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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 23, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Matt Conner, Chief of Police Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Erik Gardner.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Administrator Barber prepared an asset management plan which includes a large assessment of all Village assets. The plan will most likely be referred to Public Works and the Planning, Building and Zoning Committees and then will be considered by the full Board.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #2023-01 – A Resolution authorizing the payment of bills at each regular Village Board meeting. The Finance Chair will continue to come in before each meeting to review and sign off on the bills. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-01. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023-02 – A Resolution adopting a five-year financial plan for the Village of Beecher. Administrator Barber summarized the need to address the sewer fund in the next fiscal year to avoid losing money. Trustee Kypuros noted the three different scenarios for addressing the sewer fund. This issue will be looked at again in the fall. Administrator Barber said the Village is not meeting objectives for watermain repair and street resurfacing. These issues will be addressed after the Penfield Street project has been completed. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-02. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

An investment plan for G.O. Bond proceeds using certificates of deposit of various lengths of time was discussed. Administrator Barber, Trustee Kypuros and Treasurer Rooney had a meeting with First Community Bank and Trust to come up with an investment strategy for the bond proceeds prior to using them for the public safety facility. The bank provided some different options but is not making recommendations until we can provide a tentative timeline for the project and have an idea when funds will be expended. Staff will check with the architect to determine the timeline.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A public safety facility update was provided. Borings and topos will be completed by the end of the month. The floor plans have been approved and full design has now begun.

ORDINANCE #1385 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher School District 200U for the repurposing and use of the tennis courts. It was agreed to change the wording in the Ordinance in two places to: “hours of use shall be sunrise to curfew” and “lights will shut off at curfew”. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve Ordinance #1385. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion waiving bidding requirements for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at the High School. The Committee recommended locking in the pricing since the contractor is willing to honor 2022 pricing as long as the job can be scheduled for this spring. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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Trustee Gianotti made a motion approving a proposal from Pavement Systems Incorporated in the amount of \$40,131 for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at the High School. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Project Pickle improvements plan. A proposal was received from HCA and Superintendent Conner is obtaining another bid. Superintendent Conner is having a difficult time talking to American Sealcoating Company so he doesn't think he will be able to get a proposal from them. He will work with HCA for this project. More funds will be needed for this than was anticipated. Money saved in other projects can be taken to pay the extra for the pickle ball courts.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion approving a grant agreement with the County of Will for \$25,562 in grant funds for the installation of an HVAC system in the food stand at Firemen's Park. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion authorizing the letting of bids on the HVAC project in Firemen's Park. Bid specifications 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 to approve a proposal from NuToys in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for the purchase of playground equipment in Firemen's Park. Additional funds will be required for the rubber mulch that needs to be added. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department 2022 annual report was provided in the packet for review.

A Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be held on January 26th. An application was received on Thursday for a tobacco and vape shop for 997 Dixie Highway.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri made a motion declaring a 2011 Chevy Traverse as surplus property. Since this was an asset seizure, proceeds have to go back into the asset forfeiture account. After some discussion

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it was decided to list all of the deficiencies with the vehicle on the for sale sign and see how it goes. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Chief Lemming's new car is a 2021 Ford Explorer and it was available to look at that evening.

Chief Lemming provided a report on his 2023 plan for the Police Department, which was included in the packet for review. Chief Lemming highlighted some of the items in the plan: program to address opioid overdoses and offer treatment, and an e-ticket program. The Police Department wants to start a charitable program for residents who have catastrophic problems like a fire, serious illness or other issue. The program would be in partnership with the Fire Department. It was the consensus of the Board for Chief Lemming to go ahead and order equipment for the e-ticket program.

Full-time Police Officer Krzystow Szwab has resigned to take a position for the Village of Worth. The Police Commission has begun to search for a replacement.

An update was provided on the intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher Fire District regarding inspections and plan reviews.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The water tower has been inspected and the Village is awaiting a written report. Superintendent Conner provided a report on the inspection. It is structurally safe but is becoming pitted and needs to be painted.

A street light repair update was provided. It's been noticed that many of the street lights being reported as being out were not being repaired by ComEd as required through our lease agreements. It was discovered there was a computer glitch at ComEd that classified all of the decorative acorn street lights in town as privately-owned lights. This has since been corrected and the lights should be repaired soon.

Superintendent Conner provided an update on the manholes along Dixie Highway in the southbound lane where the asphalt has been collapsing around the manhole covers. IDOT was out on Saturday and did some repairs. Asphalt around some of the other manhole covers on Dixie Highway is also starting to alligator.

A Penfield Street construction coordination and scheduling meeting is currently being set up for February 6th at 2 p.m. A proposed work schedule from Iroquois Paving was available for review. It appears the bridge will be taken out of service on Monday, March 27th and that work will begin on Penfield from Maxwell to Reed beginning on April 7th. The bridge is tentatively scheduled to re-open on April 19th. There also appears to be a two-week shutdown of the job from June 29th

through July 20th, but those may be used for bad weather days. Project completion is scheduled for September 15th.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

H. NEW BUSINESS – None.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Janett McCawley
Village Clerk