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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
FEBRUARY 27, 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 Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Kypuros.

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 February 13, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction to remove the band "Midnight" from the concert series schedule. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT - No report.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Meyer appointed Kelly Phipps to the Beecher Youth Commission. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the purchase of a raffle car for the Beecher 4th of July Commission from Terry's Ford in the amount of \$29,590.48 including the title fee for a 2022 red Ford Escape. Trustee Gianotti explained the reason why the Commission would prefer the red vehicle and felt it would sell more tickets than the silver vehicle. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$138,164.82. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Results of the budget workshop held on Saturday were provided. The Finance and Administration Committee met to review the budget. A budget workshop for the full Board will be held on March 27th, 7 p.m. at the Public Works garage.

Fuel pricing for 2023 has been established by the Intergovernmental Fuel Committee. Four bids were received for fuel and the lowest bid was from Heritage FS. Prices for the coming year will be \$3.12 for unleaded and \$3.71 for diesel.

The Personnel Manual draft has been released to the Committee for review. It will then go to the union stewards for review and then to the Village Board for consideration.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve award of bid for the HVAC project in the food stand at Firemen’s Park, 675 Penfield Street, to Sunray Heating out of Matteson, IL in the amount of \$27,500 contingent upon receipt of executed grant agreement. This is the Will County ARPA Grant project. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$7,910.00 for the purchase of recycled rubber mulch for the extended playground in Firemen’s Park. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The School District has approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for Project Pickle. Superintendent Conner reported that American Sealcoating was unable to provide a CAD draft but will come out on site and mark the area once their bid is approved. They will then start executing a plan for the project.

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Trustee Gianotti made a motion waiving the bidding requirements for the rehabilitation of the High School tennis courts (Project Pickle). Three proposals were solicited and two proposals were received. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$68,205.00 from American Sealcoating of Michigan City, IN for the installation of pickleball, basketball and futsal courts on the High School property. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$21,500 from Irwin Construction for a complete rehabilitation of the Firemen's Park foot bridge. This will include a wooden plank bridge with black metal rail similar to what the Gould Street boardwalk has. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$8,376.24 from B & D Design to replace the breaker boxes for the ballfield lights and scoreboards in Firemen's Park. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Department of Corrections has approved the Village's Plan for the processing area of the new Police facility. The wet bottom pond is also in the process of being redesigned.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a hearing on proposed tobacco store at 997 Dixie Highway last Thursday night. The hearing was continued to March 23rd because the petitioner was not present and sent a proxy that was unable to answer any questions. President Meyer explained that the attorney for the petitioner called late Thursday and said he wouldn't make it because he was sick and petitioner did not attend because he had to go out of town. Different things were proposed at the meeting from those who did attend the meeting than as originally discussed. Staff has not received information from petitioner that was previously requested.

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D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The status of staffing levels in the Police Department was provided. The Department is still looking to fill one vacancy. A couple of applications have been received and interviews will be scheduled.

The status of discussions with the Fire District Board on the fire inspection program was provided. A second meeting was held with the Fire District representatives and Trustees Tieri and Kypuros. The Fire District has come up with a plan and they are asking to review the improvement plan for the inspector relating to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Timeline is to assess over three months, review after six months, and then annually. Inspector is to have additional training to be more effective. It was believed that both parties agreed to changes to wording to the IGA. Main issue is with inspector. Fire District trustees are requesting to meet with the entire Village Board to discuss further. President Meyer will contact Fire District Trustee Marge Cook to set up a meeting between Fire District Board and Village Board to discuss agreement. Trustee Kraus asked that the IGA be put on the next agenda to consider rescinding it.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A meeting will be held for the residents and businesses along Penfield Street on Tuesday, March 14th at 7 p.m. at the Washington Township Center. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the workflow schedule to residents and how it affects access to their driveways. They will also be introduced to the engineer assigned to the field that will be their point of contact. Beecher Funeral Home agreed to let Village use their parking lot for residents in the area to park during the project.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #2023-03 – A Resolution supporting the use of Tax Increment Financing for economic development as requested by Illinois Municipal League (IML). Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-03. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion authorizing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance to extend the moratorium on all tap-in and impact fees on new residential construction until December 30, 2024. The current moratorium lasts until December 30, 2023. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

President Meyer said she spoke with Trustee Kypuros regarding the School District referendum. Some of our Commission members are requesting permission to show support of the referendum. President Meyer asked that the Village consider a Resolution of support of the referendum. Some Board members supported approving a Resolution but some didn't feel it was appropriate for the Village to take a position on this. Administrator Barber was directed to ask an opinion from Attorney Kuiper on whether it is legal and appropriate for Village to take a stance on this issue before considering. There were some concerns about setting a precedent.

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

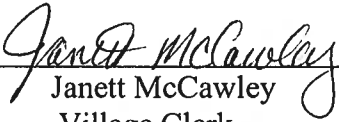
AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk