

AM

**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  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Pro-Tem Kypuros called the meeting to order in the absence of President Meyer.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: President Meyer.

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

President Pro-Tem Kypuros asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**CLERK'S REPORT**


A report was provided of tax income received in January, 2023.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Trustee Kraus provided 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission update. Next meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Commission hopes to have car proposals by then.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided an update on the Youth Commission's Daddy-Daughter dance held over the weekend. The event was well attended with nearly 300 attendees. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked BYC members for putting it together and Trustee Tieri for his DJ service. The next BYC meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mom-Son dance is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk McCawley provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. Commission member Don Sala reported to the clerk that they had three adult visitors a few weeks earlier and one would like to volunteer at the Depot in the future. The Commission discussed if the caboose needs to be

painted. One member was against it. The plaque program was discussed and agreed that any building to receive a plaque must be at least 100 years old and have an original owner who was noteworthy. The hot water tank that had been leaking was replaced by Public Works. 

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

In President Meyer's absence, Administrator Barber provided a report. TIF district legislation is being proposed that will not benefit local TIF districts. He will keep an eye on it. State revenue projections are substantially more than estimated. It's hoped to receive a LGDF increase this year.

### **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 \$129,573.34 and payrolls for the previous month. This will be the first month bills will be paid twice and there is now a different bill list provided to the Board. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.


The public safety facility bonds have been invested at 3.75% to 4.0% interest rate. Treasurer Rooney would like to know if Village should purchase CDs for General and Water and Sewer Debt funds since interest rates have increased. Consensus of the Board was to invest money in General fund in amount of \$500,000 for six months, Water and Sewer Debt fund in amount of \$300,000 for six months, and Water and Sewer Debt fund in amount of \$300,000 for a year. A money market account was also opened for the public safety bond account if Village wants to utilize it in the future.

The Finance Committee budget workshop is scheduled for 7 a.m. on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. All Board members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Village Personnel Manual updates are continuing to be worked on by the labor attorney this week and the draft will then be given to the Committee for review.

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

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$15,346.33 to Imagine Nation, LLC for the purchase of Playworld, Inc. replacement equipment for Hunter's Chase Park

and Prairie Park. A copy of the proposal was provided in the packet for review. Trustee Stacey seconded. 

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

HVAC project bids for the food stand in Firemen's Park have gone out and bids will be considered at the next Board meeting.

A new police facility update was provided. The engineer is recommending a dry basin pond to save \$60,000, concrete driveway ramps off Church Road, and some input is requested on the design of the parking area in front of the building. Copies of the site plans were provided at the meeting. The Board discussed the following three issues:

1. Wet or dry detention pond? Money can be saved with a dry pond but a wet pond would look better aesthetic-wise since the building is located at the entrance to town. After some discussion, it was decided to go with a wet basin pond.
2. Concrete or asphalt driveway ramps? Engineer recommends concrete because it will last longer. Consensus of the Board to go with concrete ramps.
3. Green space or change two parking spaces on front to angle parking? Consensus of the Board to go with angle parking.

Superintendent Conner provided status of Project Pickle. He hopes to have new drawing from American Sealcoating for the project. They provided a proposal and came in \$40,000-\$50,000 cheaper than original proposal.

Status of Firemen's Park improvements was provided. The Public Works garage has all of the materials that were ordered (benches, tables, etc.) and are being put together. Equipment will be installed in spring. Prices will be required for concrete work and rubber mulch for the extended playground area. As projects are starting to come in, the money allocated for work in Firemen's Park will still be spent in the park, but may need to be moved within the park to other projects.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion waiving bidding requirements for the installation of electric wiring and poles in Firemen's Park. The waiving of bidding requirements is being recommended due to the need to complete this project as quickly as possible. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal from M3 Electric of Beecher to install wiring for pathway lighting in Firemen's Park in the amount of \$41,737. This includes adding two lights to the concession stand area. There will be 20 full lights. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

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

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

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. for an application for a special use permit to conduct a tobacco business at 997 Dixie Highway. The PZC will then make a recommendation to the Village Board.

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

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

Chief Lemming reported that he contacted Hyundai and Kia and they sent 150 steering wheel locks for Village residents. The locks will be given out at the Police Station and Village Hall.

Trustee Tieri reported that the animal control program annual report was provided in the packet.

Status of hiring the replacement for former Police Officer Szwab, will be provided in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Results of Committee meeting with Fire District over fire inspection intergovernmental agreement was provided. Trustee Tieri said they had positive conversations and the Fire District will take the concerns to their Board and begin working on revising the intergovernmental agreement at a later date. Next meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss issue further.

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

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

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

An annual report of the water billing system was provided in the packet for review.

The Gould Street water tower inspection report was provided in the packet for review.

A pre-con meeting was held on the Penfield Street reconstruction project. Detours, impacts, schedule and staging were all discussed. Administrator Barber provided a report. The Fire District will have access to at least one driveway at all times. The project is hoped to be completed by Labor Day. Administrator Barber has met with the Fire District, Library and St. Luke's Church, and will be meeting with Post Office personnel this week. A meeting will then need to be held to talk to residents who will be affected.

The three street lights on Pasadena East of Dixie Highway that are owned by the Village were replaced by Public Works. New LED fixtures were installed.

## F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A summer concert series update was provided. A meeting was held the previous week. Trustee Juzeszyn reported as follows: June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Iron Horse; June 18<sup>th</sup> - Shout Section Big Band; July 1<sup>st</sup> - Infinity; August 6<sup>th</sup> - EZ Tones Polka Band; August 26<sup>th</sup> - Big Dog Mercer; and September 2<sup>nd</sup> - TBD. The Committee plans to have food at each event.

Board was asked for suggestions for spring newsletter articles. Suggestions were police facility update and thank you for approving referendum, Penfield Street project, parks update and project pickle update.

It was reported that all TIF reports have been filed with the State.

## G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Barber provided the Board a handout regarding a group that plans to put in a solar farm. Cenergy approached the School District regarding property they own and the School Board is deciding whether to sell the property to them. Administrator Barber explained how the project would work, what it would look like, how it will provide money for the TIF District, and how they sell energy back to the residents. We will get into more details when a formal presentation is made.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss hiring of Police candidates. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to be discussed in Executive Session, Trustee Stacey made a motion to return to regular session at 8:34 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to provide conditional offer of employment to Michael Hunter for the position of full-time Police officer, and Austin Behrens and David Garza for the position of part-time Police officer, pending background, psychological, polygraph and medical. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

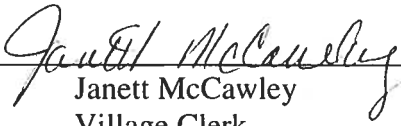
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk