

**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
MAY 13, 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 Stacey, Tieri, Gardner and Gianotti.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

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

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Mike from Beecher Liquor Land.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 22, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Gianotti.

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

President Meyer appointed David Weissbohn as Village Trustee to fill the open position due to Ben Juzeszyn's resignation. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Clerk McCawley swore in new Trustee David Weissbohn.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Mike from Beecher Liquor Land was present to request the Village grant him a liquor license to allow alcohol to be consumed on premises at his liquor store so he can have video gaming machines. He provided a copy of his business plan. His plan was to set aside a section or put a

gaming room in the liquor store. A representative from Accel Entertainment was present to explain the business plan. He is not requesting a full liquor license. He is requesting beer and wine for consumption on site. President Meyer explained that the Village is not looking to issue a liquor license for consumption on site without food service as required in the ordinance. He indicated if food is required to be served, he just wants to put in an air fryer or convection oven for small bites. The Board explained they are looking for a business with food service with kitchen facilities that will bring something of value to the Village. Board will look over plans and pull together their questions.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer presented her annual appointments for 2024/2025. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointments as follows, with the exception of EMA which will be appointed later in the meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT FY Ending April 30, 2025

Village President Pro-Tem: Todd Kraus
Finance and Administration Committee: Chair: Todd Kraus, David Weissbohn
Public Safety Committee: Chair: Joe Tieri, Roger Stacey
Public Works Committee: Chair: Roger Stacey, Eric Gardner
Economic Development and Community Relations Committee:
Chair: David Weissbohn, Joe Gianotti
Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation: Chair: Joe Gianotti, Todd Kraus
Planning, Building and Zoning: Chair: Eric Gardner, Joe Tieri
Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator: Charity Mitchell
Village Clerk: Janett McCawley
Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth
Village Corporate Counsel: Tim Kuiper, Austgen, Kuiper and Jasaitis, P.C.
Code Enforcement Officer: David Harrison
EMA Director: Bob Heim
Chief of Police: Terry Lemming
Public Works Superintendent: Matt Conner
Village Treasurer: Donna Rooney
Building Department and Fire Inspection Services: SAFEbuilt
EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:
Member: Joe Tieri, Alternate: Charity Mitchell
Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Patty Meyer
Joint Fuel Committee: Roger Stacey and Charity Mitchell
Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on a case-by-case basis)
TIF Joint Review Board: Jonathan Kypuros resident at large, Marcy Meyer Village Representative

TIF Redevelopment Agreement Negotiation Committee:

Jonathan Kypuros, David Weissbohn

Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/26)
- Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/27)
- Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/27)
- George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/27)
- Joe Gardner (term expires 5/1/25)
- Edwin Prom (term expires 5/1/26)
- Charlie Eich (term expires 5/1/25)

Fourth of July Commission (20 voting members):

Marcy Meyer, (Village President)

Todd Kraus (Village Liaison)

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| 1. Hayden Karstensen | 8. Chuck Hoehn | 15. Dana Karstensen |
| 2. Phil Salmen | 9. Cameron Ohlendorf | 16. _____ |
| 3. Nichole Modschiedler | 10. Robert Barber | 17. _____ |
| 4. Joe Gianotti | 11. Ken Bobowski | 18. _____ |
| 5. Bruce Becker | 12. Jenna Barber | 19. _____ |
| 6. Kevin Bouchard | 13. Nicholas Hoehn | 20. _____ |
| 7. Steven Barber | 14. Alex Burgess | |

Beecher Youth Commission:

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| <i>David Weissbohn (Village Liaison)</i> | Stacy Mazurek | Rachel Espinoza |
| Roger Sipple, Eric Hanson, ex-officio | Kristin Tucker | Ashley Woodman |
| Jessica Smith | Codi Killis | Phil Espinoza |
| Catherine Gonzales | Kim Wojciechowski | Kelly Phipps |
| Sarah Murphy | Megan Haddon | |

Historic Preservation Commission:

Erik Gardner (Village Liaison)

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| Arnie Cooper | Don Sala | Janett McCawley |
| Sandy Lohmann | Donna Rooney | George Obradovich |

President Meyer recognized 2024 National Police Week, May 12-18, 2024, and read aloud Proclamation.

President Meyer recognized 2024 National Public Works Week, May 19-25, 2024, and read aloud Proclamation.

ORDINANCE #1406 – An Ordinance amending and replacing sections of the Village Code pertaining to liquor licenses. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1406. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1407 – An Ordinance amending and replacing sections of the Village Code pertaining to gaming licenses. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve Ordinance #1407.

Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

President Meyer provided a report on 4th of July Commission. There was no quorum at the last meeting so no business could be conducted. Commission is researching additional entertainment options.

Trustee Gardner provided a Beecher Youth Commission report. On May 1st, Buddys hosted a BYC night fundraiser and \$1,700 was raised. Their next event is Kick Off to Summer on June 1st in Firemen's Park. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14th.

Trustee Gardner reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is Wednesday, May 15th. Planning is continuing for the Day on the Dixie event to be held on June 22nd.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$107,975.59 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to cancel the May 27, 2024 Village Board meeting in observance of Memorial Day. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Board discussed dates for the new public safety facility groundbreaking, preferably on a Saturday morning. Groundbreaking was then set for Saturday, June 1st at 8 a.m.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE #1408 – An Ordinance amending and replacing Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Village Code pertaining to Emergency Service and Disaster Agency. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1408. This amends ESDA to EMA. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Meyer appointed Robert Heim as EMA Director. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

RESOLUTION #2024-03 – A Resolution adopting the Village of Beecher Emergency Operations Plan. Trustee Tieri made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-03. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to declare a 2013 Ford Taurus EMA vehicle as surplus property. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Superintendent Conner provided an update on Penfield Street improvements. A sinkhole has formed on the bridge caused by a third-party contractor. The general contractor is trying to determine who's responsibility it is. Superintendent Conner told them to get the repairs done and figure it out later. It is estimated to be 3-4 weeks before surface layer will be done. The 600 block of Gould has been paved and looks good.

A copy of a MFT documentation review was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve a proposal from Baxter and Woodman to assist Village staff with 2024 NPDES MS4 program permitting requirements in an amount not to exceed \$6,700. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A summer concert series update was provided by Trustee Gianotti. Everything is on track for concerts and food is to be served at all events. Banners will be put up in the coming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Lemming announced bike rodeo to be held on June 1st and asked Board members to volunteer.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel *5 ILCS 120/2(c)*. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to return from executive session at 8:43 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Meyer reported she received another request about a liquor license for Sophia's Café' business.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett McCawley
Village Clerk