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**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
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 and Stacey.

ABSENT: Trustees Kypuros and Kraus.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner-McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Joe Duncan from Beecher School District.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 22, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Superintendent Conner reported that the flowers along Penfield and Gould Streets will be coming down the end of September.

Trustee Gianotti reported that the numbers for this year's 4th of July festival were really good. Some of the projects being planned for Firemen's Park for next season were discussed at the last 4th of July Commission meeting. Next year's festival is a five-day event.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission update. The BYC is hosting "Fall Into Fun" event on October 1st in Firemen's Park. Their next meeting is Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

A Historic Preservation Commission update was provided by Clerk Conner-McCawley. The Depot was open to the public again beginning Saturday, September 3rd. A mom and her two children visited the Depot that first day, two more couples visited the Depot this last Saturday, one with a child. One of the kids asked to see the caboose so Don Sala opened it for them and the one boy was very excited. The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 6 p.m. at the Depot.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Trustee Stacey made a motion cancelling the September 24th regular Board meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A special Village Board meeting will be held on September 19th at the Washington Township Center for the purpose of informing the public on the proposed new police facility.

The Board was asked to consider appointments to the TIF Joint Review Board. The next annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. A copy of the agenda was provided with the packet. President Meyer appointed Jon Kypuros as the resident at large member and herself as the Village representative to the TIF Joint Review Board. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointments. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Meyer was briefed on the status of the South Suburban Airport by Reggie Greenwood from the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation. She learned there are people interested in advocating for the airport. Most interest is about a new interchange at Eagle Lake Road and I-57 and potential industrial development proposed at that location.

Representative Will Davis is proposing a bill in the fall session asking the Governor to solicit proposals for building the airport, according to Administrator Barber.

President Meyer received a phone call inquiry from a concerned neighbor regarding Balmoral Race Track. The concerned neighbor asked President Meyer to get involved in an opposition movement to a proposed rezoning for the property in the County from "an entertainment business" to a "truck terminal". This is way outside the Village of Beecher's jurisdiction and she does not know if it is being proposed as a truck terminal or not but she doesn't want to get involved in anything that far out of the Village limits.

A proposal was considered for a comprehensive re-write of the Village Zoning Ordinance. President Meyer requested referral of the proposal from Teska Associates to the committee for a recommendation. A re-write of the Zoning Ordinance is a huge undertaking that will take almost a year and many hours of review and discussion. The proposal is for \$57,500 and was provided in

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the packet for review. The Village President wishes to begin this project soon since she believes there are many loopholes in the current ordinance. The committee needs to determine if it should begin now or wait until the next budget year. The matter was referred to committee.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report of financial activity in the prior month. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion. Administrator Barber provided a report in the absence of Treasurer Rooney.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$118,925.33 (including additions and corrections) and payrolls for the previous month. Administrator Barber read aloud bills added to the list since Friday. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The next meeting to discuss the use of ARPA funds is scheduled for Monday, November 28th, after the Village Board meeting.

An update to the financing plan for the Penfield Street project was provided. Since the Board last approved a financing plan for Penfield Street the numbers have changed somewhat since the bids came in over engineer’s estimate and interest rates have risen. Before moving forward with a Resolution for the appropriation of local funds, staff will go through the numbers again. IDOT wants 12 equal monthly payments of \$88,887.50 starting in October. Then, in 2024, the Village will owe an additional \$571,556. Administrator Barber went through the details of the financing plan in detail so the Board understands the plan. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion approving an amended financing plan as described for Penfield Street project. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-07 – A Resolution authorizing the Village of Beecher to appropriate \$1,965,206 in local funds for construction and engineering for the Penfield and Gould Street projects. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-07. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #2022-08 – A Resolution pledging Rebuild Illinois Funds (\$247,000) to the Penfield/Gould Streets S.T.P. project. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-08. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.
AYES: (4) Trustees Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Stacey.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-09 – A Supplemental Appropriation Resolution pledging MFT Reserves (\$415,000) for the Penfield/Gould Streets S.T.P. project. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-09. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.
AYES: (4) Trustees Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Stacey.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park path paving bids will be considered later in the meeting.

The Village plans to apply for \$25,800 in grant funds from Will County ARPA to install HVAC with HEPA filtering in food stand in Firemen’s Park. Trustee Gianotti is working on getting some proposals for this.

An update on the sale of 652 Penfield Street was provided. The Village has received one bid to purchase the lot so far and the attorney recommends we wait 30 days after due posting of notice of sale to follow State statute. The offer and any other offers received will be considered at the October meeting.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was 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 Friday, October 14th from 5-8:30 p.m. there will be an open house at the Police Department, in coordination with the Fire Department. There will be tours of the Police Department, a jumpy house, “hidden in plain sight” trailer, along with other attractions. Trustees are encouraged to help out that night, if needed.

Chief reported that Halloween trick or treat hours will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, October 31st. The Chief said there will be haunted squad cars.

The E.M.A. monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Director Heim reported on EMA training he attended in Springfield. His training included recovery policies and plans that should be in place which he plans to work on. He will work with Will County to see if they have plans they can share with him and he will be busy trying to get plans in effect. He will work with the Fire Department, Chief Lemming and Public Works on these.

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

The Public Safety and Building Committees need to set up a meeting with Chief Lemming to go over the plans for a new public safety building on September 19th after the meeting, since the architect will be there.

The Police Commission Ordinance draft is still being worked on by the attorney. The latest draft was included in the packet for review, which does not include part-time officers and promotions.

Trustee Tieri made a motion authorizing the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer for delivery and use in fiscal year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$41,506.00. Trustee Tieri explained there is a backlog of orders that the Village has to order the vehicle now to guarantee delivery in the summer of 2023 which is next fiscal year. The Chief requests to do this now so we are not waiting until the end of fiscal year 2023 and paying an expected \$8,000 mark-up for a 2024 model. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

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

The water billing register for the months of July and August were provided in the packet for review. The billed to pumped ratio has increased to almost 76% compared to 59% last year, despite all of the watermain breaks in the last two months.

Superintendent Conner reported on the Gould Street watermain progress and resulting water system emergency on Friday, September 2nd. There were a series of incidents which occurred during Labor Day weekend. While M & J Underground were doing their final disconnect of the last pipe at the base of the tower, the valve blew off and flooded resident's basements in the area. The water pressure change kicked all of the pumps on and once the water system was controlled they were able to cap the old line. There were four watermain breaks over the weekend as a result of the water hammer caused by the pressure changes. Superintendent Conner thanked EMA Director Heim for his help in traffic control for these events. Superintendent Conner reported that the Gould Street project is over 90% completed. Restoration work needs to be done. Trustees Gianotti and Stacey praised Public Works for their long hours and hard work on all of the breaks over the holiday weekend. M & J Underground also repaired some of the breaks to give Public Works a break.

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A Penfield Street S.T.P. project update was provided. ComEd has completed relocation of lines and now Comcast and AT&T are making their relocations. NICOR is in the process of moving their gas mains to the new easement and this should complete the underground relocations.

Trustee Stacey made a motion waiving bidding requirements for the paving of streets to save the Village on design engineering and construction management. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Board is required when the proposal exceeds \$25,000.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board considered bids for the 2022 street paving program. Bids were accepted until earlier in the day so were not available for the meeting agenda. Superintendent Conner provided written proposals to all Board members. Six proposals were received. The lowest bid was from Pavement Systems in the amount of \$75,499. Superintendent Conner read aloud all the amounts of the bids received and recommended approving the project to Pavement Systems who they have worked with before and was the lowest bidder. Trustee Stacey made a motion to award bids to Pavement Systems with the unit pricing submitted in their bid for the street paving program in the amount not to exceed \$115,000 and the bid for sealcoating in Firemen's Park to Suburban Sealcoating in amount not to exceed \$5,850 at a total amount not to exceed \$121,000. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A sidewalk and curb replacement update was provided. These bids were also being received until earlier in the day and will be considered at the next Board meeting.

The Board considered an ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Beecher School District for the installation of an underground fiber optic cable through Village rights-of-way linking the Junior High to the High School. The agreement was prepared by the Village Attorney after a meeting with Public Works and school staff. There were several issues that needed to be addressed prior to allowing the school to use Village rights-of-way. Administrator Barber provided a detailed report on the location of the cable and history of the project. Joe Duncan from the High School reported that they have been working on getting State funding to get the fiber optic cable run and finally obtained it. He explained the need for this technology for the schools and the bids they obtained to make their decision and decided this would be their best route to increase internet speed and save money. It was believed restoration should be minimal due to the excavation methods. The watermain will be on opposite side of the street in most areas in the current plan. School is working with IDOT for permitting where it crosses Route #1. They still need to obtain the private property owner right-of-way permission. Trustee Stacey made a motion to table action on the ordinance until the October 11th meeting until an official route is available for the project. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (3) Trustees Juzeszyn, Tieri and Stacey.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The status of the police facility referendum informational videos was provided. The videos were sent over by the videographer this afternoon. Pathfinder has submitted rough cut videos. Board members will review videos.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided the results of the last concert in the park for the year held on September 3rd. Critical UV's played to a well-attended concert. He thanked the 4th of July Commission for serving food and Sit-N-Bull for serving drinks. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked all who helped make the concert series a success to provide a great service to the residents as well as the residents who attended the concerts. Trustees were thanked for their work on the concert series.

The results of the Will County Economic Development Summit attended by President Meyer and Trustees Juzeszyn and Stacy were provided. Trustee Juzeszyn asked that a copy of the presentation materials be sent to all of the Board members. He then reported on some of the statistics learned.

The results of the most recent holiday planning meeting held on September 7th was provided by Trustee Juzeszyn. The meeting was attended by members of the Village, Fire District, Township, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, 4th of July Commission and Beecher PD. Tree lighting is currently scheduled for November 27th. The Washington Township holiday dinner is December 12th, and Beecher Chamber of Commerce will sell Christmas trees to be placed along Route #1. Consensus for the holiday parade was to keep it small this year. It will be open to small trailers and golf carts to be decorated and driven along the path in Firemen's Park the night of the tree lighting. The high school band will be contacted to play for the tree lighting. PD and EMA volunteered to staff the Santa's Workshop area. The Fire District is offering use of public areas of Fire District building during the holiday event if needed. Washington Township and Chamber of Commerce are looking into decorations for the events. A home decoration contest to be run by Village, Lion's Club breakfast with Santa and options for including the Beecher Depot/Museum more in the holiday celebration was discussed. October 4th at 6 p.m. is the next meeting for the holiday planning committee. There is no power in the area south of Buddys to decorate the large tree this year at the preferred spot. Superintendent Conner will look into why no power was put there. The committee discussed the idea for decorating the large tree at Penfield and Reed. There are power lines near the tree so not sure if can get close enough to the tree. Many ideas were discussed.

G. OLD BUSINESS - None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner reported that the last day for brush pickup this year is Tuesday, September 27th. Information will be put on Facebook and the Village sign.

Superintendent Conner asked for feedback as to when the splash pad should be shut down for the year so it can be winterized properly. The step by the splash pad was also discussed, and whether it should be painted or not. This will not be done this year. It was agreed to annually open the splash pad the 3rd Monday in May and close down the last Monday in September.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk