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

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 and EMA Deputy Director Dale Murray.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 10, 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.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE - None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A request was received from Knights of Columbus to hold tag days in Beecher, September 15th through 17th. There were no objections from the Board.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

A fire inspection update was provided. The inspection form has been revised to fit Beecher's needs and the first inspections are being scheduled for Beecher Plaza and Midland States Bank.

ORDINANCE #1390 – An Ordinance amending the Liquor Code to adjust population requirements for certain classes of licenses to reduce the number of licenses available. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1390. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

A wording change was made, otherwise there were no objections to the job ad for Village Administrator position for posting.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for June, 2023. Treasurer was present and provided a report. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$88,403.74. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

The Finance Committee met with the Public Works Committee to determine financing for the Dixie Highway watermain crossover project. A copy of the financing plan for the project was included in the packet for review. The Village is awaiting a signed agreement from Will County.

The liability insurance pool financial dashboard was provided in the packet for review.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A Project Pickle update was provided. Superintendent Conner will be meeting with the contractor this Friday to go over final layout and they should begin work next week.

Work will proceed in the Fall at Welton Stedt Park.

The Village has received grant funds in the amount of \$26,562 for HVAC in the food stand and billed the 4th of July Commission for the \$938 difference in cost.

A public safety facility bid process update was provided. The project will be ready for bid by the next meeting. Matter will be discussed at the last meeting in August as to when to go out for bids.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

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The July 27th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

The new Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee will meet on Thursday, August 24th either after the regular PZC meeting or at 7 p.m. There will be material to review at that time.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for Laraway Dispatch is scheduled for Thursday, July 27th at 6 p.m. in Joliet. The budget and election of officers will occur.

An update was provided on the National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st. Everything is moving forward for the event and Board members and staff have reached out to help with the event.

Trustee Tieri reported that Chief Lemming applied for a safety grant with ComEd and was awarded \$4,000 to purchase two speed signs. This is a matching grant so the Village will have to contribute towards the cost of the signs.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Water and Sewer Departments monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

The water billing register for the May/June billing period was enclosed for review. Water loss is estimated at 30%. It's unknown where the 30% of water is going. Superintendent Conner estimated that 185,000 gallons a day of water is being lost, according to the billing versus pumped numbers.

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to sign a memorandum of understanding for the payment of ADA sidewalk ramps on Indiana Avenue to the County of Will in the amounts of \$30,000 in 2023 and the balance in 2024. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

An Indiana Avenue resurfacing update was provided. Paving has not been completed in town. Contractor is waiting on railroad flagger before paving can continue through town.

An update on curb and sidewalk programs was provided. The \$30,000 of the \$50,000 was spent on Indiana Avenue. The remaining \$20,000 this year will be spent on sidewalks.

A Penfield Street improvement update was provided. Superintendent Conner spent a lot of time on site that day. Bridge footing was poured. Contractor is hoping to get wingwalls in this week. The area in front of Beecher Elementary School has been fully excavated from the bridge. Milling

will occur this week and then regrading. A meeting will be held Tuesday with the engineer and contractor to discuss details. Meeting will also include Fire Department and Post Office to discuss their access during construction.

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing the letting of bids for the Dixie Highway watermain crossover project. Easements have been obtained and the Engineer is about ready to let bids. This will be a Winter project. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a revised proposal from Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$169,869.91 for the installation of storm sewer and resurfacing of the 600 block of Gould Street. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board considered a policy on the replacement of paved shoulders in the Village. There is an old policy regarding this but no ordinance or resolution. Non-curbed streets may have paved shoulders and there is sometimes a level of expectation that the Village will resurface shoulders as well. That has not been the case in past projects. Administrator Barber explained the history and said that the Village should be consistent with this policy. Matter was referred to the Public Works Committee to meet and discuss and provide a recommendation back to the Board.

A road resurfacing program update for 2023 was provided. There is \$113,500 remaining for resurfacing or patching other streets in the Village.

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing the recruitment and selection of a certified Water Operator in charge for the Village of Beecher. Contract management through the company Test, Inc., which was previously approved by the Board, is for the short term but a full-time operator is needed. Someone is needed that knows the water system well, to better detect problems and handle emergencies. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A tree lighting planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2nd at 7 p.m. All trustees were invited to attend as well as several organizations in town that have been involved in the past. Trustee Juzeszyn asked for feedback on the parade route. Walking path in Firemen’s Park can no longer be used for parade. Trustee Juzeszyn asked for ideas for the 80% matching grant of \$2,500: fake snow machine, decorations, build fire ring, or signage. Crete is discussing donating their fire ring to Beecher. Board was asked to bring ideas to Committee for August 2nd meeting.

A summer concert series update was provided. The next event is the polka band on August 12th. Ace Catering will be providing Polish food for sale. Water, soda and beer will also be available for purchase.

A Union Electronics building update was provided. Engineering has been submitted to the engineer and it has been reviewed with comments and sent back to developer's engineer for changes. Developer hopes to break ground on the project in August. Meeting will be held Wednesday morning at Engineer's office.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Youth Commission announced setting up a parent's night out fundraiser at Sit-N-Bull on September 23rd.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Juzeszyn reported that he is following up with Jeremy Haddon to possibly partner with him on the idea raised for a teen volunteer group to do some cleanup in the Village.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk