# 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 MARCH 24, 2025 -- 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:** Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner and Chief Terry Lemming.

GUESTS: None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Weissbohn.

Motion carried.

### **RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

### VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - No report.

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer reported on the Chamber of Commerce meeting she attended. The Chamber is thinking of coming up with something similar to the Beautification Commission since the signs to the entrances to town need to be cleaned up and planted. Work also needs to be done in the parks by the railroad tracks. The Chamber is also interested in doing banners and will administer the program.

President Meyer said a business owner has expressed concerns about the food truck ordinance. The concern was because one of the food trucks sold the same type of food as they did due to the competition. President Meyer suggested looking at food truck ordinances and how many are allowed per ordinance each year.

President Meyer suggested adding new directional signage for the old downtown area. Previous signs installed are hard to read, outdated and can't be updated very easily. Superintendent Conner is obtaining pricing for signs. Signs would have the business names put on them with decals that could be easily replaced if a business changed. President Meyer talked to Pete Iosue from Teska Associates to see if money in the TIF could be used for this purpose. Trustee Kraus suggested also looking at directional signs to the new Police Department.

### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Trustee Kraus provided a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission update. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Planning is in full swing. Trustee Kraus asked that anyone interested in volunteering to contact the Village Hall.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a Youth Commission update. The mom-son dance was held on Saturday and was well-attended. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Gardner reported that the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting was cancelled due to severe weather. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$490,534.97 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed fuel pricing for 2025 as established by the Intergovernmental Fuel Committee. Administrator Mitchell said pricing will become effective on April 1, 2025 and provided the cost details.

The Board discussed when to hold a budget workshop. Finance Committee will be meeting this week to go over final numbers. Budget workshop is set for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

Update was provided on the new public safety facility. Chief Lemming said they are putting final touches on the building, and it may be done by mid-April if asphalt plants are open by then. A contractor will have to be hired to do a one-time cleaning after construction since that wasn't included in bids

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to purchase new park equipment for Welton Stedt Park in the amount not to exceed \$4,500. Trustee Kraus seconded. Soccer nets will be purchased.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

# PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The PZC meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Code Enforcement annual report was provided for review.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The pickle ball/multi-use court will be open for the season on April 1, 2025.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the use of TIF funds for senior citizen sidewalk repair. President Meyer reported that outside of Kicking It Back they installed a handicap ramp. The area from edge of ramp to street is Village property and area is broken up and needs repair. After speaking to Juan Hernandez, President Meyer spoke to Pete from Teska to see if TIF funds could be used and they can. Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to pay the amount of \$2,500 for new sidewalk outside of Kicking It Back at 522 Gould Street. Trustee Kraus seconded. Area at south end of the building will be striped out once street striping company is in town doing other street striping.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Stacey made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kraus 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 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett McCawley

Village Clerk