

**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
MAY 9, 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, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, Kevin Bouchard and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Denis, Denise and Dana Tatgenhorst, George Schuitema, Larry Sanders, members of Beecher EMA, Beecher Police officers, Crete EMA and Will County EMA members.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Meyer read aloud a Certificate of Recognition honoring Denis Tatgenhorst for his establishment of the Beecher Emergency Management Agency and thanked him for his contributions to the program. EMA Director Bob Heim presented the certificate to Denis, and Denis said a few words thanking everyone for their support.

The Board then took a five-minute recess.

CLERK'S REPORT

A report was provided of income received in April, 2022.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION - No report.

Trustee Kraus provided a 4th of July Commission report. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 18th at the Village Hall. Trustee Kraus thanked the Commission members that came out and served food at the first Concert in the Park. He also commented that the Commission has a new logo this year. He said it looks good but doesn't say "Beecher" 4th of July Commission and feels that it should.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. The Commission is planning a Kick Off to summer event on Saturday, June 4th. The Youth Commission is exploring fund raising opportunities and always looking for new commissioners. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – No report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Meyer read aloud the annual appointments as follows:

**LIST OF APPOINTMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT
FY ending April 30, 2023**

- Village President Pro-Tem:** Jonathan Kypuros
- Finance and Administration Committee:** Chair: Jonathan Kypuros, Ben Juzeszyn
- Public Safety Committee:** Chair: Joe Tieri, Jonathan Kypuros
- Public Works Committee:** Chair: Todd Kraus, Roger Stacey
- Economic Development and Community Relations Committee:**
Chair: Ben Juzeszyn, Joe Gianotti
- Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation:** Chair: Joe Gianotti, Joe Tieri
- Planning, Building and Zoning:** Chair: Roger Stacey, Todd Kraus

- Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator:** Robert Barber
- Village Clerk:** Janett Conner
- Village Prosecutor:** Tom Knuth
- Village Corporate Counsel:** Tim Kuiper, Austgen and Kuiper, P.C.
- Code Enforcement Officer:** David Harrison
- ESDA Coordinator:** Bob Heim
- Chief of Police:** Terry Lemming
- Public Works Superintendent:** Matt Conner
- Village Treasurer:** Donna Rooney
- Building Department Services:** Safebuilt

EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:

Member: Bob Barber, Alternate: Joe Tieri

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Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Patty Meyer
Joint Fuel Committee: Jonathan Kypuros and Robert Barber
Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on case by case basis)

Planning and Zoning Commission:
Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/23)
David Weissbohn (term expires 5/1/23)
Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/24)
Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/24)
George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/24)
Denis Tatgenhorst (term expired 5/1/22 – will be temporarily extended until further notice)
Kevin Bouchard (term expired 5/1/22 – will be temporarily extended until further notice)

Beautification Commission:
Matt Conner (Village Liaison) George Obradovich
Sandy Lohmann Jean Smith

Fourth of July Commission (20 voting members):

Marcy Meyer, (Village President)
Todd Kraus (Village Liaison)

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| 1. Nelson Collins | 9. Barb Hodgett | 17. Phil Salmen |
| 2. Hayden Karstensen | 10. Casey Thompson | 18. Nicholas Hoehn |
| 3. Debbie Falaschetti | 11. Chuck Hoehn | 19. Alex Burgess |
| 4. Nichole Modschiedler | 12. Cameron Ohlendorf | 20. Dana Karstensen |
| 5. Joe Gianotti | 13. Robert Barber | Howard Perry (ex-officio) |
| 6. Bruce Becker | 14. Marge Cook | |
| 7. Kevin Bouchard | 15. Ken Bobowski | |
| 8. Steven Barber | 16. Jenna Barber | |

Beecher Youth Commission:
Ben Juzeszyn (Village Liaison)
Roger Sipple, Eric Hanson, ex-officio
Jess Smith Stacy Mazurek
Hebah Arroyo Kristin Tucker
Cat Gonzales Codi Killis
Sarah Murphy Kim Wojciechowski

Historic Preservation Commission:
Jonathan Kypuros (Village Liaison)
Virginia Bath Janett Conner Don Sala
Scott Wehling Arnie Cooper George Obradovich

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve President Meyer’s annual appointments. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation declaring May 15-21 as National Public Works Week in the Village of Beecher.

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation declaring May 15-21 as National Police Week in the Village of Beecher.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Administrator Barber provided the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer Rooney. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report of financial activity in the prior month. Trustee Juzeszyn 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 provided a list of bills that came in since Friday. Trustee Kraus asked to add a bill for USA Bluebook in an amount not to exceed \$4,500 for a winch for the sewer plant. The bill wasn't received yet but the payment needs to come out of old fiscal year funds. There were no objections. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$173,814.44 plus an amount not to exceed \$4,500 to USA Bluebook and approve 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.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion approving a proposal in the amount of \$8,647.83 from Martin Whalen for the purchase of a new copier for the Village Hall. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ComEd has announced a rate increase from 7.457 cents to 8.914 cents per kwh effective June 1, 2022. A copy of their press release was provided in the packet for review.

The ComEd annual report for 2021 was provided in the packet for review.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti announced that the Village closed on the 5.81 acre parcel of land at the northeast corner of Church Road and Dixie Highway. The next step is to move forward with a referendum for a new Police station and begin designing the building and site.

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The splash pad grand opening and ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, May 21st at 10 a.m. Superintendent Conner reported that the rubber mat is in place, water is on and fence is down. He will be meeting with George's Landscaping this week to take care of the last few items.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE #1373 – An Ordinance granting a special use for an animated LED sign to the Village of Beecher, 625 Dixie Highway. After a public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended granting the special use and the finding of fact was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1373. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1374 – An Ordinance granting a special use for an animated LED sign to the Beecher Chamber of Commerce, at 1201 Dixie Highway. After a public hearing, the PZC recommended granting the special use and the finding of fact was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1374. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1375 – An Ordinance amending Section 4.13 of the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to trailer parking on private property. After review and discussion by the PZC, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee, and the Village Board, the Attorney was authorized to prepare the current draft which addresses the ability of a property owner or legal resident to request a variance from the Village Board for a trailer related to one's occupation. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1375. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1376 – An Ordinance amending 9-5-15 of the Municipal Code to address parking matters only on Village streets and rights of way. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1376. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee report was deferred until the end of the meeting, since Chief Lemming stepped out.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

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

A lead service line replacement project update was provided by Superintendent Conner. The project is approximately 70% complete.

A Gould Street watermain replacement project update was provided by Superintendent Conner. They have started work in the 700 block of Gould Street. They have been delayed due to rain. A change order for an inserta valve was approved for \$6,200 since existing valve didn't work.

A Penfield Street Surface Transportation Project (STP) update was provided. The project will go out for bid on June 17th. Once we open bids we will decide what the local match is for Beecher and attempt to secure a 10-year loan for our portion using future MFT revenue as the Board previously approved. The project then will be extended into the 2023 construction season and be completed by November 1, 2023.

Status was provided on the repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant pumping station and Miller Street lift station. All repairs have been completed and it's up and running again. Staff has seen a change in pump curves and electric bill, so repairs are helping.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion waiving a formal bid process for the installation of an LED monument sign in front of the Village Hall, 625 Dixie Highway. Many proposals have been obtained by President Meyer and this is a unique process with different sign designs and screen types. President Meyer provided information to the Board with detailed sign costs of the many different variables and bid process that the Village of Manteno went through. President Meyer recommended going with 3' x 7' sign with 6 mm resolution and ThinkSign software. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion approving a proposal from All Right Signs in the amount of \$57,605.20 for the installation of a 6 mm double-faced LED monument sign in front of the Village Hall at 625 Dixie Highway. A copy of the proposal was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$1,900 to GenTech for electrical service work to the LED sign at the Village Hall. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A report was provided on the first summer concert in Firemen's Park on Saturday. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked Trustees Gianotti and Kraus for being the ones responsible for the event. It was a success with approximately 225 people in attendance. By the end of the night the park was empty due to the chilly weather. The Fourth of July raffle car was there and some tickets were sold. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked Ken Bobowski for his help at the event. The next event is on Sunday, May 15th.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

EMA Director Bob Heim said they are looking for more EMA volunteers. Applications can be picked up at the Police station.

A report on the status of hiring a new Police officer was provided. Officer candidate Garcia did not make it through the Academy so another hiring process has begun. Interviews will be held on May 25th.

Chief Lemming said there is a six-month delay in getting new squad car and once ordered they may not even get it this fiscal year. Trustee Tieri made a motion authorizing the purchase of a second squad car this fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$45,900. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion establishing the price of squad car replacement at \$48,000 per year for determining contributions to the Police CESFA effective May 1, 2023. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Chief Lemming provided a report on the results of the Senior Frauds and Scams Seminar held at the Washington Township Center on April 26th. Forty four seniors attended and he received a lot of positive feedback on the seminar.

ORDINANCE #1377 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign a five-year collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local #700 for Police officers. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1377. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

A report was provided on the Laraway Communications quarterly meeting and quarterly reports were provided for review. The next meeting is July 28th. They are working on next year's budget, and are holding a significant fund balance. Grant program was discussed. They will possibly get funding to replace radios and MDTs in the squads. Trustee Tieri will be taking over to serve on the Board of Directors.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

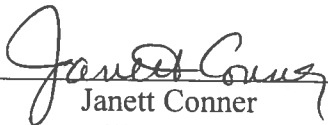
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk