

**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
AUGUST 12, 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: None.

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

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Vic Reato, and two representatives from U-Haul.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 22, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri 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

- 1) A report was provided on tax income received in July, 2024.
- 2) Election packets will be available beginning August 20th.
- 3) There were no objections to the Knights of Columbus request to hold their Annual Intellectual Disabilities fund drive in Beecher from September 13-15, 2024.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus provided a 4th of July Commission report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a Youth Commission report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th.

Trustee Gardner provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21st.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - (out of agenda order)

The Board discussed a special use permit request for a U-Haul rental business at 759 Indiana Avenue as considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC). The PZC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the special use permit request with the following conditions: No more than four trucks on the property and the one truck parked in front must be operable and be occasionally moved. The petitioner, Vic Reato, explained his plan and representatives from U-Haul were also present to answer questions. President Meyer received a private message from a resident in the area that opposed the permit. One resident attended the PZC meeting and asked questions but did not speak in opposition. All rentals will be handled on-site. This is in addition to his current business. He will be an authorized dealer, not an owner. Trustee Gardner made a motion to authorize attorney to draft an Ordinance granting a special use permit in a B-1 Historic Downtown Business District for a U-Haul rental business at 759 W. Indiana Avenue. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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

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 \$110,634.01 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Board discussed a date for the Holiday Tree Lighting. The event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 1st.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

An update was provided on the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors meeting held on July 25th. A snapshot of the performance and director's report was provided to the Board members for review. The LCC Board found money left in the reserve fund and will issue rebates to members of the LCC communities to help offset fee increases.

Chief Lemming provided a report on the results of the National Night Out. The event went well and was well attended. A thank you letter was provided to participants.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Stacey made a motion to accept an updated proposal from Wirkus Paving to replace the parking lot and roadway at the Village Hall in the amount of \$52,501. Trustee Gardner seconded. This project was previously approved at the June 10, 2024 Village Board meeting. This will be paid out of Infrastructure funds until reimbursed by grant. Work is scheduled for week of August 26th.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Weissbohn provided an update on the concert in the park held on Saturday. The concert was the most well-attended of all concerts so far. The last concert of the year will be held on September 7th from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The band is Rearview (Pearl Jam tribute).

OLD BUSINESS

An update was provided on revision to CESFA ordinance. Trustee Kraus said his schedule hasn't allowed him to meet with the Administrator and work out details. He hopes to get this done soon.

Trustee Kraus thanked staff for putting pictures on Facebook of police facility progress.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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Trustee Stacey made a motion to return to regular session at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Mitchell said she and Clerk McCawley have been looking into ordinances to regulate Airbnb's and VRBO's since a complaint was received from a resident recently about a home rented out as an Airbnb next door to him.

Staff is looking at requirements for 60% of front facing brick on a house in Hunter's Chase East as required in the P.U.D. agreement. Requirements need to be clarified, as well as enforcement of the requirements.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk