

**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  
JANUARY 22, 2024 -- 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, Tieri and Gianotti.

ABSENT: Trustee Stacey.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, Corporal Kurtis Ingram, and officers from the police department.

**GUESTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT** – None.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION #2024-01** – A Resolution authorizing line-item transfers to the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget to provide for the cost difference of an additional police corporal. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, 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 \$90,204.34 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Tieri and Gianotti.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the appointment of Officer Kurtis Ingram to the rank of Corporal. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Tieri and Gianotti.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Officer Ingram was then sworn in and pinned.

The Board discussed fire inspections for this year. B & F are still under contract. There is a 3% increase this year with B & F. More quotes for this service will be obtained this year.

President Meyer reported that there are differences in opinion between Safebuilt and Faith Church about whether their addition must be sprinklered. There is a way they can go without sprinklers but it would require a number of different requirements. Inspector from Safebuilt recommends passing an ordinance that would require sprinklers for all new construction over 5,000 square feet so this issue doesn't come up again. This is for information only at this time but can be looked at again at a later time.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The bid opening for the new police facility will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Washington Township Center.

### **PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gardner reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Tieri reported that adjudication is still being worked on.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Water Department billing register was provided in the packet for review.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Juzeszyn provided an update on the concert series for this year. The last concert meeting was held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Washington Township will work with the Committee on

the concert series again this year. The plan is for four larger shows this year depending on the costs and budget.

Administrator Mitchell provided an update on the use of Nixle for community notifications. Discussions were had with Washington Township about how seniors get their information about community events. Seniors would like to get information via email. The Village has mainly used Nixle for emergency notifications in the past but it can be used for community events via text or email. This could be used for concert event reminders as well as emergency notifications and residents can select what type of notifications they would like to receive.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus commented that it is a testament to our Police Chief and department that the whole department came out to see Officer Ingram get his promotion.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

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

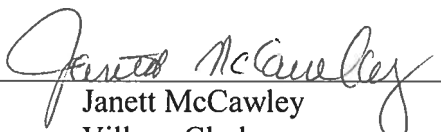
AYES: (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Kraus, Gardner, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk