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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
JUNE 10, 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, Kraus, Gardner, Weissbohn and Gianotti.

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: Joe Burgess, Artie VanBaren, Nelson Collins and George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Joe Burgess from Beecher Lions Club was present and gave an update on the burnout event scheduled for August 24th for Gould Street. The Lions Club has insurance and drivers will sign waivers. They have been making plans to be sure event will be safe working with Chief Lemming, having plenty of volunteers, and more barriers. It was agreed to have some police officers and EMA to be present for the event. Chief would like to see two officers at the event due to the possibly larger turnout. Lions Club will be responsible for any damage to the street. They plan to use the newly paved area off the street at the north end of the storage building next to the railroad tracks across from Sit-N-Bull. Artie VanBaren has done most of the organization for the event. It will also be a military event with a short parade, military vehicles, Will County SWAT team, as well as other military participants. Beecher High School band and Stockyard Kilty Band also agreed to participate. A car show will also be held. Burnouts scheduled to begin around 4 p.m. lasting for approximately an hour. The bars within the block might like to have a band in the street after the event. The Lions have been talking to the neighbors in the area to make sure they are okay with the event. They are looking for approval so they can start obtaining sponsors for the event. Event would start around noon with a short parade and go through the afternoon. Board told the

Lions to contact all of the residents in the area. They still need to determine areas for people to park. There were no objections to the event by the Board.

Nelson Collins was present to request the Board to reconsider refunding escrow money collected for his property on Indiana Avenue east of town from an agreement that expired. He explained that water and sewer lines were run across his property without an easement or permission. An agreement was made to put \$35,000 into a special Village account for the easement. The money came from a performance bond from the developer that was building homes east of the golf course. There was a condition to build a house on the property within ten years. Over that time no house has been built due to a number of reasons. Agreement said the money would revert to the Village if his house wasn't built within the specified time period, so the money was deposited into the Village account once the agreement expired. He felt it wasn't fair that the Village received the easement and the money put aside for that easement. He asked that the Village release the money to him. It was noted that the agreement did not state it was payment for the easement but money to be set aside for improvements. The agreement was executed in 2010. Board will consider his request but it cannot be voted on since it is not on the agenda.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A report of income received in May, 2024 was provided.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer brought up the discussion of requirements for sprinklers for commercial buildings. Matter was referred to the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee to investigate further and to come up with recommendations for future construction so it can be consistent. This matter has come up a lot recently as to what construction requires sprinklers.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus provided a 4th of July Commission report. Clean up date is this Saturday beginning at 6 a.m. in Firemen's Park. Next meeting to be held in Firemen's Park. Trustee Gianotti said paving is complete in areas around stage, beer stand and big six stand so now those areas are handicap accessible. Chevy Trax tickets are now available for purchase in person or on-line.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Weissbohn. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Gardner provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 19th at 6 p.m. at the Depot. They are still planning for the Day on the Dixie event on Saturday, June 22nd. All residents are invited to attend.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were provided for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$367,880.50 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti provided an update on the progress of the public safety facility. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Saturday, June 1st. Progress is being made. Footing has been put in and work is being done on forms for walls as well as underground utility work.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

A report was provided on the May 23rd Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. A workshop was held to discuss a request for a variance for an 8' privacy fence in the front yard setback at 536 Maxwell Street. A public hearing is scheduled for the next PZC meeting on June 27th.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chief Lemming thanked the participants in the Torch Run last week. There were 26 runners.

Chief Lemming reported that Beecher was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,800 for speed enforcement to be conducted from July 9th to August 1st. Grant is funded by the Federal government.

A report was provided on the adjudication program. The program is about ready to roll out, just making sure that the software is set up and ready.

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

A report was provided on the bike rodeo that was held on June 1st. Bikes were given away to a boy and a girl. All went well despite the rain this year. Approximately 21 children turned out for the event. Chief Lemming thanked all who volunteered to help.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Water Department monthly report was provided for review.

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A Penfield Street improvement project update was provided by Superintendent Conner. The final layer of asphalt is scheduled to be laid on Wednesday morning as well as the paving on Gould Street. Contractor has been waiting on railroad flagger to schedule the work. Project is hoped to be completed by 4th of July.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to apply for a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of replacing the parking lot and roadway at the Village Hall. Trustee Kraus seconded.

Superintendent Conner reported that Illinois DCEO reached out to Village about this grant and Village Hall staff discussed what work could be done in town. Parking lot at Village Hall would not normally be a priority but to be grant eligible, it has to be a project ready to be done. Installing sidewalks was discussed but involves a lot of time to mark areas to replace the concrete and last time the Village went to bid for this no concrete bids were received. This is a reimbursement grant. Superintendent Conner said he would like to approach Buddys and Cardinal Creek Golf Course to go in on the cost to get the roadway portion done. A previous agreement was made that Buddys and Golf Course are responsible for improvements to the road. If they don't want to participate, we don't have to pave those areas. All improvements are contingent on being awarded the grant.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to accept the proposal from Wirkus Paving to replace the parking lot and roadway at the Village Hall in the amount of \$57,762 upon approval of the DCEO grant application and notice of grant award contingent on the businesses participating in the \$5,762 cost to replace the roadway portion. Wirkus Paving was the lowest proposal received out of six. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1409 -- An Ordinance amending and replacing section 12-10-3 of the Village Code entitled rates for sewer service. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1409. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement UV lamps and material for the wastewater treatment plant from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$12,781.85. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

An update was provided on the first concert of the year held on Saturday, June 8th featuring the band All American Throwbacks. Despite the chilly weather the concert was well attended and went well. Approximately 250-300 people attended.

Trustee Gianotti said the Village Board will usually pour beer at Firemen’s Park over the 4th of July the night the band the Village sponsors plays, which is July 6th, but volunteers have already been secured for the beer stand. However, there is help needed at the Big 6 booth. Trustee Gianotti will do a sign-up sheet.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)). Trustee Gianotti seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to return to regular session at 8:28 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Adam Held for the Assistant Superintendent position in the Public Works Department. This is a salaried position. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed to dedicate an honorary sign for the corner of Maxwell and Penfield for the Penfield Street project. This would occur at the Board meeting after the 4th of July.

Trustee Tieri left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Board discussed where Superintendent Conner would have his office once new Assistant Superintendent begins work. He will give the new Assistant Superintendent his office at the Public Works garage and President Meyer said Superintendent Conner could use her office at the Village Hall since she rarely uses it. It was also discussed whether to purchase an additional vehicle for

Public Works Department for the new Assistant Superintendent to use. Superintendent Conner proposed to purchase a state bid vehicle for his use with money from the CESFA account, which would be less expense than other Public Works trucks since he doesn't need as heavy duty of a vehicle for administrative use. If authorized, he can skip purchase of a new truck next year as scheduled with CESFA.

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.

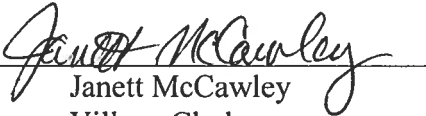
AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Weissbohn and Gianotti.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk