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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  
JULY 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 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, EMA Director Bob Heim and Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison.

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 24, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT**

1.) A report was provided on tax income received in June, 2024. 2.) Clerk McCawley explained changes to the circulation and filing dates for the 2025 consolidated election.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer announced that Edwin Prom who was recently appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission has passed away due to a work-related accident. She announced the visitation and funeral information.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

A report was provided on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. Trustee Kraus thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission, volunteers and all that helped and contributed. No final numbers were available yet but revenues

exceeded estimates for car raffle stand.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a report on the Youth Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Gardner provided a report on the Historic Preservation Commission. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> “A Day on the Dixie” event was held. There were 103 cars registered for the event. The Historic Preservation Commission served 170 hot dogs and had many visitors to the depot. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the Chase credit card bill in the amount of \$10,453.25 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

An update was provided by Trustee Kraus on the progress of the public safety facility construction.

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

An update on the PZC meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup> was provided. A workshop was held for a special use permit request and a public hearing on the matter was scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. The Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

EMA Director Heim thanked Monee for helping with 4<sup>th</sup> of July traffic control and providing security cameras for the event.

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

ORDINANCE #1140 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Will and the Village of Beecher for the provision of animal protection services. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1140. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Board considered waiving the formal bid process to purchase a 2024 Ford F150 from Terry's Ford and to purchase necessary accessories for the F150 in a total amount not to exceed \$53,000. This purchase was not included in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget, but according to the Superintendent, annual transfers to the Capital Equipment Sinking Fund Account (CESFA) would cover the purchase. President Meyer said staff had to work from some old information since the vehicle inventory and replacement schedule hasn't been updated for some time. She would like to have the Board update and work out a new schedule for replacement of current vehicles. She recommended having entire CESFA information rewritten since the replacement schedule is so out of date with vehicles and potential costs. Trustee Gardner made a motion to table this discussion until next meeting. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Tieri said a meeting was held which included the Fire Chief, regarding sprinkler systems. They discussed other local area town's codes and resources for sprinkler requirements and construction codes. After review, they realized many towns are most likely in the same place as we are with old codes. Village staff will reach out to B & F Code Services as to which code to use. Safebuilt had previously recommended to adopt 2018 Building Code and not 2021 code. Fire Chief to also provide information to help decide which code to go with. It will need to be determined how changing to a newer building code would affect the other building codes.

Trustee Tieri and Chief Lemming met with Lions Club representatives to discuss their burnout event. Lions Club seems to be well-organized and plans are in place. Chief Lemming said safety concerns from last year are being addressed this year.

Administrator Mitchell reported that it has been decided to go with a 6' tan fence for the property next to Post Office. An additional quote has been received. The fence will be located approximately 25' from the public sidewalk.

## **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Stacey 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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk