



**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
FEBRUARY 12, 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 Kraus, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

ABSENT: Trustee Juzeszyn.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim, Treasurer Donna Rooney and Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

AYES: (4) Trustees Kraus, Gardner, Tieri and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Stacey.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley provided a report on tax income received in January, 2024.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The next 4th of July Commission meeting is scheduled for February 27th at 7 p.m.

A Youth Commission update was provided. The daddy/daughter dance was held on Saturday, with more than 253 people in attendance. It was a great success. The next event is the mom/son dance on March 23rd.

A Historic Preservation Commission update was provided. Trustee Gardner thanked the library for allowing the Commission to have a display from the depot/museum in the month of January in their entry way. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21st at 4:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer reported on the SSMMA legislative meeting she attended. A lot of the agenda did not apply to Beecher.

A letter regarding the Cottage Grove solar project was included in the packet for review.

President Meyer has been contacted by some residents about the water supply in the area due to Aqua Illinois having an area-wide boil order. She explained that we own our water system and the boil order did not apply to Beecher.

President Meyer requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Treasurer Rooney was present and provided the Treasurer's report. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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 \$138,675.15 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The results of the bid opening for the new police facility were provided by Trustee Gianotti. A summary of the bid results from the architect was provided. Architect is speaking to lowest bidders on the project to investigate all of the details and options with the bids to see if costs can come down. The architect will present a proposal at the next Board meeting.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department annual report for 2023 and monthly report were provided in the packet for review.

An update was provided on the progress of Zoning Ordinance revisions. Steering Committee will meet on February 15th and the PZC will be briefed at their next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The following reports were provided for review:

- Police Department monthly report
- Police Department annual report for 2023
- EMA monthly report
- EMA annual report for 2023
- Code enforcement monthly report
- Code enforcement annual report for 2023
- Animal control program annual report for 2023

Chief Lemming provided an update on joint adjudication with the Village of Peotone. He is still waiting to hear back from the Attorney to finalize ordinance.

Trustee Tieri provided a report on the LCC Board of Directors meeting. A report with info on LCC call times and other information was provided to the Board for review.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

- Public Works Department monthly report
- Public Works Department annual report for 2023
- Water Department monthly report
- Annual report of water billing system for 2023
- Sewer Department monthly report
- Sewer Department annual report for 2023

A Penfield Street improvement project update was provided. Streetlights have been connected and are turned on. Some adjustments still need to be made. Paving and other work should begin late March or early April.

Superintendent Conner reported that the 500 and 600 blocks of Gould Street will be repaved this year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

TIF reports for 2023 have been filed with the State.

An update was provided on the concert series. Washington Township has committed \$10,000 this year. Planning is ongoing, according to Trustee Gianotti.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from executive session at 8:10 p.m. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk