

**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
JUNE 12, 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, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey and Gianotti.

ABSENT: Trustee Tieri.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Chief Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 22, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Gardner.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Meyer provided a report on tax income received in May, 2023.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus provided a 4th of July Commission report. The festival opens in 18 days. Four corner signs are up, flyers are done and lighting project is complete. Carnival is scheduled to roll in on June 27th or 28th. Car raffle sales are doing well. Posters for the event are available at the Village Hall. This year's festival will have the biggest fireworks show in the Commission's history.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. The Kick Off to Summer event on June 3rd had a good turnout. Donations of \$289 were received at the pitch-burst. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th. Next event scheduled is the kid and pet parade on Friday, June 30th.

Trustee Gardner provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. A clean up day was held on May 27th at the Depot. Trustee Gardner thanked the Public Works Department for their help. The Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Depot.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer reported that Safebuilt's fire inspector has declined the position. Two other companies are providing proposals for our fire inspection program to Administrator Barber. Board will review options at a future meeting.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report of financial activity for the prior month. Treasurer Rooney was present and provided a report. Administrator Barber noted the amount that is currently in CDs and their interest rates. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus asked that the bill for Chicago Communications in the amount of \$379.50 be removed from the bill list. Trustee Kraus then made a motion to approve payment of the revised list of bills in the amount of \$155,967.60 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Vendors payment report and annual Treasurer's report were provided in the packet for review.

RESOLUTION #2023-12 – A Resolution for maintenance of Village streets with Motor Fuel Tax funds under the Illinois Highway Code. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-12. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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The Board will be considering a financing plan for the Dixie Highway crossover project in the coming months. A draft plan was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Superintendent Conner provided a Project Pickle update. The pavement is done. Superintendent Conner is waiting to schedule with the fencing company and then four coats of epoxy will be laid.

Administrator Barber provided a public safety building design update. There was an issue with the dumpster location. Technical specifications are being put together for the bid. Bid date will need to be determined.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Gardner made a motion to accept a proposal in the amount of \$57,500 from Teska and Associates to conduct a comprehensive amendment to the Beecher Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the proposal was provided in the packet for review. Administrator Barber stated that this is under the amount budgeted. The Planning and Zoning Commission will choose amongst themselves three people to be the Steering Committee. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd at 7 p.m. Staff is anticipating a special use permit request for an LED sign and to begin work on the new Zoning Ordinance.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

Chief Lemming provided status of the new squad car. Graphics have been installed and a grant was received for an in-car computer. New squad should be in service next week.

The Police Department is looking for volunteers to help with the Bike Rodeo on July 1st. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the rodeo beginning no later than 9:15 a.m.

Trustee Stacey requested an Executive Session be held to consider a conditional offer of

employment for a full-time Police officer, due to a resignation.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

A Penfield STP project update was provided. Contractor has begun potholing. Road closure at bridge is scheduled for Monday, June 26th. Completion is anticipated by Thanksgiving.

A Gould Street watermain punch list update was provided. Patching was completed last week and landscaping is being done today. Contractor is supposed to water newly landscaped areas for sixty days.

Superintendent Conner provided a mosquito abatement program and adult spraying schedule update. Adult spraying began last week. Larvicide was completed in late May.

The Board was presented the stormwater action plan. The Board discussed the Village's progress in eliminating illicit stormwater discharges into Trim Creek. Because the Village has formal drainage systems that discharge into the creek, it may be liable for anything that may enter the creek which is considered a sensitive habitat and a recreational stream. The Village is required to inspect each of these outfall structures each year and report to the IEPA any discharge which may be polluting the creek. Employees also have to attend training programs and the Village must promote clean water practices (of PMPs) in the Village newsletter and on the website. The Village Board is required to be aware of these activities. The formal application was provided in the packet for review.

The Public Works Committee will meet over the summer to discuss long-range capital planning for the Department.

The five-year pesticides and aquatics licenses have been received – been waiting 1-1/2 years.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Results were provided of the first summer concert held Saturday, June 3rd, featuring Iron Horse. There was an excellent turnout and a great show. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked the Beecher High School soccer team, Sit-N-Bull and Neighborhood Nutrition for contributing to the event. The Committee still has glow sticks for future concerts. The next Concert in the Park is Sunday, June 18th, 1-4 p.m., featuring the Shout Section Big Band. Pop and water will be sold and attendees were encouraged to bring their own food.

An Illiana Business Park update was provided. Administrator Barber has a meeting with Union Electronics on Wednesday at 3 p.m. to discuss how the TIF program works. Union Electronics has

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increased their proposed building to 100,000 square feet on a five-acre site.

The proposed solar farm on School District property appears to be a dead issue due to the lack of ComEd infrastructure to support the load requirements of the facility.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Stacey made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss a conditional offer of employment for a full-time Police officer. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return to regular session at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Gianotti seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to make a conditional offer of employment for a full-time Police officer to Connor DeButch. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus asked about a timeline for work at Welton Stedt Park. Project will be done in early fall.

Trustee Gianotti wanted to stress that registration for the July 1st bike rodeo is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

I. NEW BUSINESS

President Meyer reported to the Board that she received a call from a current liquor/gaming license holder that is interested in selling just the gaming portion of their business. Chief Lemming will check with Illinois Gaming Commission regarding this matter.

President Meyer reported to the Board regarding a gaming café that is considering a Beecher location.

Administrator Barber reminded the Board that his last day of employment is December 15, 2023. The Board hopes to have a person in place to overlap the position prior to December 15th.

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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 the motion.

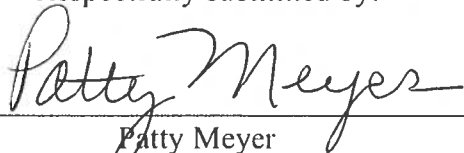
AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Patty Meyer
Deputy Clerk