

**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
JANUARY 27, 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, Chief Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT – None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

The Board discussed the moratorium on certain building permit fees that expired at the end of 2024. Now that fees are in effect again, contractors that are building houses are unhappy with the increased fees. President Meyer explained that Lennar Homes closed on lots in Hunter's Chase East shortly before the moratorium expired and are asking for some type of relief in the fees. Both school and park impact fees need to be updated. Committee meeting was held and fees were discussed. It was discussed to potentially do another moratorium for a short time, such as 90 days on only park and school impact fees. That would give staff time to do more research on what the impact fees should be moving forward. Tap-in fees would still apply. Inspection fees have already been updated. School District will come up with updated school impact fees based on current values. Trustee Tieri made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance to extend

the moratorium on park and school impact fees for 90 days. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$530,729.89 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed looking at different banks for the Village bank accounts. A meeting will be set up for next week to go over banks and meet with banks. A recommendation will be made to the Board once more information has been obtained.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no update on the public safety facility construction.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A report was provided on the PZC meeting held on January 23rd. A public hearing was held on the revised zoning ordinance. A copy of the revised zoning ordinance was provided to the Board for review. Minor changes can still be made if necessary.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the School Resource Officer program. The Committee, Administrator Mitchell and Chief Lemming met with school district to discuss SRO program. The agreement is set to expire at the end of the school year. Officer Hanson no longer wishes to serve as SRO. School district was asked their expectations of an SRO in the future. The Chief will need to determine interest by other officers in the department as to who would like to be SRO. School Superintendent Gaham will provide recommendations to the Village in the next couple of weeks regarding expectations.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Superintendent Conner provided an update on the recent series of watermain breaks. Six watermain breaks occurred in the last week and a half, due to the extreme cold. Most breaks were in the area of Meadow, Orchard and Miller, which contains older watermains.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

An update was provided on the summer concert series. The dates have been set for this year's concerts. The Committee is in the process of obtaining bands and food vendors.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk