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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
APRIL 10, 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, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Chief Terry Lemming, Trustee Elect Erik Gardner, Police Officer Dylan Lorek and officers supporting Officer Lorek.

GUESTS: Family and friends of new full-time Police Officer Dylan Lorek, Art and Artie VanBaren, Warren Opperman and George Schuitema.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission report was provided. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 6:30 p.m. Car raffle sales have launched for the Ford Escape.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. The mom-son dance was held with an excellent turnout. Proceeds from Tony's Pizza fundraiser was \$600.

Clerk McCawley provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. Commission members are discussing having a coloring contest in the fall to try and engage the school more in the museum and Beecher's history. The members have also discussed restoration to the inside of the caboose

and opening it up for kids to tour when the museum is open. There is also an old computer that staff would like to donate to the Historic Preservation Commission. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 6 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Clerk McCawley swore in new full-time Police Officer Dylan Lorek and he was introduced to the Board.

President Meyer appointed Rachel Espinoza and Phil Espinoza to the Youth Commission. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointments. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Beecher Fire Protection District for enforcement of the fire prevention codes. President Meyer met with President Cook of the Beecher Fire Protection District to go over issues of mutual concern. President Meyer distributed copies of the inspection report the fire inspector had done so far. As a result of this meeting, President Meyer had the Village Attorney draft amendments to the IGA. The new agreement has been given to the Fire District for its Board to review but they have not yet met to discuss it. The Fire District's next regular meeting is Thursday, April 27th. With the amended agreement, annual inspections would continue the way they are. New construction inspections would be done by our Building Inspector. New businesses would be covered under fire code. President Meyer recommended she or a Trustee to go on business inspections for new businesses to see how they are done. The Board went over changes made to the agreement. The Board also discussed the Village potentially doing the annual inspections. There were some concerns expressed regarding complaints about the fire inspector and fire district inspections previously done. Trustee Kypuros indicated he would not support any redrafting of the IGA. There were some Board members who felt the Village should have our own inspector who could be held accountable for complaints from businesses. The Board discussed the process if Village takes over inspections. The Board wants safety compliance not fines. It was suggested to have Safebuilt Inspectional Service do inspections and see how that goes and we can hire our own inspector if that doesn't work out. We can share the results of the inspections with the Fire Department. Intergovernmental Agreement can be terminated with 30 day notice. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to rescind the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Protection District for enforcement of the fire prevention codes. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

Motion carried.

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 Stacey 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 \$380,053.18 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A budget workshop was held at the last Board meeting and a budget appropriation ordinance is being prepared for the public hearing at the April 24th meeting.

The tax levy has been published for 2023. \$724,934 in new property was recorded and existing property increased 7.48% in value bringing the Village's portion of the EAV to \$123,747,847, which is approximately the value in 2008. Detailed information was provided.

RESOLUTION #2023-04 – A Resolution authorizing line item transfers to the current fiscal year 2022/2023 budget to cover expenses unknown at the time the budget was prepared. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-04. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023-05 – A Resolution adopting an amended Personnel Manual conforming to all state and federal laws of April 1, 2023. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-05. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti provided an update on the new HVAC installed in the food stand in Firemen's Park. Contractor will be wrapped up with all of the work this week.

An update on projects in Firemen's Park was provided. Superintendent Conner reported that the walking bridge has been completed. Walking path lighting project is underway, with concrete to be poured this week and lights going up in the next week. The park equipment is scheduled to ship next week.

A Project Pickle update was provided. Do-All Fence is waiting for updated pricing for the new fence design. Superintendent Conner is waiting for asphalt plants to open to pour the asphalt.

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There was nothing new to report on the Welton Stedt Park project.

A police station design update was provided. Decisions are needed to be made regarding the internal technology of the building such as CAT 6 cable outlets, phone system, video system, etc. The engineer is coming up with an estimate of probable cost on all of the site work. Design is about 50% complete. The floor plan is basically done and the specifications are being written along with the required plumbing, HVAC, electrical and structural drawings. A project schedule providing two scenarios was provided: one with a July bid opening and one with a September bid opening.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Board considered a final plat of subdivision for lot 26 in the Illiana Crossroads Business Park. Art VanBaren and Warren Opperman were present. Mr. Opperman provided an overview of the plans for the project and showed those present the final plat map. Mr. VanBaren provided some of the details of lot 26 and the building to be built. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the plat subject to the Village Engineer's approval and recording of covenants for the lot as presented with the preliminary plan. They will put in a private pump ejector for just this lot. They will put in a public sewer when the rest of the project is built because there will be very limited water and sewer use from this lot. This is the most cost-effective option. All traffic will come in and out from Church Road. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a final plat of subdivision for lot 26 in the Illiana Crossroads Business Park subject to Village Engineer's approval and recording of covenants for the lot as presented with the preliminary plan. Trustee Kypuros seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The TIF Incentive Committee will meet before May 1st to discuss a redevelopment agreement for lot 26 in the Illiana Crossroads Business Park.

The PZC also held a public hearing for the proposed tobacco/vape store at 997 Dixie Highway. The hearing was closed and the request was tabled since the petitioner was once again a no show. This issue is dead for now. A request for a workshop on a proposed LED sign at 1260 Dixie Highway was tabled until such time a plat of survey is provided by the petitioner. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27th.

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

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Tieri commended Director Heim and Assistant Director Murray for their time while weather spotting during recent severe storms.

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The status of the full-time and part-time staffing in the Police Department and hiring process was provided by Trustee Tieri. The Committee interviewed two candidates earlier in the evening and will be providing recommendations.

Trustee Tieri recognized Chief Lemming for being awarded Police Chief of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and all stood in honor of the Chief receiving the award.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

The flags discussed at the previous meeting have been ordered and will be going up before Memorial Day.

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided. Staff hopes to know by Friday when utilities will be relocated.

RESOLUTION #2023-06 – A Resolution adopting an Asset Management Plan for the Village of Beecher. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-06. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase of a 50G John Deere mini-excavator from Westside Tractor in an amount not to exceed \$89,322.97. This is a municipal bid price. There is a 3 to 4 month lag time for delivery. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion declaring the 35G John Deere mini-excavator as surplus property upon the arrival of the 50G mini-excavator and setting a minimum bid price of \$36,000. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase of a duraclass stainless steel dump body for the 2003 International 7400 for \$21,546. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing the purchase of a John Deere Z960M Ztrac 72" rider mower replacing a 2010 Toro mower in the amount of \$14,093.31. This is the municipal bid price. Trustee Kypuros seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The spring newsletter draft was emailed to the Board on Friday and was sent to the printer that morning.

A summer concert series update was provided. E-Z Tones Polka Band changed to August 12th. Final concert is on September 2nd, featuring Maggie Speaks. The last few food vendors are being finalized.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

I. 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 Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk