



**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
NOVEMBER 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, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, EMA Director Bob Heim, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison and Sargent Aaron DaCorte.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Vic Reato and Attorney Jey Claudio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 28, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A report was provided on tax revenue received in October, 2024.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer reported on a Will County CED class for economic development training that she, Administrator Mitchell and Trustee Diachenko attended last week.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus reported that the next Fourth of July Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a Youth Commission report. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at the Village Hall. 

Trustee Gardner reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20th.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE #1413 – An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for 759 W. Indiana Avenue under the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Beecher for a tobacco store and vape shop in a B-1 Historic Downtown District. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance #1413. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko 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 \$148,534.81 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

An update was provided by Trustee Weissbohn on the holiday celebration, parade of lights and tree lighting. Next meeting is scheduled for November 25th at 6 p.m. Pages for the holiday events and application forms have been shared on social media.

Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to approve executing a small project agreement with Definitive Resources Inc. in the amount of \$129,545.13 for a surveillance system at the new public safety facility. Trustee Kraus seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed whether to extend the moratorium on building permit fees that expires at the end of the year. The Board discussed what previous fees were based on. Staff is to look into what our actual costs are based on current conditions and provide more information to the Board.

Trustee Gardner made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance updating the schedule for permit fees. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Tieri said that volunteers will be at Dunkin from 6 a.m. until noon on Saturday to raise donations for Beecher Blessings.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Superintendent Conner reported on the bid results for the sale of the leaf machine and mowers. The equipment has already been paid for and he is just waiting for pickup of the leaf machine. The leaf machine was purchased for \$3,817. The mowers were purchased for \$1,007 and \$900.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

An update was provided on the holiday lights decorating contest and deadlines were provided.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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 Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk