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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 24, 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 and Weissbohn.

ABSENT: Trustee Gianotti.

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

GUESTS: Byron and Soliel Harden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley asked the Board who planned to ride in the 4th of July parade and what vehicles would be used.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$237,919.27 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was reported that the annual Treasurer's report has been prepared and was provided in the packet for review. It will be published in the local paper as required by law and posted on the website.

Trustee Kraus said a workday is scheduled for June 29th at 7 a.m. at Firemen's Park, if anyone would like to come and help.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner provided a report on the Zoning Ordinance revisions. Teska Associates has provided a completed draft of the revised Zoning Ordinance to Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee is scheduled to meet to review the draft on Thursday, June 27th.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2024 at 7 p.m.

An update was provided on the Post Office parking lot at the corner of Penfield and Maxwell. President Meyer reported that it was found recently in the old Zoning Ordinance that parking lots are required to have fencing, a wall or some other type of barrier so the Village plans to put up a fence on the Village property line by the Post Office. Fence will be approximately 17' from the public sidewalk to the end of the post office parking lot. It was proposed to be an 8' PVC fence so it will be low maintenance. Trustee Kraus questioned the 8' fence height. Superintendent Conner will obtain bids for both a 6' and 8' fence and the Board will then consider the bids.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Public Safety Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday to discuss commercial building sprinkler requirements.

Adjudication system is up and running. First ticket has been paid, according to Trustee Tieri.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A Penfield Street improvement project update was provided. Trustee Stacey said the street looks beautiful. Superintendent Conner reported that paving and striping have been completed on both Penfield and Gould Streets. There are still some concrete areas that need to be repaired. They are waiting for AT&T to come in before that can be done. Only landscaping work will remain.

RESOLUTION #2024-04- A Resolution for maintenance of Village streets with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds under the Illinois Highway Code: Appropriation for 2024/2025. Trustee Stacey made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-04. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

It was discussed that there are repairs needed at the oxidation ditch at the sewer plant in the amount of \$26,746.80. Superintendent Conner reported that an amount was budgeted but once the contractor got on-site, he discovered that other repairs needed to be done. He found money in the current budget to fund the additional expenses. Superior Pumping provided an estimate in the amount of \$26,746.80 to remove and replace bearings and couplings, to install a shaft, move gear boxes and hook up new ones.

There was discussion on the Village's stormwater permit requirements and pollution prevention. A report on the Village's progress in illicit stormwater discharges into Trim Creek along with the MS4 permit and stormwater action plan was provided in the packet for review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Weissbohn provided some statistics from the Will County CED eye opener breakfast that was attended by President Meyer and Clerk McCawley.

OLD BUSINESS

An update on the paving of the Village Hall parking lot was provided. Quotes were obtained for repaving. President Meyer did research on the property and who is responsible for the driveway. Village is responsible for the driveway to the back of the fence by Buddys. Current parking lot is most likely original parking lot from the 1980s. Price to do parking lot is \$52,500 for the parking lot and roadway to the back of Buddys fence. The roadway going to the golf course behind the fence would be the golf course's responsibility. Time frame to do the work would most likely be August, according to Superintendent Conner. Village would be responsible for \$2,500 after the \$50,000 grant is secured. Staff will not move forward until the grant is awarded.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner reported that there will be no brush pickup the week of July 1st, due to preparations for the 4th of July festival.

Superintendent Conner reported that the splash pad will be closed July 1st-10th due to the carnival being in the park.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Stacey made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel. *5 ILCS 120/2(c)*. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

Administrator Mitchell reported that the regular bills will not be able to be prepared in time by staff for the next meeting due to the 4th of July holiday. The Board agreed to only consider the payment of the credit card bill at the next meeting because of the due date. All other bills will be considered at the second meeting of the month.

Administrator Mitchell provided an update on the \$500,000 ARPA grant that isn't going to be able to be used for the entire Dixie Highway watermain crossover project due to the total cost. She said a portion of the money can be carried over and reallocated as long as the project meets the grant requirements. Board is to consider the Miller Street project for the grant.

Surf Air is working on putting in fiber cable through Beecher and met with Administrator Mitchell and President Meyer earlier in the day about their plans.

An annual safety meeting was held with IPRF representative last week. It was learned that Beecher is below the threshold for accidents, which is good news. Staff is to get access to more training modules through IPRF.


A meeting is scheduled this week with B & F Construction Code Services about fire and building inspections.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk