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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
MAY 22, 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 (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: Trustee Gardner.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Lieutenant Rick Emerson, and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Attorney for Kevin Rogge, 515 Penfield.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 8, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (4) Trustees Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Tieri.

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

1) Clerk McCawley reported on tax income received in April, 2023. 2) The Historic Preservation Commission will be having a clean up day on Saturday, May 27th beginning at 8 a.m. at the Depot. If anyone has any extra flowers they would like to donate or is willing to help water flowers this summer, please let the Clerk know.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Administrator Barber reported on a meeting held with Will County on the transportation plan for Eastern Will County. Plan is to use Crete-Monee Road for truck traffic.

A report was provided on the meeting with the new Safebuilt fire inspector. Inspector has 35 years' experience and will be looking for compliance. Haven't worked out all the details yet because he lives and works a distance away. He may come to Beecher twice a month to do business inspections.

President Meyer read aloud her annual appointments as follows:

Village President Pro-Tem: Todd Kraus

Finance and Administration Committee: Chair: Todd Kraus, Ben Juzeszyn

Public Safety Committee: Chair: Joe Tieri, Roger Stacey

Public Works Committee: Chair: Roger Stacey, Eric Gardner

Economic Development and Community Relations Committee:

Chair: Ben Juzeszyn, Joe Gianotti

Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation: Chair: Joe Gianotti, Todd Kraus

Planning, Building and Zoning: Chair: Eric Gardner, Joe Tieri

Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator: Robert Barber

Village Clerk: Janett McCawley

Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth

Village Corporate Counsel: Tim Kuiper, Austgen, Kuiper and Jasaitis, P.C.

Code Enforcement Officer: David Harrison

ESDA Coordinator: Bob Heim

Chief of Police: Terry Lemming

Public Works Superintendent: Matt Conner

Village Treasurer: Donna Rooney

Building Department and Fire Inspection Services: Safebuilt

EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:

Member: Bob Barber, Alternate: Joe Tieri

Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Patty Meyer

Joint Fuel Committee: Roger Stacey and Robert Barber

Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on a case-by-case basis)

TIF Joint Review Board: Jonathan Kypuros resident at large, Marcy Meyer Village Representative

TIF Redevelopment Agreement Negotiation Committee: Jonathan Kypuros, Ben Juzeszyn

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/26)

David Weissbohn (term expires 5/1/26)

Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/24)

Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/24)

George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/24)

Joe Gardner (term expires 5/1/25)

Kevin Bouchard (term expired 5/1/22 – temporarily extended until further notice)

Fourth of July Commission (20 voting members):

Marcy Meyer, (Village President)

Todd Kraus (Village Liaison)

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| 1. Hayden Karstensen | 8. Casey Thompson | 15. Alex Burgess |
| 2. Phil Salmen | 9. Chuck Hoehn | 16. Dana Karstensen |
| 3. Nichole Modschiedler | 10. Cameron Ohlendorf | 17. _____ |
| 4. Joe Gianotti | 11. Robert Barber | 18. _____ |
| 5. Bruce Becker | 12. Ken Bobowski | 19. _____ |
| 6. Kevin Bouchard | 13. Jenna Barber | 20. _____ |
| 7. Steven Barber | 14. Nicholas Hoehn | |

Beecher Youth Commission:

Ben Juzeszyn (Village Liaison)

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| Roger Sipple, Eric Hanson, ex-officio | Stacy Mazurek | Rachel Espinoza |
| Jessica Smith | Kristin Tucker | Ashley Woodman |
| Catherine Gonzales | Codi Killis | Phil Espinoza |
| Sarah Murphy | Kim Wojciechowski | Kelly Phipps |
| | Megan Haddon | |

Historic Preservation Commission:

Erik Gardner (Village Liaison)

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| Virginia Bath | Don Sala | Janett McCawley |
| Arnie Cooper | Donna Rooney | George Obradovich |
| | Sandra Rukavina | |

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve appointments as submitted with the exception to remove Scott Wehling from the Historic Preservation Commission. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (4) Trustees Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Tieri.

Motion carried.

President Meyer requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting to consider Executive Session minutes for approval and release to the public.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a request for the continuation of a legal non-conforming use at 515 Penfield Street – R-1 use in a B-3 district. A letter approving the continuation is required so that the new buyer can obtain financing to purchase the home. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The May 27th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 22nd.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$86,856.91 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A report on the liability insurance pool fund status was provided.

A report on the worker's compensation insurance pool status was provided.

A report on the cyber security insurance coverage was provided.

A report on the Village employee health insurance pool status was provided.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti provided a report on the new police facility bid specification design meeting held on May 10th and went over many details. Need to look closer at cost of generator and when it would be available with supply chain issues. Project is moving along.

A Firemen's Park improvements update was provided. All park projects are complete. Some restoration work still needs to be done.

A Project Pickle update was provided. Superintendent Conner was notified that paving should take place on Friday, weather permitting. Electric bid was received and will be approved. Cameras will be tied into school with police access for 24-hour monitoring.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Results of Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's was provided by Trustee Tieri. Results of Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin' was provided. Both events were very successful with many in attendance.

The bike rodeo is set for Saturday, July 1st beginning at 9 a.m.

The new squad car is currently at Miner Electronics being equipped.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A Penfield Street STP update was provided. Superintendent Conner met with Meade Electric and they plan to move the poles by the creek this week and then electric lines will also be moved.

Comcast and AT&T will follow once the electric is done.

A report on Gould Street watermain replacement punch list items was provided.

ComEd annual report for 2022 was provided in the packet for review.

Leaf machine repair update was provided. There has been some difficulty locating the right parts but hope to get it back up and running this summer.

Staff was notified today that Will County awarded Beecher a grant for \$500,000 for Dixie Highway watermain crossover project. Village will be responsible for the remaining cost of the project. It's hoped to get the Penfield Street project done before beginning the Dixie Highway project.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A Summer Concert Series update was provided. A final planning meeting was held the previous week and the concert poster being used for this summer's events was provided. All bands and food has been laid out. Village will purchase water and soda to sell at the events. First concert is June 3rd featuring Iron Horse. It will be advertised that the school soccer team will be serving burgers, hot dogs and also sell pop and water on behalf of the Village.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus thanked Public Works for putting up the military flags on Dixie and Gould Streets.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to consider closed session minutes for approval and release to the public. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to return from Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve Executive Session minutes as submitted in Executive Session. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023-11 – A Resolution authorizing the release of certain Executive Session minutes. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-11. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS

President Meyer said she was approached by an individual who wants to open an Elsie's gaming café that has a three drink maximum and is also a restaurant. She has also been approached by others in the past and has not been interested in allowing just another gaming café. The representative from Elsie's doesn't have a location at this time but plans to get back to us when he finds a location. President Meyer indicated that she has also been approached by gas stations but she will not allow gaming in a gas station. This was just for information at this time.

There was much discussion about Farmer's Market parking since market has become so successful. Markets can be held at the new public safety facility once completed.

According to Trustee Gianotti, there is a parking problem in Firemen's Park. People are parking in the park next to the beer stand and down the gravel road into the park. Poles and chain were put back up at the park entrance to address this issue. People are driving on the walking path, too. This needs to be addressed so it does not continue.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk