

**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
JUNE 13, 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, Chief Terry Lemming, Treasurer Donna Rooney, EMA Director Bob Heim and Sandy Rukavina.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 23, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

George Schuitema asked if the port-a-john could be moved away from the cancer memorial in Firemen's Park.

CLERK'S REPORT

1) A report was provided of income received in May, 2022. 2) The Board was asked who was planning to ride in the 4th of July parade so candy can be ordered. The Police Department's new golf cart will be used. Board members riding will need to meet at Village Hall at 3 p.m. to decorate the golf cart.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Administrator Barber reported that hanging baskets went up in the old part of town and flowers were put in at the memorial in Firemen's Park.

A 4th of July Commission report was provided. Next meeting is scheduled for June 30th. Everything is on track according to Trustee Kraus. Trustee Gianotti said raffle ticket sales are going well.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. Kickoff to summer event was well attended and went well. Next meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. The Commission is looking for volunteers to help clean the basement in the Depot. They would like to get the museum open again by July. The Commission will work on a date and find some volunteers to help.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer reported that All Right Signs doesn't think they can get the new Village Hall sign up by July 4th. They are still waiting on parts for the sign.

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 Juzeszyn seconded.

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 the bills added to the list since Friday when he reviewed bills and made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$171,944.21 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.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Finance Committee met with David Pistorius of First Midstate, Inc., to discuss the potential of being the Village's bond underwriter or agent for the General Obligation Bond referendum in the fall for the new police facility. A scenario of the bond issue and scenario showing a 1% increase in EAV per year and how that will affect the tax rates on the bonds was provided to the Board. The cost of issuance on \$4 million would be a total of \$121,500 and if the referendum were to fail no fees would be paid. Three different scenarios have been run on bond issue to determine potential costs. At the next meeting, the Board will consider retaining David Pistorius of First Midstate, Inc., as bond counsel. Details of the process was provided by Trustee Kypuros. The referendum question has to be approved by August 21st so an ordinance needs to be voted on by the second meeting in July to authorize the referendum.

The Illinois Public Risk Fund worker's compensation site visit and assessment was provided in the packet for review.

The Village has hired a new part-time clerical employee. Clerk Conner introduced Sandy Rukavina to the Village Board and she was welcomed as a new employee.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti reported that JMA Architects explained their proposal for the new police facility in more detail after questions were raised at the last meeting. A breakdown of fees was provided in the packet for review. Work has begun on renderings and the goal is to have a rendering by September.

The video system for the splash pad has been installed and is operating. The splash pad appears to be getting a lot of use.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

It was reported that Administrator Barber issued two variances for fences in front yards on corner lots since the new ordinance was passed.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review. Chief Lemming provided a summary.

Last Wednesday was the wake for Denis Tatgenhorst. Chief Lemming reported that all full-time officers attended and he was proud of them. He also thanked Bob Heim for putting together items for the wake.

The Police Department put in for a grant to pay for in-car cameras that were already purchased. They will receive the grant, but not sure yet if it will be fully or partially funded. State is stalling efforts to get permits approved for Route #1 cameras so we are not paying anything for the system as of yet.

Chief Lemming reported that over the weekend Flock cameras caught a stolen vehicle that was in town being used in car burglaries.

Chief Lemming reported one of the candidates being hired had all background checks done and will be sworn in on June 20th when he begins. The second candidate is undergoing his background check, etc.

Trustee Tieri said this Wednesday is the law enforcement Torch Run beginning at CVS. Run should begin between 12-1 p.m., and everyone is welcome to participate.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review. Director Bob Heim reported that they are looking for some dedicated volunteers for EMA.

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

An update was provided on the status of full-time police officer staffing. Officer Tom Beck has resigned to take another position and conditional offers have been made to two officers currently with other departments.

The status of a new patrol vehicle was provided. One vehicle was ordered last winter and it's hoped to be here in July. A second car can't be ordered yet.

E. 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.

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

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided. Bid opening for this project is Friday, June 17th. The Village has requested an additional \$352,000 in federal funding for the project, which we believe will be approved. The Village's share remains \$1,229,000 and \$983,200 of this will be due in August. The Village will borrow \$650,000 in MFT anticipation notes as previously planned and pay the remaining \$333,200 out of MFT reserves. This is all subject to coming in under engineer's estimates to determine how to proceed with the project.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$474,486.17 to M&J Underground as partial payment for the Gould Street watermain project. A copy of the invoice was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A Gould Street watermain update was provided. The contractor is on target for being done on Gould Street by the 4th of July parade, but one of the railroad crossings may be closed during that time. Administrator Barber reported connecting to water tower will be tricky part of the job. The next meeting for this project is Tuesday, June 21st.

Both Miller Street and Dixie Highway watermain replacement design work is nearing completion. Both projects will be ready for bid by the end of this summer.

A well #5 generator update was provided. The project was put on hold due to a dramatic cost increase for the generator, which put the project over budget.

A lead service line replacement project update was provided. The project is nearing completion with restoration work being done at this time. Administrator Barber reported that some of the sod restorations have failed and some have not been completed. No more sod will be laid now until September because of the weather. At that time the project will be completed. Fifteen b-boxes still need to be found.

A curb and sidewalk replacement program update was provided. A list of areas needing replacement has begun and the project will go out for proposal after July 4th.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the results of the last two concerts in the park. Trustee Juzeszyn reported on the Sunday concert and thanked Board members for working on these events. Iron Horse was a very successful event. Food truck coordination was an issue. More food trucks will be needed in the future. Raices Latin Jazz Fusion concert was last Sunday. Band was great but turnout could have been better and could have improved on this concert. It was suggested splitting the weekends further apart for the events. There seems to be a better turnout when offering food and drink. The next concert event will be held during the 4th of July weekend with a Pearl Jam tribute band. Help is needed that day for a couple different shifts. Trustee Gianotti will do a sign-up sheet so he will be asking for help. The August concert will be held during the Lions Club Beef Roast. Trustee Juzeszyn also reported on the remaining concert dates.

G. OLD BUSINESS

I. 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 Stacey seconded the motion.


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Janett Conner
Village Clerk