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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  
APRIL 25, 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 Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Kypuros.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, and Sergeant Aaron Dacorte.

**GUESTS:** Will County States Attorney James Glasgow and Labor Attorney Michael Kuczvara with Laner Muchin.

Chief Lemming introduced Will County States Attorney James Glasgow, who reported on the Flock cameras and their uses. Mr. Glasgow also discussed the effect of the Safe-T Act passed by the State and the trailer bills. Mr. Glasgow also discussed his program for drug or comfort dogs which Will County offers. Mr. Glasgow presented a check to President Meyer regarding a grant for the Flock cameras. Pictures were then taken with President Meyer, Chief Lemming and Sergeant Dacorte.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT** - None.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** - None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer read aloud a proclamation recognizing May 1-7 as Professional Municipal Clerk's Week.

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President Meyer had a meeting with the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau to discuss the hospitality industry opportunities for Beecher. She also reported on the events to be listed in the Festival and Events Guide for the Beecher area.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

A public hearing was held to consider the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022/2023.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Administrator Barber provided details on the budget preparation schedule, the budget workshop, upcoming purchases and projects, as well as additions and changes to this year's budget. The Board and audience were asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-04 – A Resolution adopting a budget for fiscal year 2022/2023. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-04. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1371 – An Ordinance of appropriation for fiscal year 2022/2023. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve Ordinance #1371. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-05 – A Resolution of appropriation for the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for fiscal year 2022/2023. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-05. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the month of March were provided in the packet for review.

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

The Fourth of July Commission has discussed the need for more lighting in Firemen's Park. Before the paths are resurfaced the Commission discussed and tentatively approved the trenching of two new electric light poles in the picnic grove area to avoid damaging the new paths. Hanging lights on the buildings in the park was discussed as an alternate option. Last week new lines were trenched beneath the path so all settling of the path will be done by the time asphalt work is done in the fall. Trustee Kraus asked if anyone has looked at lights anywhere else in the park for any dark areas. Lighting will also be needed by the splash pad area. Staff will look into this.

The Board discussed coordination of the food stand maintenance and use of the building before the festival. The food stand will be emptied out for floor waxing and wall cleaning prior to the first summer concert event in May. The Fourth of July Commission and the Lions Club will be splitting the \$600 estimate for this work. Food stand was emptied over the weekend. Trustee Gianotti thanked the members of the Commission who helped with all of the work in the building.

It was reported that the pillars behind the Village Hall at the drive-thru will be mortared and tuck-pointed and some bricks will be replaced.

The status of the camera for the splash pad was discussed. The poles are up, the electrical outlet is not yet in place. This will be handled by George's Landscaping. The splash pad has been completed and rubber pad has been put down. Staff will work on getting the camera up. Trustee Gianotti noted that a ribbon cutting will need to be set up for the splash pad depending on the weather.

Trustee Gianotti reported that natural gas has now been installed in the food building and discussed what to do with the electric griddles previously used that may no longer be needed.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022. Two special use public hearings for outdoor LED display signs will be held for the Beecher Village Hall and at Beecher Manor Nursing Home for the Beecher Chamber of Commerce.

The Board again discussed commercial trailer parking in front yard setbacks. A Committee meeting was held on Friday afternoon. President Meyer reported that the Ordinance was tweaked after some feedback from the Board at the last meeting. A section was added to the Ordinance that if a trailer is parked in front yard setback which is used for the resident's business, that they may apply to the Village for a variance. Wording also changed from property owner to "property owner and legal resident". Trustee Gianotti asked if there will be a fee attached to the variance to keep the number of applicants down. This will need to be looked at on a case by case basis and Village Board can put requirements on the variance. Trustee Kraus questioned legal justification to approve or not approve a permit. This can be discussed further with Attorney. Chief Lemming recommended using a general consistency of opinion in making these decisions.

#### **D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A presentation to seniors on frauds and scams is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Township Center.

The Police Department Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and rodeo will begin at 9 a.m. in Firemen's Park.

Trustee Tieri reported that a Beecher Recreation parade will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. They will need a Police escort.

**ORDINANCE #1372** – An Ordinance amendment pertaining to parking on Village streets after a snowfall of two inches or more. This would change the current ordinance to prohibit parking on the street “for 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more.” Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1372. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

#### **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$168,124.50 to Brandt Excavating as progress payment #2 on the lead service line replacement project pending release of loan funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Superintendent Conner provided a lead service line update. 122 lead lines have been found and they hope to have entire project done by the end of May.

Superintendent Conner provided a Gould Street watermain replacement update. The project started earlier in the day. There were some issues with soil borings that will cost more money. The soil borings found bad soil that will have to be torn out and disposed of, which will add extra expense. The anticipated completion date is the end or middle of August.

Administrator Barber provided an update on the Penfield STP project. The Attorney certified the easements to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) which was what IDOT requested and now they are saying the easements must be certified to the Village. This is holding up the bid date. Staff is trying to get this resolved with IDOT.

It was reported that in the last couple of weeks some pump failures had occurred at both the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant and at the Miller Street lift station which were not expected and not budgeted. Superintendent Conner explained each of the repairs and requested approvals for repairs.

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Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing a rebuild of pump #3 at the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with funds coming from the Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the repairs to impellers at the Miller Street lift station at an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with funds coming from the Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase of a spare 6" Flygt pump for the Beecher Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 with funds coming from the Water and Sewer Debt Service Fund. It was explained that the purchase of a spare pump is needed in case an existing pump goes down and is under repair for six to eight weeks at a time. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase of an electric hoist/crane in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for mounting at wet well in Sewer Plant for pump lifts. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was reported that flags and street banners will be going up before Memorial Day.

Brush pickup has begun and will continue every Tuesday.

Street sweeping program has been completed for the year.

Spring hydrant flushing was completed the previous week.

The Fire District conducted hydrant flow testing to lower the Village's ISO rating. M.E. Simpson conducted the testing.

Trustee Kraus made a motion declaring a 1995 7500KW generator on single axle trailer as surplus property. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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It was reported that the Village was denied funding from IDOT for the Safe Routes to Schools grant for the sidewalk gap project. A project list of awards and non-awards was provided in the packet for review. This project will have to be shelved for the time being, until another grant opportunity avails itself.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing a proposal for the installation of a new flatbed from Monroe Truck Equipment in the amount of \$6,931. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase of a watermain response trailer in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 from Morris Trailer Sales. Superintendent Conner said company would like cash on delivery so Treasurer Rooney was requested to write a check after May 1<sup>st</sup>. There were no objections. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion declaring the 1984 P30 Step Van as surplus property upon the arrival and commissioning of the new trailer. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board considered purchasing a snowplow for the new water operator truck. The superintendent obtained 3 proposals. Monroe Truck was \$9,969, Line-X was \$9,902.72; and Lindco Equipment was \$9,653. Lindco made an error and did not bid stainless steel as requested and then said they could not beat the next lowest price if provided stainless steel. Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the Superintendent to purchase a snow plow for the new water operator truck with Line-X in the amount of \$9,902.72. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

The spring newsletter was mailed the previous week.

Beecher was featured in the Enterprise Zone email blast the previous week. The link to the information was provided to the Board.

A summer concert series update was provided. One date still needs a Trustee to be coordinator. Trustee Gianotti volunteered. Concert Committee will be ordering some signs with the schedule to be put up at various locations in town. A Trustee will talk to DeJong Equipment about putting a sign on their property. First event is May 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Board was asked to consider an invitation for a presentation on electric vehicle charging stations in public parking lots. Trustee Juzeszyn felt it was an interesting possibility. Not sure how many electric vehicles are in town, so unknown how useful it would be. There were concerns about taking up a parking space for EV charging. Maybe it would work better for local employers. It was the consensus of the Board to hear the presentation.

Community clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Only four students signed up as of now. Not sure we will get a good turnout. Trustee Juzeszyn suggested handling the mulching with staff and do a clean-up day separately another time. Board discussed whether or not to delay since weather forecast is not looking good and not many people signed up. It was the consensus of the Board to postpone the clean-up day to another date. Public Works will do the mulching in Firemen's Park before the May 7<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park. Need to look at different ways to get volunteers for this event.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss a proposed tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Police Department union. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to return to regular session at 9:38 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees 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 Gianotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk