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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
DECEMBER 9, 2024 -- 6:00 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: Deputy Clerk Patty Meyer, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim and Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison.

GUESTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 25, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Deputy Clerk Meyer provided a report on income received in November, 2024.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

The annual TIF Joint Review Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm. at the Village Hall.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Kraus provided an update for the Fourth of July Commission. Final numbers from 2024 celebration should be available soon. The Commission met last week and are making plans for the

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four-day 2025 celebration. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The Commission is looking for commissioners to fill vacancies on bingo, car and vendor committees.

Trustee Weissbohn provided an update on the Youth Commission. Planning is underway for the 2025 calendar of events. The next meeting is scheduled for December 17th at the Village Hall.

Trustee Gardner provided an update on the Historic Preservation Commission. The December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15th at the Depot.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Treasurer Lippelt was present and provided a Treasurer’s report. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Trustee Weissbohn 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 \$329,249.53 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to sign an agreement accepting the proposal from Groskreutz, Abraham, Eshleman & Gerretse LLC to audit the financial statements of the Village of Beecher for the next three years in the total amount of \$75,700. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A Joint Fuel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Diachenko provided an update on the December 1st parade of lights and tree lighting event. Despite the cold, the event was well attended. There were a record number of entries in the lighted parade. Trustee Diachenko thanked the various groups that helped make the event a success. He also thanked Public Works for putting up the tarps around the beer stand.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

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Trustee Gardner reported that the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Chief Lemming reminded residents about the parking regulations during winter weather.

Chief Lemming provided an update on Beecher Blessings.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Stacey reported that the pickleball courts were closed for the season on November 25th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Weissbohn provided an update on the Holiday Lights Decorating Contest. Ten winners were selected and will receive a yard sign and a \$50 check. Administrator Mitchell read aloud the winning addresses.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a report on the Will County Center for Economic Development annual report to investors breakfast that he attended on December 6, 2024 with Administrator Mitchell and Clerk McCawley.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the fence at the Public Safety facility and how to proceed. Two bids were originally received but not awarded. The original lowest bidder would still honor the bid but it did not include privacy slats. This will be added as an agenda item at a future meeting for further discussion and consideration by the Board.

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Personnel [5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)]. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return to regular session at 6:25 p.m. Trustee Weissbohn

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seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the barriers on Gould Street that were used for the Burnout event. Residents on Gould Street have complained that they are tired of looking at them. It was previously discussed to possibly have high school students paint them, but that never happened. Artie VanBaren will be contacted to get the barriers moved.

Administrator Mitchell provided information regarding builder's risk insurance for the new Public Safety facility. She received a quote for approximately \$12,000 with a \$25,000 deductible. A construction schedule from JMA is needed to bind the policy. Administrator Mitchell is obtaining additional information regarding the coverages and deductibles and will submit for Board consideration at a later date.

Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to cancel the second Village Board meeting in December, 2024. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Chief Lemming reported that Erik Hanson, School Resource Officer, does not want to return next year. Chief Lemming will set up a meeting in January to discuss the SRO program with School Superintendent Gaham and the School Board President.

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

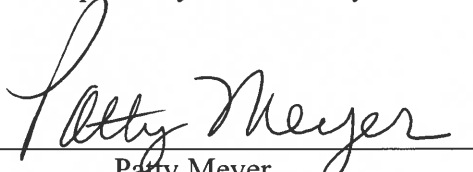
AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Patty Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk