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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  
NOVEMBER 14, 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, Stacey and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**GUESTS:** Dale Murray, Kevin Tamme, George Schuitema, Eric Gardner and Nathaniel Fields, representative from Southland Unification Association.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Nathaniel Fields, from the Southland Unification Association and a veteran, addressed the Board. His organization wants to have a parade each year a week before school lets out to introduce students to different programs to get them away from televisions and phones. He said he is Jesse White's nephew. He would like towns to submit a proposal to have a parade and end with a carnival or circus to raise money for kids programs. He asked the Village to join and pay a \$100 fee to be a lifetime member.

Clerk McCawley swore in new part-time police officer Kevin Tamme and he was introduced to the Board members by Chief Lemming.

A citizen had questions about being on the Board. Chief Lemming spoke with her to get more information.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

No report for Beautification Commission.

Trustee Gianotti provided a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission update. Budget meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall. There will be openings on the Commission due to some upcoming retirements.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission update. There were 145 attendees to haunted hallway last month. The Youth Commission will be helping out at the Lions Club Breakfast with Santa on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Kypuros provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Depot.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer provided a report on the Will County Governmental League meeting she and Administrator Barber attended on Friday. A presentation was given at the meeting on DuPage County Children's Museum.

## **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 Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, 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 \$134,168.73 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2022-11** – A Resolution adopting job classifications for Village positions.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-11. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was reported that the updated Personnel Manual has been provided to labor counsel for review and once the next draft is released it will come to the committee for review.

The Board was reminded of the Committee of the Whole meeting occurring after the meeting to discuss the use of ARPA funds.

Trustee Kypuros expressed the need to discuss the upcoming tax levy. The County has announced the CPI is 8.3% which means the Village can levy 5% and up to the total CPI this year, pending a public hearing. Trustee Kypuros asked for consideration of a 4.95% levy to increase the funding of the Police budget to cover increasing costs. Information is for the Board members to think about for the next meeting.

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

The asphalt and sealcoating work in Firemen's Park has been completed.

Administrator Barber reported we are waiting on the County for the status of the HVAC grant that was applied for.

The Board discussed a proposal to purchase a 2022 Boomer 50 tractor and trading in the 2016 Boomer 41 tractor at DeJong Equipment for a net cost of \$24,000. The current unit will need to be repaired to get a trade in value. Superintendent Conner explained how the money was freed up for this project. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve purchase of a 2022 Boomer 50 tractor and trade in the 2016 Boomer 41 tractor at DeJong Equipment for a net cost of \$24,000. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board also discussed an extended warranty for the 2022 Boomer 50 tractor. Trustee Gianotti explained the options and recommended the full 5,000 hours/60 month warranty, Premier Protection Plan. A question was raised as to whether warranty is for 5,000 hours or 7,500. This will be clarified with the dealer. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve an extended warranty, Premier Protection Plan, with DeJong Equipment for the 2022 Boomer 50 tractor in the amount of \$1,676 and \$0 deductible. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

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

The November and December Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will not be held unless a petition is received. The next regularly scheduled PZC meeting is Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Tieri thanked everyone for their hard work and votes regarding the public safety facility referendum. Chief Lemming said officers are thrilled that the referendum passed and are looking forward to a better place to work. It will also help with officer recruitment.

The Board considered the purchase of a new radio system for the EMA as required for P25 compliance using the same network as the Police Department at a one-time cost of \$5,000 for equipment and \$780 usage fees. The EMA Director has secured six portables and four used Motorola Starcomm radios from DuPage County to be in compliance with Will County dispatching requirements. The \$5,000 is coming from \$27,000 in grant funds to be received from Laraway Communications Center. EMA Director Heim explained problems in the past with communications. EMA is currently using borrowed radios from Will County but the County could ask for the radios back at any time. Radios can also be used as backups by the Police Department if needed. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve a new radio system for the EMA as required for P25 compliance using the same network as the Police Department at a one-time cost of \$5,000 for equipment and \$780 usage fees. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The status of a request for a 4-waystop at Hunters and Windscape was provided by Chief Lemming. Police are still conducting a traffic study at that location with an unmarked car and still compiling the numbers. Information should be available at the next meeting.

The results of Halloween patrols were provided by Chief Lemming. There were three haunted police vehicles. It was a busy night with the kids. Chief Lemming and Trustee Tieri had their own costumes for Halloween. The night went well.

Trustee Tieri reported on the Police Commission ordinance that has been drafted and codified by the Attorney. Chief Lemming and Administrator Barber will go through the ordinance in detail. Board members were asked to let them know if they have any additional changes.

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

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

The water billing register for the months of September and October were enclosed in the packet for review. The billed to pumped ratio has gotten worse again in the last two months due to several watermain breaks, fall flushing and the water tower valve failure over Labor Day weekend.

The Gould Street watermain project restorations and other issues remain before final inspection and payment approval can occur. Still working with the contractor on outstanding issues.

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Superintendent Conner provided curb, sidewalk and asphalt restoration updates. Concrete work has been completed but restoration work still needs to be done. Some asphalt work needs to be completed and should be done in the next week.

Leaf collection is ongoing. Last pass for leaf collection will be the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Salt bids have been secured as the Public Works Department prepares for their snow removal plan for 2022/2023. There are several new employees so there will be snow plow training this year.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$9,000 to draft a wellhead source protection plan and survey as required by the IEPA. The IEPA is making these updates mandatory for small water systems by July 26, 2023. This will be paid out of next fiscal year's budget. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

The Board discussed the results of the public safety facility referendum. The referendum passed, 57% were in favor. The project is now turned over to the Buildings and Public Properties Committee.

The fall newsletter has been mailed to residents.

A November 27<sup>th</sup> tree lighting event update was provided. The event is 4:30-7 p.m. with a light parade held in Firemen's Park, tree lighting and Santa will be present. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission will be serving free food at the event, churches will serve hot cocoa, soda and cookies. Some Village vehicles will be included in the light parade. Washington Township is donating \$1,000 to help for decorations. There will also be a reindeer food station and 50/50 raffle for Hometown Heroes event. Porta-johns will be made available.

A 2023 summer concert series update was provided. The Committee held a meeting last month. Washington Township agreed to donate \$10,000 towards the 2023 concert series. The Committee is beginning to book bands.

The Village has received a Certificate of Community Partnership from the USEPA for efforts in promoting and using green power in the Village. Two road signs will be going up on Route #1 later this week.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**I. 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 Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk