

**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 22, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Matt Conner, Chief of Police Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: None.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 8, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (4) Trustees Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

Motion carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT

No report.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Meyer provided a report on the tour of a home with residential sprinklers she and Administrator Barber attended last week. Some of the technical details of how the sprinklers work were explained.

President Meyer addressed a few anonymous code enforcement complaints made after hours recently. She urged those who have complaints to leave a call back number so staff can follow up and let them know how the complaint was addressed. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons for

certain things to exist. We are unable to explain the situation if we don't have contact information for the person with the concerns.

President Meyer appointed Ashley Woodman to the Beecher Youth Commission, replacing Kim Wojciechowski. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Job Description Manual is currently being re-written. It has been reviewed by the department heads and will be given to the labor attorney and then the Committee for review.

The Village Personnel Manual is currently being updated. It will then be reviewed by the department heads, reviewed by the labor attorney and be given to the Committee for review.

A Committee meeting will occur after this regular Board meeting to discuss the use of ARPA funds.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Village has acquired a 3.21 acre parcel at Eagle Lake Road and Monhegan. It was purchased for \$791 in closing costs and is now going through the tax exempt process. The Village could use it for an elevated tank since this is some of the highest ground in the Village. It is zoned B-3 General Business.

RESOLUTION #2022-06 – A Resolution declaring 652 Penfield Street as surplus property. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-06. The resolution will need to be published in the local paper prior to accepting an offer of sale. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was reported that three local churches will be holding an Oktoberfest in Firemen's Park on Sunday, September 18th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Burgers, brats, hot dogs and beer (provided by Sit-N-Bull) will be sold. The whole community is invited.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The August 25th meeting of the Beecher Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

CMAP has released its July 2022 community snapshot based on 2020 Census data. A copy was included in the packet for review.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The first draft of the new Police Commission Ordinance was provided in the packet for review. The Committee is in the process of editing and adding to it for part-time officers. Work is continuing on Chapters 4 and 5. The Board will be updated once this is done.

Trustee Tieri reported on the Cop on the Rooftop event at Dunkin' last Friday. It was held in coordination with the Crete Police Department and money was raised for Special Olympics Illinois.

The results of selective enforcement of the pedestrian crossing on Dixie Highway was provided by Chief Lemming. During the first enforcement event, 30 warnings were issued. On the second enforcement, 18 tickets were written. Chief Lemming had asked the SRO to provide some education on how to use the crosswalk so Officer Erik Hanson did a video demonstrating how to properly use the crosswalk and posted it on social media, which was well received.

Officer Sipple has been driving the Police Department golf cart around town to meet with the community.

There will be a fire truck pull on October 9th at 2 p.m. at the Fire Station to raise money for Special Olympics. Chief invited the Board to attend. Fire Chief Falaschetti is putting the team together.

Administrator Barber asked if the Police Department could hold an open house the same time as the Fire Department open house in October, so residents can see the station before the referendum.

The first draft of the public safety facility is now available and will go to the Committee for review.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Superintendent Conner provided a lead service line replacement update. One more lead line was found and has been replaced. An additional lead line was also found the day of the meeting and will be replaced. Restoration work will continue in September when sod will be put down.

A Gould Street watermain replacement project update was provided by Superintendent Conner. Almost all of the services have been switched over and the new main should be ready for use sometime this week. Restoration on this project will then begin. There has been some confusion for the residents living on Gould Street who've had their parkways and front yards dug up twice in the last two months: first with the lead line investigation and replacement, and then with the crossover to the new main. Both projects have separate contractors and engineers and coordination has been difficult. The projects should be completed soon.

A well #3 repairs update was provided. A bearing is going out on the variable speed drive. It would cost \$11,000 to repair the motor or \$18,000 to replace it with a new one that was in stock so it was decided to go with the replacement of a new 75 HP US Motor.

A Penfield Street S.T.P. project update was provided. Square D of Wilmington has been hired to replace the bridge. Ground breaking should occur in early spring. Utility relocation is currently being done.

Trustee Kraus made a motion approving a proposal in the amount of \$6,240 from Affordable Concrete Raising for the 2022 sidewalk program. This is to mud jack selected locations as listed in the proposal. Village Board approval was requested since the cost is over \$5,000 and exceeds the budgeted amount by \$1,240. 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

A summer concert series update was provided. The August 14th polka concert was held. It was well attended and food ran out early. The Village has already received requests to invite the band back for next year.

The last concert of the season will be held on Saturday, September 3rd. The 4th of July Commission will be selling food and drink that evening, and it was discussed adding bingo that night.

There was further discussion on the Christmas holiday events planned this year. Sunday, November 27th is scheduled for the tree lighting and lighted parade. Home decorating contest is to be held by the Village. There are plans to have a Santa's workshop with some kids activities from 5-7 p.m. that day, and the 4th of July Commission will be asked if they will serve food at this event. Trustee Juzeszyn will provide a list of scheduled holiday events which will be put in the newsletter.

It was reported that an elected official Economic Development Training Summit at the Frankfort Village Hall is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:30 a.m. President Meyer and Trustees Juzeszyn and Stacey are planning to attend.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve an application in the amount of \$15,000 for a DCEO Festivals Grant with a 50% match for the 2023 summer concert series. Village has to ask for at least \$15,000 and provide \$15,000 as a match. A copy of the application was provided in the packet. If grant is received, the Committee could attract a bigger band and have bigger events. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

An update on filming of the referendum videos was provided. Pathfinder has started recording some of the videos and will return on Wednesday to video further.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner reported on the 1984 step van sold as surplus. Seven bids were received. The winning bid was \$7,150, which is much more than was thought would be bid.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Gianotti said the 4th of July Commission has invited members of the Village Board and office staff to the Commission's volunteer appreciation dinner on October 7th. RSVP to Patty or him.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk