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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 28, 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 Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Stacey.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Superintendent of Public Works Matt Conner, Chief of Police Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Eric Gardner.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 14, 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 Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve minutes of the November 14, 2022 Finance Committee meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT - No report.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

The Board considered membership in the Southland Unification Parade Association as requested at the last meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion tabling membership of the Southland Unification Parade Association for a fee of \$100 to obtain more information and see what other towns are doing. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion cancelling the December 26, 2022 Village Board meeting. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.
AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

It was reported that a gun store will be opening at 983 Dixie Highway in Beecher Plaza. The Village President and the Chief met with the owners of this new business last week to discuss security issues pertaining to the business and approved the issuance of a license. The business should be opening around January 3, 2023. Chief Lemming said the business owner has a very thorough plan for security and did everything the police asked for security purposes.

A couple weeks ago, President Meyer participated via Zoom in the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce roundtable concerning the business climate in Eastern Will County. Monee, Peotone and Beecher mayors participated with approximately 23 other participants. They discussed local businesses, upcoming Village events and other things happening in each community. Questions were asked about proposed airport. Mayors voiced the need for local control if airport is constructed. Other issues were also discussed.

An Eastern Will County transportation meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Peotone Village Hall. The Will County Executive will be leading this discussion about improving truck routes in this region.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1382 – An Ordinance adopting a tax levy for 2022 collectible in 2023. This proposed levy provides for an increase of 4.95% over the previous levy with all of the increase coming from the police protection tax levy. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1382. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.
AYES: (4) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti and Tieri.
NAYS: (1) Trustee Kraus.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-12 – A Resolution authorizing the expenditure of A.R.P.A. funds per U.S. Treasury guidelines for the improvement of parks and recreation in the Village of Beecher. Trustees Kraus and Kypuros questioned if we are able to change the amounts specified in this Resolution if project costs change since the amounts listed were estimated. Actual costs still need to be obtained. Board members said they don't want corners cut on the projects if costs come in higher. Trustee Kypuros would like that any moneys left in due-to be left to complete the projects. Administrator Barber recommended approval of the Resolution so there is legislative authority to

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spend the funds. The Resolution amounts can be changed later when actual costs are determined. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-12. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.
AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

The labor attorney has provided comments on the first draft of the updated personnel manual. Staff will review attorney's comments and then it will be provided to the Committee for further review.

The IMRF employer rate for 2023 will decrease to 3.66% from 4.57% this year.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$35,680 from Piggush Engineering for site design of the new Police facility. Three proposals were solicited for this work. One of the firms, Robinson Engineering was not able to meet the timelines for the project in 2023. Proposals were submitted by Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$77,540 and Piggush in the amount of \$32,670. The architect reviewed the two submitted proposals and found some differences but not enough to change the recommendation to award the lower cost proposal. Piggush submitted an amended proposal after the agenda was prepared providing for additional costs to increase its liability limits and include borings in the project which still resulted in the lowest proposal in total amount of \$35,680. Staff recommended the lower of the two proposals. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Kraus.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

The new Boomer 50 tractor has been delivered to Firemen's Park and has been placed into service.

The sale of 652 Penfield was completed on Wednesday and funds were placed into General. Closing statements were provided in the packet for review.

The Committee will be meeting after the Board meeting to discuss implementation of the A.R.P.A. plan.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - No report.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1383 – An Ordinance establishing a Police Commission for hiring and promotion of Police officers. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1383. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Chief Lemming provided a report on the traffic study in response to a request for a 3-way stop sign at Hunters Drive and Windscape. The police did a speed study of the area on ten different days on different times of the day. The study revealed that most cars were doing between 25-30 mph so Chief does not recommend a stop sign. He spoke to resident and informed him of the results. The possibility of a yield sign, or a lower speed limit sign was discussed, but after discussion it was not recommended. It was the consensus of the Board to install a slow-children playing sign in each direction with possible spinners on top.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Superintendent Conner reported that this is the final week of leaf collection. Collection should be done on Tuesday. Only east of Dixie Highway has not yet been completed.

A Gould Street watermain project update was provided. M & J Underground was onsite that day going through checklist items. They are planning on doing asphalt patches this week.

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided. Administrator Barber explained there have been some changes to the funding that will work in the Village's favor. Village was promised in September to receive an additional \$328,000 for project, then due to the County not following certain procedures he was told the County would not award Beecher the funding. After Administrator Barber discussed the problem further with the Will County Governmental League and Will County, the County agreed they would provide \$570,542 due to another County grant project falling through. This will bring the local match down to approximately \$1 million, which will cover more of the project cost. President Meyer is to sign letter to approve the additional amount.

A report on the fall hydrant flushing was provided. Project has been completed. All hydrants were flushed and greased. The list of malfunctioning and out of service hydrants are to be repaired or replaced next week.

There is a potential of running low on chlorine gas if a railroad strike occurs in December.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn provided the results of the tree lighting event in Firemen's Park on Sunday. A large number of guests attended. There were eight entries for miniature light parade, free food, crafts and other activities. \$160 was raised with 50/50 raffle for Hometown Heroes fundraiser. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked the many organizations and people involved to make the event a success.

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The entire Board thanked Trustee Juzeszyn for all of his work on this event. Trustee Juzeszyn would like to get more direct Youth Commission involvement in the future to free up the EMA for other things. In the future the Committee would like to rent out the Community Hall to plan for weather and restrooms.

A summer concert series update was provided. Four Saturdays and two Sunday events are planned. A June concert has been scheduled. Concerts are planned for June, July, August and September. Bands have been reserved for the events, but food vendors still need to be secured.

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 Tieri seconded the motion.

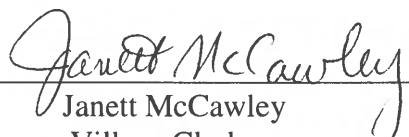
AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk