

**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  
APRIL 8, 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: None.

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

**GUESTS:** David Weissbohn, Artie VanBaren, Joe Burgess and George Schuitema.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 25, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Joe Burgess and Artie VanBaren from the Lions Cub were present and asked if they could do a burnout event on Gould Street again this year as was held last year. The proposed date is August 24<sup>th</sup>. They asked to have Gould Street blocked from Hodges to Indiana. Amvets would also like to participate. They proposed making it an "All American Day" saluting veterans with a 21-gun salute, flag raising ceremony as well as a car show and other events. Chief Lemming said he learned last year that more volunteers would be needed for traffic control and an insurance policy obtained for the motorcyclists in the event. They need better scheduling for motorcyclists. No one would be allowed near or next to the barriers during the burnouts. More barriers would be provided according to Artie VanBaren. Trustee Gianotti had concerns about having enough volunteers and would like the Police Department or other trained security officers to be there for the event instead of volunteers. Lions President Burgess asked the Board to let them know how to proceed. Consensus of the Board was okay with the event as long as the details are worked out with the Police Chief and Public Works Superintendent.

## **VILLAGE CLERK REPORT**

A report on tax income received in March, 2024 was provided.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT** - No report.

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

President Meyer provided a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission update. The Board is not approving the purchase of the car tonight. Bids were received for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July raffle car but there were issues with the bids so the Commission decided to reject all bids and bid the raffle car out again.

Trustee Gardner provided a Youth Commission update. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Commission is in planning stages for upcoming fundraiser.

Trustee Gardner provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>. A spring planting day is being planned.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$152,591.78 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to authorize a public hearing on the proposed budget at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024. Trustee Tieri seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees 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 the construction staking proposal submitted by Piggush Engineering in the amount of \$25,325 for the new public safety facility. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

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

An update was provided on the last PZC meeting. A representative from Turning Point Energy gave a presentation to provide information on a proposed commercial solar energy facility to be located South of W. Indiana and East of S. Western Avenue on approximately 39.9 acres. The Turning Point Energy representative will be attending the Village Board meeting on April 22, 2024 to present the proposal to the Village Board.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chief Lemming noted wires were down on Church Road west of Dutch American Way. Truck took wires down and several EMA members came out and handled the traffic issues.

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works, Water Department and Sewer Department monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

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

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk