

**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  
NOVEMBER 8, 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:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, Treasurer Donna Rooney, EMA Director Bob Heim and Code Enforcement Officer Dave Harrison.

**GUEST:** George Schuitema.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 25, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, 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 October, 2021.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Beautification Commission – No report.

Trustee Kraus provided a Fourth of July Commission report. The net profit was \$43,719.40. Next year's budget has been prepared by the Commission.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. Youth Commission members participated in the St. Paul's Trunk or Treat was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Commission regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. All pipes have been caulked by Public Works where water was coming in. At the next meeting in December the Commission will schedule a cleanup day.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

A Committee of the Whole meeting under Finance and Administration is scheduled for Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.

The next regular Village Board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. After this meeting, there will be one more Board meeting on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to finish out the calendar year.

President Meyer was contacted by PAKT. Three of their members received medals at the world karate championships. There will be a parade in town on Thursday night and a celebration at the Community Hall afterwards. President Meyer will present certificates to the kids and congratulate them on their wins.

A copy of the Eastern Will County Freight Mobility Corridor Study was provided to the Board for review. This will be discussed further at strategic planning.

**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 a report. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.  
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, 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 read aloud bills added to the list since Friday and then made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$211,303.56 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.  
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

### C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. A public hearing will be held on a request for a variance in the front yard at 250 Maple. The Village Board will then consider the request on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

### D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Finance Chair met to discuss how to pay for a contract for the use of license plate readers from Flock Safety. The Village Attorney has reviewed the proposed contract and finds it acceptable. It will take several months for implementation due to the permitting needed to mount the units. Trustee Kraus recommended changing the proposal to a two-year contract with a three-year extension in case we don't like the program and want to get out after two years. After some discussion, Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a two-year contract with a three-year extension option for the use of license plate readers in the Village from Flock Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$27,500 per year, with a \$2,500 installation fee. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus reported that Andrew Le Roy is retiring from the Police Department effective December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chief reported that there is a party for him on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at the Village Hall. Tom Beck will replace Officer Le Roy as detective.

Part-time hiring status was provided. Rick Reimer has been hired, one officer needs to go to the academy in March, and they are still completing a background check on the third candidate.

A Corporal promotion update was provided. Trustee Kraus is hoping to have a list for the Chief next week, and then the promotion can be made.

The Police Department, E.M.A. and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the ordering of a 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative at a price not to exceed \$39,000 for delivery in the summer of 2022. The Chief is recommending ordering the vehicle now since delivery is taking 8-10 months. We would not take possession or pay for this vehicle until next fiscal year. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

No update was available on the Gould Street watermain replacement.

Superintendent Conner reported that leaf collection has begun. Public Works picked up approximately five loads of leaves that day.

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

**F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion authorizing the reimbursement of \$1,480 to the advertisers for the fall edition of the Village newsletter. This is due to the Township not having a newsletter this fall which reduced the total circulation for the ads. At a previous meeting it was discussed only selling ads for the Village and not include the township in future newsletter ad sales, however Trustee Kypuros recommended the Village reach back out to the Township and look at continuing our partnership for the ads. Reducing the percentage the Township gets for the ads in the future will be considered. Village President Meyer and Clerk Conner will reach out to the Township to discuss further. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-13 – A Resolution endorsing the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-13. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus reported that with Detective Leroy leaving, there's only one qualified officer to be detective, which is the current SRO. The School District is considering tonight whether to continue with the SRO contract. Trustee Kraus wants to have a meeting with them to figure out why they are considering this.

Trustee Kypuros reported on an email from St. Paul's Pastor Stein about bringing back Christmas festivities in Beecher. The church is interested in doing caroling and they also want to give back to the community for the support after their church fire. It was discussed that along with this, the Village could do a tree lighting ceremony. Trustee Kypuros has been doing some research on pricing for artificial trees for a Christmas tree lighting. Trees come in different heights and rings can be added to the tree in the future to make it taller. The consensus of the Board supported

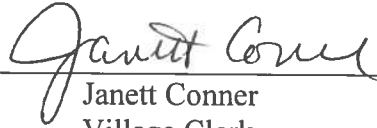
moving forward with this idea. The high school band is also offering to come out and play at the event and we will also have Santa come. Board discussed the pricing of the trees and different locations for the tree such as the empty lot next to the Post Office or in Firemen's Park near the stage. After much discussion the consensus of the Board agreed to purchase the twenty-foot tree which is \$10,250 and not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase of lights. The tree lighting tentative date is December 3<sup>rd</sup> but may change.

Trustee Kraus suggested updating the current camera system if the trees are put in the park. Chief recently received proposals for new cameras for Firemen's Park. Estimated cost is \$6,575.50 to replace the 15 year old cameras currently in the park. Need to get the cameras up before the tree goes up. Chief will work on this.

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: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk