



**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
AUGUST 8, 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, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Juzeszyn.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Chief Terry Lemming, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, EMA Director Bob Heim, Beecher Police officers and new full-time officer Gabriel Smycz.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 25, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

New full-time officer Gabriel Smycz was introduced to the Board and welcomed. He came from the Chicago Police Department.

CLERK'S REPORT

1) A report was provided of income received in July, 2022. 2) Knights of Columbus asked for permission to conduct their intellectual disabilities drive in Beecher September 16th through September 18th. There were no objections from the Board. 3) Clerk Conner announced dates of IML Conference and asked if anyone was interested in attending to let her know and she will take care of registration.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

There was no report for the Beautification Commission.

Trustee Kraus provided a Fourth of July Commission report. The next meeting is August 31st at 6:30 p.m.

There was no report for the Youth Commission.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on August 17th at 6 p.m. They still need help with cleanup and asked for volunteers.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer appointed Joe Gardner to the Planning and Zoning Commission, replacing Denis Tatgenhorst. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was reported that the new Village Hall LED sign is up and running. Staff Clerk Conner provided a report on staff training held the previous week to add content to the sign. Brandy Flores was thanked for her help in setting up the sign.

The SSMMA released a local elected and appointed official's salary survey. The survey was included in the packet for review.

It was reported that President Meyer met with a representative from the nursing home regarding uncompleted improvements to the west side of their building. They are getting a quote to get the work done. They are to finish sidewalk installation, finish the curb, replace south end of parking lot, backfill the property to the proper grade as well as the sewer. They are also looking into wrought iron fencing around the patio.

A report was provided on changes to sales tax collection rules which has created flaws in collection of taxes on internet sales on-line. Administrator Barber explained that taxes are being collected at the warehouse sites instead of point of purchase. Tax for online purchases was meant to be collected at the point of purchase but Illinois Department of Revenue implemented the law differently and the tax is being collected according to the warehouse location. How tax is being collected is also not being done consistently in different areas of the state. The IML is working with the state to get the tax distributed the way it was supposed to be done.

President Meyer reported on the expansion to Beecher McDonald's. They will be expanding the building and adding more drive thru windows and kiosks.

A meeting about the airport will be held at GSU on Tuesday. Beecher wasn't invited but other communities were. Staff contacted the parties running the meeting and we have now been sent an invitation.

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 Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, 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 made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$330,573.34 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Kypuros read aloud bills added to the list since bill list was emailed to the Board. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros reported that a workshop to discuss the use of ARPA funds will be held after the next regular Board meeting. Board members were asked to attend and discuss proposed projects.

The Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative quarterly report was provided in the packet for review.

The Board discussed the need to hold a public information hearing on the proposed public safety facility. The hearing should be held at least 30 days prior to the referendum, due to early voting. Bond counsel has suggested some dates. After some discussion, Board members agreed to hold the hearing on Monday, September 19th at 7 p.m. at the Washington Township Center.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Discussion was held on the status of the vacant lot located at 652 Penfield. The lot has been surveyed and the easements the Village needs to complete the Penfield Street improvement project have been delineated. The appraiser is in the process of determining a fair market value for the lot. After that is complete, the lot's paperwork will be turned over to the Attorney for sale.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Citizen planner training materials were provided in the packet for review.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review. Chief Lemming reported that on August 4th the Police Department conducted crosswalk detail on Dixie Highway

by Miller Street for 2.5 hours. They issued 30 warning tickets to people who did not stop. They will be doing another crosswalk detail on Wednesday and will write tickets instead of warnings this time. Trustee Kraus suggested also doing education of the kids using the crosswalk to be sure they know how to properly use them.

Chief Lemming said Bob Heim made two of the games for the National Night Out himself and thanked him for doing so.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review. Bob Heim showed the Board the new patches that the EMA has designed and will be used in the future.

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

It was reported that the National Night Out went well and was attended by many. Trustee Tieri thanked the Police, EMA, Public Works, Village employees, Fire Department, Lions Club, Team PAKT, Dunkin Donuts, McDonald's, the Village Board members and all of those who helped out at the event, and the citizens who attended.

The results of the Laraway Dispatch Board meeting were provided by Trustee Tieri. The Board amended its by-laws, passed a budget, and reviewed the spending of CARES Act funding moving forward. \$1.5 million will be refunded to the 32 agencies in the group as our fund balance exceeds minimum requirements. This should mean about \$32,700 in refunds to Beecher Police.

Chief Lemming reported that they are still working on the first draft of the Police Commission ordinance.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

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

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$499,297.17 to M&J Underground as partial payment toward the completion of the Gould Street watermain project, pending receipt of grant funds. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Superintendent Conner provided a Gould Street watermain update. All of the watermain has been installed. Pressure testing has been done and passed. Chlorination and sampling will occur this week, then new services will be hooked up to the new main.

A lead service line replacement program update was provided by Superintendent Conner. Brandt will be back in late September to do restorations.

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A well #2 update was provided. After the well went back on-line when the variable drive was replaced, there was a high pitch squeal inside the motor. Layne Western was asked to come out and examine the motor and it was determined that the lower bearings are worn in the motor. The motor was installed in 1988 and has tens of thousands of operating hours. Two options were given: install a new motor for under \$18,000 or rebuild the old motor for \$11,000. Given the age of the old motor and the ease in which we found a new motor on the market, it was decided to have it replaced. Well #3 will be kept on-line until the old motor locks up or the crew comes with the new motor for a one-day replacement job.

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided by Administrator Barber. A pre-con meeting will be held with Iroquois Paving soon. Coordination will occur with the school, fire district, etc. to come up with a plan for the road.

A 2022 street paving program update was provided by Superintendent Conner.

Superintendent Conner reported that the sidewalk replacement project will go out for bids next month. He reported that a pink "x" put on sidewalks are for sections to be removed, and a pink dot are for areas requiring mud jacking.

The 2022 curb and gutter replacement program is in the design stage and bids will be received soon.

Trustee Kraus made a motion declaring the 1984 P30 van as surplus property. Bid opening will be held on Monday, August 15th, at 9 a.m. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti provided the results of the holiday weekend coordination meeting held last week. Members from Fourth of July Commission, Washington Township, Beecher Chamber of Commerce, Beecher Lions Club, Beecher Fire Protection District and Village Board members were at the meeting. They discussed which date is best to hold the events. Some questions were asked regarding conflicts in Firemen's Park other weekends. A few different ideas are being discussed for events the weekend of the tree lighting, possibly a lighted parade, home decorating contest, and kid's movie upstairs in the Community Hall. Trustee Kypuros expressed concerns about having too much going on for too long of a time and being able to keep people at the events. He felt parade and tree lighting can stand along and doesn't need anything else. After some discussion it was determined that Trustee Gianotti will take recommendations to Chair Juzeszyn to determine when to hold the parade and tree lighting based on the Board's input.

The Village has received two proposals for video production on the proposed public safety facility referendum. Trustee Kraus suggested to keep the videos short so they will be watched. The Board discussed Manteno's videos and how they did theirs. After some discussion, Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the production of the videos using design

funds in the General Fund for the police station and giving them the authority to enter into agreement on one of these proposals. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus commented that EZ Tones Polka Band will be at the concert in the park this weekend, and there will also be Polish food being served.

Trustee Kraus thanked those who signed up and participated in the dunk tank at the National Night Out.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus commented now that we have additional office staff, he would like to extend to have some evening or weekend office hours at the Village Hall. Trustee Kypuros suggested to have a Finance and Administration meeting to discuss this further.

Administrator Barber noted a sprinkler demonstration will be held on August 15th at a home out in the country. The Board is invited to attend.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk