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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
MARCH 14, 2022 -- 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 and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Jason Hering, Dylan Certa and his family, and Beecher Police officers.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board meeting and the March 7, 2022 special Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Clerk Conner swore in the new part-time officer, Dylan Certa, and his parents pinned his Beecher badge.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Board considered a request for an accessory building exceeding 18 feet in height (two stories) for a garage in the rear of 527 Woodward Street. The petitioner, Jason Hering, wishes to tear down his existing garage and construct a two-story garage on the same footprint. The Zoning Ordinance states that only the Village Board can grant a permit for a two-story accessory use. There are a few other two-story garages in the Village but they were constructed prior to the Zoning Ordinance. The petitioner received approval of all of his neighbors for the project. The petitioner was present to answer questions. Trustee Stacey made a motion approving a request for an accessory building exceeding 18 feet in height (two stories) for a garage in the rear of 527 Woodward Street. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

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

The next Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Center. This meeting was moved to the Township to accommodate the larger audience that may attend to hear about the proposed business park in addition to the public hearing relating to proposed Zoning Ordinance changes.

CLERK'S REPORT

- 1) A report was provided of income received in February, 2022.
- 2) Clerk Conner reported that the deadline to purchase dog tags is Tuesday, March 15th.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was nothing to report for the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Kraus provided a Fourth of July Commission report. The next meeting is March 23rd. The raffle car, a Chevy Trailblazer, is in and will be on display soon.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. The next meeting will be held April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The Youth Commission will work with Superintendent Conner on moving the items from the storage container into the garage.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Historic Preservation Commission will be doing a depot cleanout on Wednesday, March 16th beginning at 8 a.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 28th at the Public Works garage at 6 p.m. to review the budget as proposed by the Finance Committee.

President Meyer requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss: acquisition of land for a new Police facility and personnel, to consider a replacement for Brandon Gereg in the Public Works Department.

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 Tieri 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 made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$142,854.84 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Kypuros read aloud bills added to the list since Friday and two corrections to two specific bill amounts. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

It was reported that staff has begun a comprehensive overview of the Village Personnel Manual and job description files. The Committee will be given these documents to review once the budget process is complete.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was reported that work on the splash pad is scheduled to begin in late April. The rubberized tile needs to be placed on the concrete surface. The splash pad should be ready to open on Memorial Day weekend.

An update was provided on the Nicor gas service extension into Firemen's Park. Measurements have been done and the connection will be done free of charge from the main, getting 60 feet of free service line.

A Summer Concert Series update was provided. Trustee Gianotti reported that the Committee is still trying to secure entertainment for the September date. They will provide an article for the spring newsletter. The events will be held rain or shine, no rain date. The Committee will look into doing some banners to put at entrances to town.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review. Chief Lemming reported that he will be having a presentation geared toward senior citizens about ruse burglaries, to be held on a Tuesday morning in the future. He is working with Washington Township on this. Sergio Garcia, police candidate, will begin academy in April. Flock cameras were installed on Indiana Avenue today. Four more cameras still need to be installed, being delayed due to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) permits. A date was discussed for the bike rodeo. The first Saturday in June is the department's preferred date. Trustee Kypuros suggested changing the date to get a better turnout. Past issues for the bike rodeo were the event being the same time as many of the softball games. There could be a problem with holding the event on July 2nd, since police officers have to work late the night before and come back that night for the festival. Chief Lemming will work on this.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review. Director Heim reported that the girls' volleyball team is going to state and the school would like a parade when they get back. He would like to come up with some protocols for times and routes for these athletic parades. A Nixle message will be sent out, and information will be posted on local Facebook pages to let residents know so when they hear the sirens they don't have a problem with it. Director Heim was asked to run these parades so he was looking for direction.

The Code Enforcement monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Laraway Communications Center annual report for 2021 was provided in the packet for review. Village cost is \$127,332 per year for this service.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Superintendent monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

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

The water billing register for the months of January and February was provided in the packet for review. The billed to pumped ratio is 70%, which is a major improvement from 53% last year.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve an amended construction management services agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineers in the amount of \$86,000 for the Gould Street watermain replacement project. We previously entered into an agreement with Baxter and Woodman for this project, but the IL DCEO required some additional language be added to the agreement since this is now a federal job. This language has been added and requires another approval from the Village. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided by Administrator Barber. Closing on rights of way and easements. Nothing else new. Bidding will be done on June 17th.

A Miller Street watermain replacement project design work update was provided by Superintendent Conner. All areas have been GPS located. A design meeting will be held with Baxter and Woodman.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Board members were again asked if they had any suggestions for newsletter articles. Suggestions were Concert Series, spring cleanup day (if being scheduled), Trustee Tieri wants to put an interview with new Chief Lemming, and Code Enforcement information.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss acquisition of land for a new Police facility, and personnel to consider an applicant for the open position in the Public Works Department. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to return from executive session at 8:03 p.m. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1365 – An Ordinance authorizing the President and Clerk to sign a purchase agreement for a parcel of land commonly known as 1319 Dixie Highway. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1365. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the hiring of Kevin Ondreka as new Public Works employee with anticipated start date of March 28th and starting at Step 1 pay schedule. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk