

**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
OCTOBER 24, 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.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Robert Barber, Superintendent of Public Works Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Chief of Police Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Jennifer Doss and Dale Gerretse from Groskreutz, Abraham, Eshleman & Gerretse LLC, and Ron and Jamie Anderson.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT

No report.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Petitioners, Ron and Jamie Anderson, were present regarding a request for a two-story garage in an R-1 district at 11 E. Church Road. The 20-acre farm is a legal non-conforming use. The petitioners have moved onto the property and wish to construct a two-story garage with the loft area being used for an art gallery and drum practice. There will be electric in the building and the property is on septic. Administrator Barber stated the only condition is that the garage cannot be used for living quarters. Trustee Stacey made a motion approving a request for a two-story

garage at 11 E. Church Road, as submitted with building permit application. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

To conclude his report, Trustee Stacey reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for October 27th has been cancelled, due to a lack of agenda items.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Meyer provided a report on the ribbon cutting and Grand Re-Opening of Fitness Premier that occurred on Saturday, October 22nd. A radio station was present and everything went as planned.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Dale Gerretse and Jennifer Doss from Groskreutz, Abraham, Eshleman and Gerretse LLC, were present and provided a presentation of the audit for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2022. A copy of the audit was provided for review. Ms. Doss explained the statement of activities in the various funds and stated that the Village is in great shape. Mr. Gerretse explained the deficiencies that were found. Treasurer Rooney commented that raw data for water meter reads will be saved in the future for auditing purposes.

Mr. Gerretse stated that if the Village were to go for a bond rating, based on the financials from the last fiscal year, the Village looks healthy.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion accepting the audit for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2022. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the Village President to sign a settlement agreement with ComEd regarding underpayment of utility taxes. This class action suit was filed in 2019. The Village will receive about \$2,800 of the settlement. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-10 – A Resolution authorizing the Village Treasurer in certain circumstances to pay vendor invoices prior to approval of the Village President and Board of

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Trustees. This is a resolution authorizing the payment of certain bills to avoid interest charges when they occur or if a meeting of the Village Board is cancelled resulting in bills not being paid. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-10. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A copy of the job classifications for Village employees was provided under separate cover. After the Board has reviewed them, the classifications will be considered at the next meeting.

The Village Personnel Manual has been sent to the labor attorney for review. Once the attorney completes his review, the documents will be shared with the Board along with his comments.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Status was provided on the sale of 652 Penfield Street. Legal counsel has been retained and the title work has been ordered.

Superintendent Conner provided an update on the asphalt work in Firemen's Park. Contractor was hoping to start work this week, but Superintendent Conner is not sure that will occur.

There was nothing new to report on the Will County ARPA Grant for HVAC in the food stand in Firemen's Park.

Trustee Gianotti reported on the tractor in Firemen's Park, which has broken down for the third time in two years. Repairs to the coolant system are estimated at \$2,000-\$3,000. It's a reoccurring issue and Superintendent Conner is waiting to hear back from New Holland. Superintendent Conner would like this discussed at budget time and consider replacement of the tractor.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Stacey provided his report earlier in the meeting.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chief Lemming has received a request for a four-way stop at Hunters Drive and Windscape. A traffic study will begin tomorrow to record times and speeds of all vehicles.

Chief Lemming provided results of the Police station open house held on Friday, October 14th. It

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was a big success. Multiple tours of the Police station were given.

Halloween trick or treat hours are 4-7 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.

Trustee Tieri provided an update on the new Police Commission ordinance. The Village Attorney has been codifying this ordinance into the municipal code and once that process is complete it will be presented to the Village Board for review and discussion prior to consideration for adoption.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Administrator Barber provided an update on the Gould Street watermain project. Contractor is still working with one resident to get restorations completed. Work should be finished this week.

Superintendent Conner provided a curb, sidewalk and asphalt replacement update. Asphalt work was scheduled for this week. He has not heard from the concrete contractor as to when curb and sidewalk work will be done.

Superintendent Conner provided a leaf collection program update. Leaf pickup started last week and will be conducted weekly until mid-late November. Five addresses still have brush out. Code Enforcement will deliver door hangers with Star Disposal's procedure on collecting brush. Trustee Stacey commended Public Works on their leaf collection program.

Superintendent Conner provided an update on the salt bid for the upcoming winter. He has not heard from our vendor yet.

Trustee Stacey provided a Penfield STP project update. Very soon the Village will be billed \$88,800 per month by IDOT for one year as our local match for the project. We have about \$700,000 available in MFT which will give us seven months of payments before we have to borrow funds for the remainder. Staff is going to wait to borrow those funds until after our bond rating by Standard and Poor's this winter.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the printer delivered the fall newsletters to the post office today.

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that the next holiday tree lighting planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a public safety facility referendum update. With the mailing of the newsletter, this completes the Village's information phase of the referendum.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

H. NEW BUSINESS – None.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Patty Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk