



**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 23, 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.

PRESENT REMOTELY BY PHONE: Trustee Kraus.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Ron & Annie Janota, Joe Falaschetti, Eric Davidson, George Bonomo and Cammi Lemming.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT - No report.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

The Board discussed a referral of a request for an appeal to the Village's Building Code pertaining to the need for sprinklers at the Sit-N-Bull dining room, 610-614 Gould Street. Property owner, Bill Salmen, wishes to connect the former Teapots building to Sit-N-Bull with a breezeway to allow for an extra dining room, separate from the bar area for family dining, birthday parties, etc. The Beecher Fire District has determined that the building needs fire sprinklers due to the connection of the two buildings and the inability to provide a two-hour fire rating. Safebuilt's Master Code Official has not yet made a final determination since all of the comments provided by both Safebuilt and the Beecher Fire District have not been responded to by the architect. It is possible Safebuilt may approve the final plans, but if not the appeal would be heard by the Beecher Planning and Zoning Commission in the form of an administrative hearing. The referral may not be needed once Safebuilt makes their determination but approving the referral now would allow them to move forward more quickly if necessary.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion referring a request for an appeal to the Village's Building Code

pertaining to the need for sprinklers at the Sit-N-Bull dining room, 610-614 Gould Street, to the Beecher Planning and Zoning Commission. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer appointed Alex Burgess to the Beecher 4th of July Commission. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointment. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Meyer appointed Terrence Lemming as Interim Chief of Police. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointment. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Clerk Conner administered the formal oath and the Chief’s wife, Cammi, provided his badge pinning.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The electrical aggregation letter and notices were mailed out to residents the previous week. Residents can choose whether to opt in if they are currently with their own supplier, or opt out if they wish to choose their own supplier or remain with ComEd. It was reminded that under this aggregation the rates will always be the same as ComEd’s rates.

The Finance and Administration Committee is seeking RFPs for \$254,420, for a ten-year loan for the splash pad.

The audit field work will begin the week of September 13, 2021.

It was learned last week that the 2020 Census population for Beecher is 4,713. This should bring in an additional \$58,000 more per year in Motor Fuel Tax and General Fund revenue.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for sharing sales tax information. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

An Intergovernmental Fuel Committee meeting has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 26th at the Village Hall.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - No report.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The August 26th meeting of the Beecher Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

The Board considered a temporary special use permit for a storage tent at Cardinal Creek Golf Course. An equipment shed which was attached to the back end of the cart shed collapsed in February due to snow load. The Fire District rejected the rebuilding of the addition without a two-hour fire separation between buildings, and this triggered a dispute with the insurance company as to the value of the claim. Until the claim is settled, the building cannot be rebuilt. The tent would be 40' x 60' and cover the same area as the collapsed building. The owner of the golf course, George Bonomo, was present at the meeting to explain the request. He wants to put up the temporary tent to protect their equipment from the elements. Bonomo provided photos of the proposed tent. The tent would be taken down over the winter when the course closes for the season and they would then store the equipment elsewhere. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a request for a temporary special use permit for a storage tent for Cardinal Creek Golf Course. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Tieri requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss the potential hiring of full and part-time Police officers.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Bid award for the Gould Street watermain was considered. Four bids were received. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,100,000. However, the grant amount for this project is \$967,000 and the DCEO has to approve the bid. The Village also has to agree on a financing scheme to pay the difference from the grant amount. There is \$86,000 in construction management added to the bid amount so the total cost of the project is \$230,517.35 over the grant amount. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to award a bid for the Gould Street watermain project to Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$1,111,517.35 subject to the following three conditions:

1. The DCEO approves the bid for use of grant funds.
2. The Village Board agrees to use \$230,517.35 in ARPA funds to complete the project.
3. The ARPA funds arrive in the Village's account.

Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.



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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A Route #1 resurfacing update was provided. Paving was done that day and should continue.

A Dixie Highway watermain project update was provided. The legal descriptions of the easements have been obtained and staff is now in the process of getting the signatures on the easements. The project is fully designed and permits are being obtaining from the IEPA, IDOT and Will County. An October bid date is estimated.

Superintendent Conner provided a 2021 sidewalk and curb replacement update. Two proposals were obtained. There are questions on one of the proposals so he would like to defer consideration of the proposals until the next meeting.

The Sewer Department monthly report was provided for review.

Trustee Gianotti requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss potential hiring of a full-time Public Works employee.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Beecher wastewater treatment plant ribbon cutting and open house is scheduled for August 28th. The ribbon cutting is 9:15 a.m. and there will also be a presentation of a plaque by the APWA for best Public Works project in the Chicago metro area between \$5 million and \$25 million.

The Board discussed an “evening in the park” proposal. The Committee proposed to host a band on Saturday, October 9th from 6-9:30 p.m. They checked with a number of bands and have a lot of different price options. Trustee Juzeszyn proposed Acoustic Abrasion group for \$600, comprised of local residents. The Committee is also looking for a local group to serve food at the event. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to authorize \$600 to Acoustic Abrasion for an evening in the park. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS - None.

H. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss hiring of a full-time Police officer, part-time Police officer and full-time Public Works employee. Trustee Kypuros 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 to regular session at 8:13 p.m. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve conditional offer of employment to Ronald Emery as new full-time Public Works employee. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment to Jim Hancock as a full-time Police officer. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment to Brian Ziolkowski as a part-time Police officer. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS

The Board decided to defer the Strategic Planning Workshop until the next meeting on September 13th when all of the Board members are present.

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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk