

**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  
OCTOBER 15, 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 (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Kraus, Gardner, Weissbohn and Diachenko.

ABSENT: None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Charity Mitchell, Lieutenant Rick Emerson and Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner.

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 23, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (4) Trustees Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and President Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Tieri (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

ABSTAIN: (2) Trustees Stacey and Weissbohn.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT** – None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

The Board discussed changing the regular time of Village Board meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trustee Kraus made a motion to change time of regular Board meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

There was nothing to report for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a Youth Commission update. Recent event was a Night on the Farm at Windmill Acres. Future events include a Tony's Pizza fundraiser, haunted house trip and trunk-or-treat. The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Gardner provided a Historic Preservation Commission update. Next meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Depot.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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 \$796,732.99 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as provided. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

Trustee Diachenko provided an update on the Christmas tree lighting event to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The tree lighting committee met last week and they went over the parade route and park setup. There will be a Christmas tree decorating contest for houses throughout town and possibly businesses or buildings around Firemen's Park will be decorated. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.

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

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Trick or Treat hours will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Lions Club will have activities at Firemen's Park.

Action on an agreement with Municipal Collections of America was tabled at the request of the Clerk for further discussion. The agreement was recommended by Chief Lemming for the collection of uncollectible police fines but may affect other unpaid amounts with the Village.

The Board discussed the recommendation to adopt the 2021 International Fire Code with amendments. A list of recommended amendments was provided for review. Staff will need to check and see what current exclusions we have, check with SAFEbuilt for more direction and have the Committee meet and provide a recommendation to the Board.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works and Wastewater Treatment Plant monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

RESOLUTION #2024-05 – A Resolution amending the rules and guidelines pertaining to the Public Works CESFA Fund. Trustee Stacey made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-05. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to waive the formal bid process to purchase a 2025 Ford F150 from Terry's Ford and to purchase lighting and equipment from Chicago Communications in a total amount not to exceed \$54,000. Quotes were provided in the packet for review. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed asphalt paving bids received. Wirkus Paving was the lowest bid. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve awarding of bid to Wirkus Paving in the amount of \$8,606 for asphalt paving. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Imperial 83X22 18K trailer from Morris Trailer Sales in the amount of \$14,748. This purchase was approved as part of the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to declare a 2009 John Deere lawn mower and 2010 Toro lawn mower as surplus property and set minimum bid price of \$250 per mower. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Weissbohn and Diachenko.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to declare a 1994 ODB leaf machine as surplus property and set a minimum bid of \$500. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Weissbohn and Diachenko.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Conner reported that it was recently found that 13 service lines on empty lots had been leaking below grade in Prairie Crossings South. Water was draining directly into golf course pond so it wasn't previously found. Public Works is working to shut them all off. There have also been service line leaks in other newer subdivisions such as Nantucket Cove, Hunters Chase East, etc. Thirty services have already been shut off as numerous more may be leaking on the empty lots. This is most likely where most of our water loss is going as reflected in the pumped to billed ratio. Right now Public Works is just turning them off, but will need to determine in the future how to replace all of the services.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Charity Mitchell  
Clerk Pro-Tem