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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  
JANUARY 9, 2023 -- 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, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Juzeszyn.

**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:** Mike Waterman, Justin Bakker, Erik Gardner, George Schuitema, Bond Placement Agent David Pistorius and Steven DeHaan from S & K Security.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

**ORDINANCE #1384** – An Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the Village for the purpose of building and equipping a public safety facility for the Beecher Police Department and the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy and the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. The Bond Ordinance for the Public Safety Facility was presented to the Board and the bond process was explained by Bond Placement Agent David Pistorius. He provided the bond schedule, explained People's National Bank of Kewanee. Bond amount to receive is \$3,950,000. He explained capitalized interest and how the bonds will affect the tax levy. The Board learned that we will need to open a new account to deposit the bond money into. The bonds can be called in seven years and debt can be restructured if interest rates are lower at that time. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1384. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

Steven DeHaan from S & K Security said he lost business in Beecher because of a new ordinance that requires alarm monitoring to now go directly to Laraway. He wanted to know why the monitoring couldn't go through the alarm company instead of directly to Laraway. He felt there should be a grandfather clause that would allow the business to continue the way it was before. This is not a Village ordinance so the Village does not enforce this. This is a 9-1-1 requirement by Laraway and 9-1-1, according to members of the Fire District. Mr. DeHaan was advised to contact the businesses and see where the letter came from, or contact Laraway Dispatch Center to ask about this. gm

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Beautification Commission – No report.

A 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission update was provided. Trustee Kraus asked what new car was being considered. Trustee Gianotti explained that the Car Committee has been looking for a vehicle but is having a hard time finding a vehicle for under \$30,000, due to lack of current stock. The Committee is looking at other options for a raffle vehicle. Trustee Kypuros felt it is still good to go through the bid process in the future. Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the waiving of a formal bid process for the purchase of a raffle car as long as sealed proposals are sought from different dealers and opened at the same time. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Administrator Barber. The next event is bowling on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Pin and Tonic. Clerk McCawley will attend their next meeting in the absence of Trustee Juzeszyn.

Clerk McCawley reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Depot. The Commission is still looking for new members.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer discussed issues with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire District for inspections and plan reviews. President Meyer explained the history of the Intergovernmental Agreement that was signed in 2018 between the Village and Fire District to do fire inspections of local businesses. At a previous meeting, there were concerns expressed about communication between the Fire Inspector and businesses. A meeting was held between the Fire District and Village representatives. President Meyer went through the agreement and felt some changes needed to be made. She requested referral of the agreement back to the Public Safety Committee to go over and determine the goal of the inspection process and what needs to be done. The program has become bigger than when the agreement was first approved and has changed. The Committee asked for direction from the Board as to what changes need to be made to the agreement

and find common ground on this issue. President Meyer said main issue is the communication style exhibited during the inspection process. Trustee Kypuros expressed an example of a business who had issue at last meeting that the requirements kept changing from the Fire Inspector, and felt these things need to be communicated better. President Meyer referred the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire District for inspections and plan reviews to the Public Safety Committee for review and discussion with the Fire District.

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### 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 Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

Bills received since Friday were read aloud. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$88,848.95 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Finance Committee will hold a workshop after the regular Board meeting on the Five-Year Plan and a request to have Saturday or extended office hours at the Village Hall.

The Personnel Manual has been reviewed by labor counsel and a second draft will be presented to the Committee for review soon.

The budget process is set to begin. A Finance Committee workshop will be held on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to relocate the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to the Public Works garage located at 30251 Cardinal Creek Boulevard and hold the meeting at 6 p.m. Only necessary items will be considered at the meeting because the meeting will be held for the purpose of a budget workshop. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gianotti made a motion approving the purchase of light fixtures and poles for the path in Firemen's Park using ARPA funds in the amount of \$27,322.00 from Lightmart. Proposals were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion authorizing the purchase of three picnic tables, eight park benches and two garbage receptacles for Firemen's Park from Kirbybuilt in the amount of \$8,781.95. Proposal was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Pedestrian bridge replacement in Firemen's Park was discussed. It was previously thought the best course of action for this bridge was to replace the steel plates with TREX decking and aluminum side rails mounted to the beams, due to the amount and type of traffic that goes over the bridge. Superintendent Conner is now looking at other options because he found out TREX decking is very slippery. Trustee Kypuros suggested wood planks but some concerns were expressed about how long wood would last over the creek due to the moisture. Committee is still looking at options.

A public safety facility update was provided. The architect and the engineer met to discuss the design of the building with a May or June completion date for the design. The decision will be made then as to when to go to bid on the project. The architect also met with Chief Lemming and several officers to fine tune the floor plan and a new draft of that plan was provided for review to the Board on the table. Chief Lemming said the floor plan is close to being decided upon.

A Project Pickle update was provided. Superintendent Conner met with HCA Sports Flooring and they recommended a new coat of asphalt be put on before they apply their product. Administrator Barber and School Superintendent Gaham met and verbally agreed to the contents of an IGA and the Village Attorney is drafting it for adoption by both parties later this month. A copy of the HCA Sports Flooring agreement was provided in the packet for review.

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

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

In honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Trustee Stacey recognized the Police Department and Bob Heim for the work he does for the EMA.

**D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

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The results of “Holiday with Heroes” project was provided. Several families came to the event. It was held at the Fire Department and was very successful. Board members who shopped were thanked by Chief Lemming.

Results of the new snow parking ordinance enforcement were provided by Chief Lemming. No citations were issued. Snow wasn’t over 2” but drifting was a problem. After first warning a second violation will result in a citation.

Status of part-time officers was provided by Chief Lemming. A part-time officer will begin working later in January. Officer has truck enforcement background but still needs part-time academy. According to Chief Lemming, more part-time officers are still needed, so another ad will be run on the Blue Line.

The Board considered purchasing a used car to replace Chief Lemming’s current vehicle. The Chief found a 2021 Ford Explorer for \$25,000 at a dealer in Wilmington. Funds would be used from the Police CESFA fund for this purchase. The 2011 Chevy Traverse will be sold by silent bid and those funds will be placed back into the CESFA account. Trustee Tieri made a motion authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer having 22,754 miles and a 150,000-mile warranty in the amount of \$25,000 from D’Orazio Ford of Wilmington, IL. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

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

The water billing register for November and December was provided in the packet. The billed to pumped ratio was over 75% during this period, compared to 70% for same period last year.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$27,844.96 to Brandt Excavating as final payment on the lead line removal program, subject to receipt of funds by the IEPA loan program. Trustee Kypuros seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Will County has advised the Village that Indiana Avenue will be resurfaced from Dixie Highway to Route #50 in 2023. Superintendent Conner explained some ADA requirements that the Village will have to comply with. He was informed that Will County will provide a list of ADA compliance items that have to be done and the cost may be split between Will County and the Village.

It was reported that CMAP released a report on the Beecher Urban Forest. This data is being used to secure federal grant funding for urban re-forestation. Administrator Barber applied for federal funding for more parkway trees.

Superintendent Conner met with IDOT today regarding a sinking manhole on Dixie Highway at Hodges. IDOT will look into who is responsible. It depends on if the structure is sinking or if it is the asphalt failing. Public Works patched the area last week, which is holding up so far, but may need to be repaired later this year.

Water tower structural inspection is scheduled for Wednesday.

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

No report.

**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 Kypuros seconded.

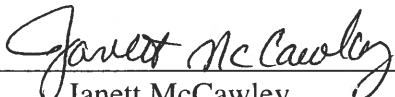
AYES: (5) Trustees Kypuros, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk