

**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
JULY 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 Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey and Tieri.

ABSENT: Trustee Gianotti.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUEST: George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley reported on tax income received in June, 2023.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus provided an update on the 4th of July festival. He thanked all who helped out to make it a success.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a report on the Youth Commission. The Kid and Pet Parade that started off the 4th of July festival went well. The July meeting has been cancelled and next meeting is scheduled for August 15th.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on July 19th at 6 p.m. at the Depot.

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer provided a report on the results of a meeting held with the new fire inspector, a female inspector with 42 years of experience who inspects for other villages. She was very knowledgeable and willing to work with our businesses. A checklist was emailed to businesses of things that will be looked for during the inspections. Inspections will be conducted on Fridays and will begin the first Friday in August. Village Hall will make appointments.

The Board again discussed the availability of liquor licenses. An applicant will soon be applying for the available wine-only license. It's been discussed whether to change the population requirements in the code to eliminate any available licenses so that only the Village Board can approve licenses on a case-by-case basis. No objections from the Board to change the population requirements for liquor licenses so there are no open licenses. Then all liquor licenses can be considered by the Board individually. Trustee Kraus made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft an updated liquor ordinance to change the population total to reflect the number of liquor licenses that are currently in use and leaving a provision in the new ordinance for a liquor license for the business that has previously requested one. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$19,187.82 and payrolls since the last meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A joint meeting will be held after the Board meeting, between the Finance Committee and Public Works to discuss Dixie Highway watermain financing.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a grant agreement with Will County for the use of \$500,000 in ARPA funds for the Dixie Highway watermain crossover project and authorize the Village Administrator to sign the agreement. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A Project Pickle update was provided. Contractor was informed that 4th of July equipment is out of the Park so they can schedule work.

Nothing new to report on the Welton Stedt Park project.

A Public Safety Facility update was provided. There is an issue as to the high cost of work right now, so project needs to be bid at the right time. This will be decided in August.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Next PZC meeting is scheduled for July 20th, unless petition is not received, then meeting will be cancelled. A Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled for August 24th at 7 p.m., unless a PZC meeting is held, then it will be held after the PZC meeting.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri provided a report on public safety over the 4th of July festival. There were several medical emergencies and one domestic arrest. Other than that, all went smoothly.

The bike rodeo was cancelled due to weather. A bicycle safety check is planned for the National Night Out event on August 1st at Firemen's Park. Two bikes will be raffled off that evening. Chief Lemming said he needs help at that event to cook, run games, etc.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A Penfield Street project update was provided. Monthly payments of \$88,000 to the State of Illinois have begun.

An Indiana Avenue resurfacing update was provided. The Village is obligated to pay for \$65,000 in improvements to the walkways for ADA compliance per federal law. A two-year repayment plan was negotiated with Will County, with \$30,000 being paid this year and approximately \$35,000 next year.

No update was available on the Gould Street watermain punch list items.

Trustee Stacey made a motion waiving bid requirements for the paving of the 600 block of Gould Street. Trustee Gardner seconded. Iroquois Paving is doing the Penfield Street project and the 500 block of Gould with federal funds this summer. They have been asked to provide a proposal to also grind and resurface the 600 block of Gould Street and add a storm sewer along the east side of the street to connect it to Penfield for improved drainage. The Village also wants to add a paved parking area along the east side of Gould Street closer to Hodges Street to provide more parking for downtown events and businesses. Bids have to be waived because a bid price is not provided with this specific quantity of work. Most of the proposal's cost is a bid unit price.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a proposal in the amount of \$160,969.91 from Iroquois Paving for the installation of storm sewer and resurfacing the 600 block of Gould Street. Baxter and Woodman will perform the construction management for this project and all of Gould Street south of Hodges will be done at the same time. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion approving a proposal from Core and Main in the amount of \$6,612.20 for storm sewer materials related to the 600 block of Gould Street project and the Birch Street storm sewer extension. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion approving a proposal from Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$17,500 to extend storm sewer 250 feet north to Birch Street and Park Lane to collect runoff from the east down Park Lane to fix a flooding problem in this area. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a three-year contract with Test, Inc. to provide an operator in charge of the water system and all lab testing for a monthly fee of \$400 for management and \$6,993 annually for all testing. The proposed agreement was provided in the packet for review. Ron Emery has decided not to be the water operator and instead focus on the wastewater plant as an operator-in-training. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A Union Electronics update was provided by Administrator Barber. Engineering has been submitted to our engineer, and comments have been returned to their engineer for revisions.

A copy of a Will County C.E.D. presentation of the status of the local economy was enclosed in the packet for review. Trustee Juzeszyn summarized the report.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner said the mini excavator had been for sale the last few weeks and has been sold to the Village of Crete after a sealed bid process, for over the trade-in amount. He thanked the Board for their support on this.

I. NEW BUSINESS

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

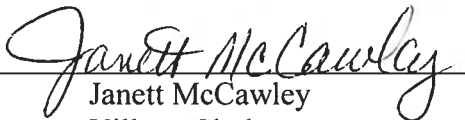
AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Stacey and Tieri.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk