

**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  
MARCH 25, 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, Stacey, Tieri and Gianotti.

ABSENT: None.

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

**GUESTS:** Byron Harden, Soliel Harden and David Weissbohn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 11, 2024 workshop meeting. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT**

1. Tax income for February was provided.
2. Request for Misericordia tag days on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There were no objections from the Board.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer read a prepared statement recognizing Trustee Juzeszyn on his final Board meeting as Trustee and presented a certificate of appreciation for his years of service.

President Meyer reported that the owner of The Huddle Sports Cards and Collectibles has requested a liquor license now that he is adding golf simulators in his business. Petitioner was not present. The Board discussed an ordinance for BYOB instead of issuing a regular liquor license because serving and selling liquor would then open up the business to video gaming. She is talking to the attorney about options. President Meyer asked for direction on the issue. Board members were not opposed to looking further into the BYOB issue.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a dog park in Beecher. President Meyer heard from a resident on this. There is no current area in town with property available that isn't close to residential. The Board said there was nowhere to put a dog park and the Village has already completed their park improvements.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$86,625.21 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve bid packages 6-16A as submitted and negotiated by JMA Architects in the total contract amount of \$3,351,155.00 for the new police facility. Trustee Gianotti read aloud each contractor and bid amount as follows:

Bid Package 6 for Masonry - Lozich Masonry in the amount of \$400,000.00. Bid Package 7 for Structural Steel Supply - McKinney Steel & Sales Inc. in the amount of \$23,085.00. Bid Package 8 for Carpentry & General Construction - Joseph Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,070,000.00. Bid Package 9 for Roofing and Sheet Metal - Filotto Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$96,000.00. Bid Package 10 for Flooring - Consolidated Flooring of Chicago in the amount of \$97,500.00. Bid Package 11 for Acoustical Ceilings - Just Rite Acoustics, Inc. in the amount of \$86,000.00. Bid Package 12 for painting - Oosterbaan & Sons in the amount of \$49,180.00. Bid Package 13 for Fire Protection - Advanced Fire Protection Co. in the amount of \$ 55,000.00. Bid Package 14 for Plumbing - Reichelt Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$243,850.00. Bid Package 15 for Mechanical - Glade Plumbing & Piping Co. in the amount of \$455,000.00. Bid Package 16 for Electrical - Indicom Electric Company LLC in the amount of \$750,000.00. Bid Package 16A for Fire Alarm Lease - Quality Alarm in the amount of \$25,540.00. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Groundbreaking ceremony to be set up by JMA Architects.

Porta-potties have been delivered to all of the parks in town.

The pickleball courts will be opening on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

There was nothing new to report on Zoning Ordinance revision.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 7 p.m.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Beecher and the Village of Peotone relating to administrative adjudication. This was approved at the last Board meeting, however, there were language changes to the IGA so this is being brought back to the Board for approval of the changes. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

An update was provided on the bike rodeo. Event will be moved back to June 1<sup>st</sup> this year due to issues in last few years holding it over 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival and staffing.

Chief Lemming presented a petition from some of the officers requesting to be allowed to have beards year-round. There were no objections.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

An update was provided on the Penfield Street project. Iroquois Paving is to start work this week and concrete work will be done in the coming weeks. Final layer of asphalt is anticipated before the first week in May. Contractor hopes to have project completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> depending on the weather. The 600 block of Gould Street will be closed for approximately one week for milling and asphalt replacement.

There was discussion on the failed pump at the Cardinal Creek lift station. During replacement of the failed pump, Superior Pumping Services pulled the second pump and found the condition of the second pump to be worse than the pump that had failed. Superintendent Conner reported that pumps were both the same age and put in April of 2006, so replacement is needed.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump to replace the second pump at Cardinal Creek lift station in the amount of \$37,000, to be paid out of next year's budget. 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 purchase not to exceed \$10,000 towards the joint purchase of a new computer for the joint fuel system. Administrator Mitchell reported that the total cost of the computer system will be \$19,235 with cost being split between the different taxing bodies based on their use of the fuel system. 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 proposal from Iroquois Paving Corporation in the amount of \$8,500 to perform pavement patching at 640 Elm Street and 436 Dixie Highway (Pasadena side). This work needs to be completed due to watermain breaks that occurred. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There was discussion on the Dixie Highway watermain crossover project. The Board needs to decide whether to move forward with the project. Administrator Mitchell explained the Village can do only part of the project or scale it down some to make it more affordable. The project doubled for a number of reasons mostly due to the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Dixie Highway. That portion of project could be removed and can take care of the problem areas. The money is not available now to do the project. Finance Chair met with Superintendent Conner to discuss and funds are not available. A loan would be needed to finance the project. Administrator Mitchell will check with Will County on the grant terms and if they would allow us to remove parts of the project to reduce costs and still get the matching grant.

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

A concert series update was provided. Trustee Juzeszyn reported that once all contracts are signed all of the bands will be locked in. Trustee Gianotti is handling these moving forward.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Stacey made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti left at 7:48 p.m.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (1) Trustee Juzeszyn.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus suggested reaching out to our legislators regarding elimination of the grocery tax, which would greatly affect municipalities.

Trustee Juzeszyn thanked the Board for the years he has worked with them and how well they've worked together.

Trustee Tieri suggested a ceremony be held when Penfield Street is complete, and naming a portion of the street in honor of the previous administrator who put so much work into this project.

Administrator Mitchell said she spoke with the School District Superintendent about their request for a directional sign with their colors and mascot to be located on the corner street sign pole at Hodges and Route 1. School will be asked to come up with a detailed plan for Board review.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk