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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
FEBRUARY 26, 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, Gardner, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming and Assistant EMA Director Dale Murray.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Ana Tristan, Byron Harden and guest, Gloria White, and Jim Maciejewski, Wayne Babiak and Jerry Maciejewski from JMA Architects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT – None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Gloria White, running for State Representative, introduced herself.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment of Jill Murchek to the Beecher Youth Commission. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$54,884.67 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Fuel pricing for 2024 has been established by the Intergovernmental Fuel Committee. Two bids were received for fuel and the lowest bid was from Heritage FS. Prices for the coming year will be \$3.43 per gallon for unleaded (currently \$3.12) and \$3.73 per gallon for diesel (currently \$3.71).

Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion authorizing the attorney to draft an ordinance amending Section 3-2-10 of the Village Code to equalize the fee for contractor licenses. The ordinance would change the contractor license fee to \$150 for all contractors. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jim and Jerry Maciejewski and Wayne Babiak were present from JMA Architects to provide a report on the new police facility bids. Bid results came in approximately 10% over the base bid target. Jim Maciejewski provided a list of cuts that could be made to reduce costs. They also contacted contractors to find other cost reductions that could be made. The final package of bid results will be provided once the Board decides how to proceed. More work needs to be done to find more savings. Trustee Tieri questioned some of the cuts that the architects proposed that are essential and not optional. He expressed disappointment in the process and how the costs have come in and the money already paid out to the architect in design costs. President Meyer noted that times have changed since this project was first discussed which may have affected the increased costs. The project will go back to Committee to look further into how to get it completed.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

An update on the progress of Zoning Ordinance revisions was provided by Trustee Gardner. Committee will meet one more time before the revised ordinance is brought to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri reported that the Police Department was awarded a grant from the U.S. Deputy Sheriff's Association. The grant was for infrared equipment. The equipment was received and was free of cost.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A concert series update was provided by Trustee Juzeszyn. Booking of bands is almost complete. The Committee is finalizing a few of the contracts. Concert dates were provided.

OLD BUSINESS

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to return from executive session at 7:55 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Mitchell reported that a contract was signed with Comcast for phones and internet for all Village facilities.

Superintendent Conner reported that the high school soccer team reached out to him about using the pickleball courts off season. They were used today for soccer try outs. School will lock and unlock the courts. The Board discussed request by school to have paw prints put on some of the streets in town.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk