

**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
MAY 8, 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, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, EMA Director Bob Heim and Trustee Elect Erik Gardner.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Erica Gardner, Phil Salmen, representatives from Children's Plus, and a Political Science student.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 24, 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

Artie VanBaren and Phil Salmen were present representing the Beecher Lions Club. The Lions Club is working on plans for a car show on Gould Street this summer. They want to shut the street down on June 24th from approximately 12-5 p.m. They received permission from grain elevator for parking. They will sell food for Lions Club to raise money. They want to have a motorcycle stunt rider to come and do wheelies and allow cars that attend to do burnouts. Chief Lemming spoke to Grant Park Chief about burnout events held there. They have a large turnout for events in Grant Park. Mr. VanBaren will borrow concrete barriers for event from Sollitt. He will provide an insurance rider through the Lions Club for the event. This year the road is going to be replaced so Staff is not worried about any road damage, but event may not be able to be allowed in future years after road renovation. Some concerns were expressed about safety with loose gravel on and around the road and if this might become an annual event. Board would like to see more events in the downtown area. Lions Club will come forward with more details as they are worked out.

CLERK'S REPORT – None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus provided a 4th of July Commission update. Next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 6 p.m. Car raffle tickets are available at the Village Hall.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission update. Kick Off to Summer event will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. The Buddys Drive-In fundraiser on May 3rd collected \$1,716. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 7 p.m.

Clerk McCawley reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on May 17th at 6 p.m. at the Depot.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer provided a report on the meeting with Will County Transportation Committee on east-west corridors. East-west truck routes that may affect eastern Will County were discussed as well as the truck route planned through Monee.

RESOLUTION #2023-09 – A Resolution adopting a civility pledge as a code of conduct for Beecher officials as recommended by the Illinois Municipal League. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-09. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Meyer reported that McDonalds is having their grand opening tomorrow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and asked if any Village officials can attend their ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. in case she is unable to attend.

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 \$69,198.45 and payroll since the last Board meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A report was provided on Firemen's Park projects. Lighting on north end of park is complete. Public Works is working on playground expansion this week. Splash pad will open next week and remain open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Paving has been completed in park at Miller Street and at the bridge.

A Project Pickle update was provided. Asphalt company has been delayed and schedule was pushed back to next week due to weather.

An update on the public safety facility was provided. Design and specifications are progressing, and the project will be ready to bid sometime in June. A meeting will be held with the architects this week on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Children's Plus has requested permission to put up a tent for storage and assembly of textbooks at 1387 Dutch American Way. They have a large order for a job but needs temporary storage and manufacturing space to complete the order. The company has complied with all rules and regulations pertaining to our ordinances. It is estimated that tent will be there for 30-60 days. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a temporary use for a tent for storage and assembly of textbooks at 1387 Dutch American Way. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Building Department monthly report 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 provided photos of EMA vehicles so the Board can see how they are marked after this was discussed at the last meeting. Stickers have been ordered.

The Board discussed what date to hold the Police Department bike rodeo this year. Bike rodeo date was set for Saturday, July 1st, to begin at 9 a.m.

Trustee Tieri requested an Executive Session be held to consider a new part-time officer candidate.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

The water billing register was provided for review. Current billed to pumped ratio is 66%.

A Penfield Street STP project update was provided. Once ComEd poles are moved, the contractor is hoping to close bridge on June 5th which will push the project further into the fall.

Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing approval of an agreement with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$5,000 to renew our 5-year land application of sludge permit and annual report to the IEPA on the Beecher wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Federal Water Infrastructure Program has been released. It's a four-year roll-out starting July 1st and will use the IEPA loan program process for releasing the funds. This is just for discussion at this time. The Village has two watermain projects already designed and ready to go.

Trustee Kraus requested an Executive Session be held to discuss a Public Works employee candidate.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #2023-10 – A Resolution adopting a policy of incentives for development agreements in the Illiana Business Park in Beecher T.I.F. #1. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-10. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There is a need for volunteers for the Christmas Tree Lighting Program Committee. Meetings will begin after Labor Day. The Village will reach out to local organizations regarding this.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Outgoing Trustee Jonathan Kypuros read aloud a speech on what has been achieved by him and the Board during his tenure and expressed gratitude to all who contributed to moving the Village forward.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Newly elected Trustee Erik Gardner, as well as re-elected Trustees Gianotti and Juzeszyn were sworn in by Clerk McCawley.

Trustee Gardner was seated at the Board table.

President Meyer made committee appointments effective immediately, as follows:
Finance and Administration – Todd Kraus, Chair; Ben Juzeszyn, Co-Chair
Planning and Zoning – Erik Gardner, Chair; Joe Tieri, Co-Chair
Economic Development – Ben Juzeszyn, Chair; Joe Gianotti, Co-Chair
Public Works – Roger Stacey, Chair; Erik Gardner, Co-Chair
Public Safety – Joe Tieri, Chair; Roger Stacey, Co-Chair
Buildings and Properties – Joe Gianotti, Chair; Todd Kraus, Co-Chair
Todd Kraus remains as liaison to 4th of July Commission
Ben Juzeszyn remains as liaison to Youth Commission
Erik Gardner will serve as liaison to Historic Preservation Commission

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve President Meyer’s appointments. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss candidates for part-time Police and full and part-time Public Works at 7:46 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return to regular session at 8:09 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to offer Randy Lehmann a conditional offer of employment as part-time Police officer, subject to background and other testing. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to offer Sam Ruckman a conditional offer of employment as full-time Public Works employee and Sean Johnson as part-time Public Works, subject to physical and drug test. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

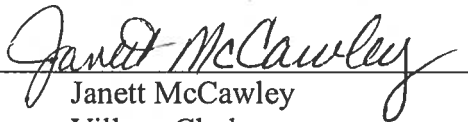
AYES: (6) Trustees Gardner, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janett McCawley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janett McCawley
Village Clerk