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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 24, 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, EMA Director Bob Heim and Trustee Elect Erik Gardner.

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema, Kevin Bouchard and Craig Jabaay.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Kevin Bouchard was present on behalf of the food stand for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission. He thanked the Board for the grant for the HVAC system in Firemen's Grill and especially Trustee Gianotti for his work on getting this done.

Guest Craig Jabaay asked the Board to consider deduct meters for people who like to keep their yard nice so residents do not get charged a sewer fee for the water that goes on their lawn. Another resident was present in support of this. This issue will be sent to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve an agreement with Safebuilt to perform fire inspection services at the rate of \$125/hour. The Chamber of Commerce has requested a presentation on this. A letter will be sent to businesses to let them know what will be looked for so they can prepare for the inspections. Appointments will also be set up ahead of time. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.



President Meyer provided a report on her meeting with Doug Pryor, Director of the Will County C.E.D. There's not a lot happening in this area. Mr. Pryor has a good grasp of inventory of Beecher properties available and will help to intervene in anything we need.

Administrator Barber provided an update on Lobby Day which he attended in Springfield. SSMMA group had a closed-door meeting with the Governor. Only LGDF was discussed. Many of the other towns are financially struggling and need the LGDF funds previously cut.

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation recognizing April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> as Professional Clerks Week.

### **A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$284,146.27 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to open a Public Hearing to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 at 7:16 p.m. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Administrator Barber presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, explained the detailed budget process, read aloud his budget message summarizing the changes and provided highlights of the budget.

There were no questions or comments.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2023-07** – A Resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-07. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE #1388 – An Ordinance of appropriation at the same amount of authorization as contained in the budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1388. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund's employer rate for 2024 will drop from 3.36% to 3.31% which is great news.

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

Trustee Gianotti reported that the HVAC system installation in the food stand in Firemen's Park has been completed. The Village will pay the bill and be reimbursed by a grant.

Firemen's Park project updates were provided. Lighting project was completed last Friday. Lights will go on at dusk and turn off at 10 p.m. Public Works to complete installation of park equipment prior to 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. Davis Concrete to be in this week to plan for the concrete pads.

A Project Pickle update was provided. Updated pricing was received. The Village will be saving an additional \$7,000 on equipment. Video surveillance will be installed on the courts.

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

The Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Beecher Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

## **D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Missing and Exploited Children Program was explained by Trustee Tieri. Beecher is the third city in the State of Illinois that would allow us to work on missing and exploited children. Officers have completed training to fulfill requirements.

Beecher Rec will be having their opening day parade for baseball and softball on Saturday. Line-up begins at Zion.

## **E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Administrator Barber provided a Penfield Street S.T.P. project update. Project is still waiting on ComEd to move overhead wires.

A Gould Street watermain punch list items update was provided. Engineer took pictures of questionable restoration areas. Superintendent Conner to follow up with engineer. There is still approximately \$32,000 of work to be completed.

It was reported that the manholes on Dixie Highway have become a problem again. The Village has taken photos and made IDOT aware of this problem again. There are three manhole locations rapidly failing and one previously repaired area that is also failing.

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

It was reported that the TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Union Electronics is to be 75% of the total property tax paid capped at 12 years or the full purchase price of the lot, whichever occurs first. This is the formula established by the Committee in 2021 and will be provided to the Board for approval at the next meeting. The agreement will be put into a Resolution.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

Administrator Barber reported that the Fleet Report has been released to give the Board an idea of all fleet equipment the Village owns. This will be updated every year. Trustee Kraus questioned why some of the EMA vehicles are not striped and marked as Village of Beecher EMA so they can clearly be identified. EMA Director Bob Heim indicated that he would clearly mark them if the Board would like that done. Chief Lemming said magnetic decals can be put on the unmarked cars. Matter was referred to Committee for discussion.

#### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION #2023-08 – A Resolution of appreciation to Village Trustee Jonathan Kypuros for his 12 years of service to the Village of Beecher. President Meyer read aloud the Resolution. Trustee Tieri made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-08. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kypuros was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 12 years of service to the Village of Beecher. Cake was served after the meeting recognizing Trustee Kypuros' service to the Village.

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

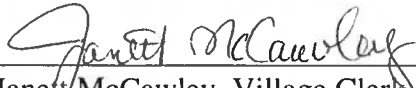
AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley, Village Clerk