

**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
APRIL 11, 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, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, Officer Sergio Garcia and family, and some Beecher Police officers.

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Artie VanBaren.

Chief Lemming introduced new full-time officer Sergio Garcia. Clerk Conner swore him in and his badge was pinned by his wife.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey 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 minutes of the March 28, 2022 Budget workshop. Trustee Juzeszyn 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

1) A report was provided of income received in March, 2022. 2) Clerk Conner reported on changes to the Village's Facebook page.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS



Superintendent Conner provided a Beautification Commission update. Thirty hanging baskets were ordered from Windmill Acres. There are only two Commission members, so not much else going on with Beautification.

Trustee Kraus provided a Fourth of July Commission update. The next meeting is Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. A list of improvements made to the buildings and park in Firemen's Park was provided for review. The Chevy Trailblazer raffle vehicle was present at the Easter Egg Hunt over the weekend to introduce it to the public. Vehicle will be at concert events this year. Sales of raffle tickets are also up and running on-line.

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the Youth Commission held their Mom-Son dance on March 26th and it was well attended. He thanked the BYC, volunteers, Beecher Recreation for helping set up, and Joe Tieri as DJ. Michelle Panozzo resigned from BYC. They are looking for new members. The next meeting is on April 19th.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for April 20th. Clean out of Depot has been held.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Board members were invited to attend an informational meeting on the School District referendum to be held on Monday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Junior High. This is the same night as the next Village Board meeting.

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. Seconded by Trustee Juzeszyn.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the previous month will be emailed to the Board. The reports were inadvertently left out of the packet.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$169,710.35 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1366 – An Ordinance of supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 ending April 30, 2022. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1366. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-03 – A Resolution authorizing line item transfers in the budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 ending on April 30, 2022. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-03. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE #1367 – An Ordinance increasing the compensation for the office of Village President from \$4,900 to \$6,000 per year and Village Trustee from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year effective after the next election for each of the elected positions. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1367. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

It was reported that Will County has issued property tax levies and rates. The tax rate will be dropping from 0.6572 to 0.6350.

Administrator Barber reported on the impact of the small increase in the LGDF to municipalities, which will result in an increase to Beecher of \$9,343.91.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A splash pad update was provided by Trustee Gianotti. The invoice for the rubberized coating will most likely not be in by April 30th so funds would be encumbered out of the current budget (\$58,786) into next fiscal year. A security camera has been scheduled to be installed on the splash pad. The pole was installed last week but the 110 outlet has not been put in yet. Memorial Day weekend is the planned opening date.

An update was provided on the Nicor gas service being installed to 675 Penfield for the food stand in Firemen's Park. Nicor is following the original path as if a regular gas service into the building and it may be installed before July 4th.

A summer concert series update was provided. The ad hoc committee for the series has two open dates that need a Trustee or Trustees to be the lead contact or coordinator for that event. A schedule was provided for review. All bands have been booked for the events this year, including the final band for Labor Day weekend.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE #1368 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code to allow for administrative variances to be granted for fences in front yard setbacks of corner lots. This Ordinance would allow the Zoning Administrator to grant a fence variance in the front yard of a corner lot on one side as long as the fence is three feet from the public walk and the neighbors do not object. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) voted unanimously to recommend this change. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1368. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed an Ordinance amending the Zoning Code to include the word “commercial” in the definition of trailers. The PZC approved to recommend this change. Code Enforcement Officer Harrison explained the history with this issue. Trustee Kypuros questioned if we should be looking more closely at the code for commercial trailers that are necessary for a resident’s job. Trustee Kypuros would like to have a variance process for these trailers if it is necessary for their livelihood. Trustee Gianotti agreed. Trustee Stacey made a motion to amending the Zoning Code to include the word “commercial” in the definition of a trail. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (3) Trustees Juzeszyn, Tieri and Stacey.

NAYS: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Kraus and President Meyer.

Motion failed.

After much discussion, the consensus of the Board agreed to refer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to table an Ordinance amending 9-5-15 of the Beecher Municipal Code pertaining to the parking of trailers in Village rights of way. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1369 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code to address cargo containers in commercial districts and temporary storage containers in residential districts. This issue came up since there are two cargo containers already in place in commercial areas in the Village. The two existing containers will be grandfathered in. Temporary storage containers will also have their own regulations. These units will be limited to 30 days unless they correspond with a building permit and can be located on driveways only and not in the street or right of way. The PZC approved a motion recommending these changes. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1369. Seconded by Trustee Kypuros.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1370 – An Ordinance approving a preliminary plat for the Illiana Crossroads Business Park. The preliminary plat covers only that property which lies west of the creek and the property east of the creek is off the table for now. The PZC unanimously approved a motion recommending approval of the plat, subject to approval of the Village Engineer. Petitioner, Artie

VanBaren, was present to answer any questions and provided details of the project. Trustee Kypuros questioned the heights of the buildings as being the main concern he had heard. He said extra care needs to be put into the four particular lots that back up to residential. Mr. VanBaren asked if he would put a height restriction on the lots that back up to the residential lots. Trustee Kypuros suggested changing the building height limits to 30 foot for those lots, to make the Business Park a “good neighbor”. Administrator Barber noted that they still have to go through a final plat before they can do anything, and height restrictions can be put into the plan at that time. After much discussion, Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1370 approving the preliminary plat for the Illiana Crossroads Business Park, and motion was amended to add the exception that lots 15-18 would have a building height limit of no more than 30 feet unless approved by the Village Board. The Attorney will be directed to redraft the Ordinance as amended. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for April 28th. Two public hearings on requests for special use permits for LED signs along Dixie Highway will be considered: The Village of Beecher at 625 Dixie Highway, and the Chamber of Commerce sign in front of Beecher Manor Nursing Home at 1201 Dixie Highway.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

A Flock L.P.R. update was provided by Chief Lemming. The flock cameras caught the truck that pulled down wires on a residential street and left the scene the previous week. Officers now receive alerts immediately when a stolen car goes by the cameras. The Dixie Highway cameras are not active yet.

The new golf cart purchased by the Police Department was outside the Village Hall for Board members to see. Chief thanked Bob Heim and Dale Murray for installing the lights. Tony from Gipple Graphics installed graphics at no charge.

Chief Lemming reported on the April 26th senior seminar at the Washington Township Center regarding ruse burglaries. The bike rodeo will be held on July 2nd.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Department, Water Department and Sewer Department monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

It was reported that the pre-construction meeting was held on the Gould Street watermain project. The project information and a schedule was provided in the packet for review. The Fourth of July parade will need to be worked around this project but that will be figured out closer to the 4th.

Superintendent Conner reported that the pipe order will be received in the next week so project will begin in approximately a week.

It was reported that the Miller Street watermain design is nearing completion. Superintendent Conner reported that phase 1 of the design is almost complete. The water operator made a few small changes, but moving along well.

A Penfield Street STP update was provided. The project is scheduled to begin next month with all of the utility relocations. All plans have been approved and permits obtained. The Village is in the process of paying \$800 for one easement and \$3,500 for the vacant lot and this part of the project will be complete. Bid letting is still scheduled for June 17th.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Clerk Conner reported that the spring newsletter has been sent to the printer and it should be ready to be mailed the week of April 18th.

A spring clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. The extent of work being planned, the need for refreshments both at the beginning and at the end, and safety of the workers along roads are being discussed. Superintendent Conner reported two parks need to be mulched, mentioned clean-up areas depending on how many volunteers we get. Administrator Barber asked how we will get the volunteers to the other clean-up sites that day. Superintendent is working on transportation for them, depending on how many sign up to help. A possible rain date will be discussed. Hot dogs can be provided for participants.

G. OLD BUSINESS

I. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner reported that a Public Works employee put in his two-week notice. After speaking to the Committee, Superintendent Conner put an ad in the APWA, an ad was placed on Indeed and is being submitted to M.E. Simpson, who also advertises job openings.

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

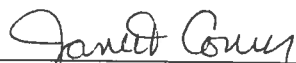
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janet Conner, Village Clerk