking at comparables in other communities. Many of the answers that are needed will come in the next phase of the plan. Teska Associates is also doing research on the impact to property values of the homes in the area of the industrial park. President Meyer said one of the concerns at the hearing was about the kind of businesses that would be allowed in the park. Types of businesses allowed in "light industrial" needs to be defined. Covenants for the park can be refined if needed. Water drainage issues on Willow should improve with the project. Other issues that weren't addressed according to Trustee Kypuros was delivery times for loading and unloading, and heights of the buildings. Delivery times can be addressed in the covenants. Height limits for those lots directly backing up to Willow can be looked at. Trustee Kypuros felt this

should be looked into. The industrial park should also be subject to the same noise ordinance residents follow to be good neighbors with the residential areas. Need further consideration for the lots that border residential areas. Those areas won't be developed until Phase II or Phase III. Next, the project goes to preliminary plan approval where more engineering will be done.

RESOLUTION 2021-11 – A Resolution approving an exploratory proposal for the Illiana Crossroads Business Park of Beecher for 110 acres located on the South side of Church Road between the UPRR tracks and Dixie Highway. Trustee Stacey made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-11. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The next step is preliminary. The plan will still go back to the PZC and then back to the Village Board again to work through the many issues that need to be addressed. The VanBarens indicated it will take time to do the engineering and other work that needs to be done. It most likely won't be before October before they will be ready to go back to the PZC.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report will be provided at the next meeting.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

A report was provided on the National Night Out. It was well attended despite it being put together at the last minute. Trustee Kraus thanked Trustee Tieri for putting it together at the last minute and thanked everyone that participated.

Administrator Barber provided a report on the Laraway Dispatch Center quarterly meeting. The approved budget will increase the Village of Beecher's portion of the fee for 2022 by 0.25%.

The status of hiring full and part-time Police officers was provided. Six full-time and two part-time applications were received. Interviews will be set up in the coming weeks.

An Interim Chief will be sworn in officially at the next Village Board meeting.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A Route #1 resurfacing update was provided. The schedule keeps getting pushed back and it was unsure when paving will occur.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Wastewater Treatment Plant ribbon cutting and open house is set for Saturday, August 28th at 375 Ahrens Drive. A short program begins at 9:15 a.m. with an explanation of the project,

introductions and the formal ribbon cutting. Tours of the plant will be held.

Board members were asked what articles they would like to have in the fall newsletter. Industrial park information including explanation about steps of the process, and introduction of the Interim Chief were some suggestions.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

The Board discussed a proposal from Dan McDevitt of P4 Security Solutions for recruitment and selection of finalists for the Chief of Police position. The proposal was provided in the packet for review. President Meyer would like to use this firm for some portions of the selection process and asked what Board members would like to do. She plans to have a meeting with P4 Security Solutions again and discuss the process to determine which options it would be best to go with. A hybrid of the options would most likely be proposed. Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing President Meyer to contract with P4 Security Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$16,500 for the Chief selection process. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus noted a thank you letter was prepared to all who attended and participated in the National Night Out.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kypuros asked to gauge the Board's interest in using Firemen's Park more and possibly having some type of Oktoberfest with a band in the park. This event would be for next year's budget. He would like to see more activities down in the park, but nothing as large as the 4th of July festival.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk