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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
OCTOBER 25, 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: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, EMA Director Bob Heim and Chief Terry Lemming.

GUESTS: Bob Bell from Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Kypuros 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

Bob Bell from DEA presented a plaque to Chief Lemming thanking him for his service and partnership with the DEA. Mr. Bell commended Chief Lemming on various positions he has held through the years and how he has been a tremendous advocate on drug prevention.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Administrator Barber provided results of last Friday's meeting with the Fire District and Safebuilt regarding the status of 610 Gould Street and various fire codes and sprinkler requirements. A lot of information was cleared up. The building at 610 Gould Street will have to install a sprinkler

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system. It was discussed if 610 Gould was joined with 614 Gould if sprinklers would be required in both buildings. The Attorney will have to make interpretation of the code. Trustee Kraus asked how the situation got to the administrative hearing process. President Meyer talked about when suggestions are made and requirements are stated, property owners need to be told accordingly. This should start with the plan review process. At this point, there's nothing that can be done to avoid the installation of sprinklers. At last Friday's meeting it was discussed that this may come up again. Small older buildings are limited on what they can spend, based on renovation of 50%. Changes of use will trigger all of the code requirements. The State Fire Marshal dictates sprinkler requirements.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to cancel the December 27, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to move November 22, 2021 Board meeting to November 29, 2021. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

President Meyer requested an executive session be held to discuss on-going litigation regarding Fieldgate.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Village received census population certification from the Illinois Secretary of State. A copy of the certification was provided in the packet for review, which means the Village should begin receiving per capita revenue allocations beginning February for November, since the State is typically on a 90-day lag. 354 new residents will add \$125.20 per capita in income tax and \$40.15 in use tax (\$58,534 in general revenue), and \$23.00 per capita (\$8,142) in new MFT allocations.

Administrator Barber provided an audit update. His goal is to have the auditors attend the November 29, 2021 meeting.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri reported on the splash pad. Installation of the rubber matting would need two to three consecutive days over 55 degrees. It was decided to do the work in April of 2022. The splash pad is scheduled to open around Memorial Day.

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C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Stacey reported that the October 28th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18th to consider a variance for a fence in a front yard setback in Prairie Crossings.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus stated that there was nothing new to report on full-time officers.

Trustee Kraus provided status on part-time officers. One is done, and one will be done shortly.

Chief Lemming provided the Police Department's and EMA's plans for Halloween. A "haunted squad car" will be driving the streets, passing out candy. Two people in the vehicle will have their faces professionally painted for Halloween. There will be a total of four EMA vehicles and three Police cars driving the streets.

Administrator Barber provided results of the Laraway Communications Board of Directors meeting. Dispatch Center would like to go from 12 hour to 8 hour shifts. They are possibly separating from the County, but a lot of legal ramifications are needed to try and do that. The Dispatch Center's fund balance is very positive.

Trustee Kraus reported that the Police Department will be sponsoring a Women's Self-Defense Class on November 3rd, 6:30-8 p.m. A copy of the brochure and waiver was provided in the packet for review. The class is limited to 25 attendees.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Administrator Barber provided an update on the Gould Street watermain project. The contractor has officially applied for a variance for minority and female-owned business requirements. Ruling will be made by November 15th. If they deny the request, project will have to be re-bid. The lowest qualified bidder cannot meet the requirements.

An update was provided on the Penfield Street STP reconstruction project. Easements are being acquired and the final permits are being obtained to get this project to a January 21, 2022 bid letting. This project began in 2013 when the Village borrowed \$150,000 for five years to complete the Phase I environmentals on this project.

Superintendent Conner provided a sidewalk and curb replacement program update. Both projects have been completed. Asphalt work still needs to be done.

Superintendent Conner provided a leaf collection program update. Public Works was planning on

starting today, but the weather did not cooperate. There are not too many leaves down yet, so Public Works will probably get hit hard when the leaves start falling.

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

Superintendent Conner explained a proposal for the patching of streets before winter. Four proposals were received and were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal from Quality Paving in the amount of \$7,906. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion. Superintendent Conner stated that there have been five or six watermain breaks since obtaining proposals. He will list these areas as add-ons. He doesn't know exact square footage or exact cost of add-ons. Trustee Gianotti amended his motion to consider approving proposal from Quality Paving in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to include these add-ons. Trustee Stacey amended his second of the original motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the Fall Village newsletter was mailed last week. Advertisers were given their 40% refund. There was sufficient funding to print and mail this newsletter, but in the spring we will have to sell more ads or raise the rates to keep this a break-even program. This will be worked on over the winter.

G. OLD BUSINESS

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus reported that the Boys' High School soccer team will be playing at Stagg High School in super-sectionals this week. If they win they go to State in Peoria for the final four.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss on-going litigation regarding Fieldgate. 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 to regular session at 7:48 p.m. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board recessed for ten minutes and then returned to continue with strategic planning.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a special meeting on November 22, 2021 at 6 p.m. to continue with strategic planning.

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

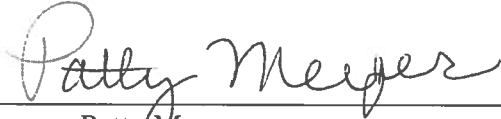
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Meyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patty Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk