

**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  
JULY 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 Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Stacey.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Superintendent of Public Works Matt Conner, Chief of Police Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

**GUEST:** George Schuitema.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

**CLERKS'S REPORT** - No report.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** - None.

**REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Meyer said the new Village Hall sign has been partially installed and should be completed by the end of the week.

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE #1379** – An Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the Village at the general election to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022. The interest rate was estimated at 5.90% but it was hoped to get a lower rate. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1379. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Stacey.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
ABSENT: (1) Trustee Kraus.  
Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus arrived at 7:06 p.m.

The Board considered options for payment of the Village's portion of the Gould Street watermain project. According to Administrator Barber, the Village awarded a bid of \$1,228,000 to M&J Underground, approved a contract with Baxter and Woodman to provide construction management for \$86,000, and approved change orders approximating \$60,000 for contaminated soil, two additional valves and repair of breaks on old main during the project. The Village received a grant of \$967,000 for the project but will owe \$407,000 in local funds. He then provided three options to pay for the project. Trustee Kypuros recommended Option #3. After some discussion of the options Trustee Kypuros made a motion to go with option #3 and use the ARPA funds as originally planned and place a "due to" on the Watermain Replacement Account to replace those funds from the rates charged in the future. This repayment should take about one year. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

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

The Board considered acceptance of a donation of land for a vacant commercial parcel located at 419 Dixie Highway. The parcel measures 115' x 200' and has been offered to the Village in exchange for a donation letter equal to the value of an appraisal. The Village would be responsible for all of the closing costs. There were no objections to acceptance of the land. Attorney Kuiper will work out the details with the donor's attorney.

The Village is in the process of acquiring a three-acre parcel of land located on Eagle Lake Road east of Millbridge Parkway. The parcel contains a 1.5-acre retention pond for Nantucket Cove Subdivision and 1.5 acres of vacant dry land and has a potential use for a water tower in the future since this is one of the highest points in town. The lot has a \$63,000 lien on it for back taxes but the Village is arguing that this lot should have been a dedicated out lot to begin with. It looks like Will County will agree to dedicate the lot to the Village. Closing costs to Will County will be \$801. The zoning on this property is commercial.

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

The Village has received an annexation petition for a 60-acre parcel of land that an individual wants to build a single family home on. Staff is trying to work out the details of this petition.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for July 28, 2022 has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Results of training provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission members by the Village of Peotone was provided by Trustee Stacey.

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

The Public Safety Committee met to discuss the procedure for hiring and recruiting full-time and part-time police officers. Trustee Tieri said they looked at the old resolution for hiring, made some corrections and added things to it. The changes are being drafted, will be presented to the Board, then passed on to corporate counsel. Some proposed changes include increasing the committee to two members, got rid of some of the testing services, changes to application process, written exam requirements, eliminated hiring list and put a hybrid system in place for the hiring process. It was suggested to add a section regarding promotions.

A report was provided on the National Night Out scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Firemen's Park from 5-8 p.m. They plan to have jump houses, face painting, dunk tank as well as other activities. Police, Public Works and fire equipment will be on display.

Trustee Tieri reported that he wanted to thank Trustee Stacey, Corporal Sipple and EMA for helping on the bike rodeo. He would like to change the rodeo to a date other than during the Fourth of July festival. Trustee Kypuros suggested to do the rodeo outside the baseball season.

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

The water billing register was provided in the packet for review. The pumped to billed ratio was discussed and how it might be affected by all of the watermain breaks.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$182,572.60 to Brandt Excavating as a progress payment on the lead service line replacement program pending receipt of IEPA loan funds. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Superintendent Conner provided a report on the watermain breaks over the last two weeks and their causes. A boring company for AT&T hit a water main and dropped system pressure which triggered all of the pumps, triggering a major water hammer. Six breaks were believed to be triggered by this. Another break occurred on Gould Street the afternoon of the meeting. Sections of the old main that are not being used are being capped off. The new main is not online yet.

A Gould Street watermain update was provided. The project should be completed in 3-4 weeks.

Well #3 and the variable speed drive are now back online.

A lead service line replacement project update was provided by Superintendent Conner. The project has been completed. Asphalt restoration should be completed in the coming weeks. Restoration of grass will occur later this year once the weather cools down.

The Board was asked when they would like the American flags on the electric poles to be taken down around town. Board members agreed that flags should be left up through Labor Day.

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

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> with various local non-profit groups in town to discuss the proposed Christmas in Beecher weekend which includes the Village's tree lighting ceremony. Once what types of activities they would like to have are determined, other organizations in the community can be asked to become involved. Trustee Kypuros commented on the Letters to Santa mailbox the Youth Commission used to have. It will need to be looked into where this mailbox is now.

An economic development training will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Frankfort Village Hall by the Will County CED. Board members are invited to attend.

Board members were asked for suggestions on articles for the fall newsletter. Suggestions included G.O. Bond referendum, thank you to residents regarding concert series and feedback (maybe a survey), LED sign, splash pad success with pictures, Christmas activities, employee spotlight with EMA director and introduction of new hires.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

The next concerts are scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett Conner  
Village Clerk