

**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  
APRIL 14, 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, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

ABSENT: Trustee Gardner.

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

**GUESTS:** Jessica Smith and George Schuitema.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 24, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT**

1) A report was provided of tax income received in March, 2025. 2) An update was provided on the election results was provided.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer explained reasons why the Village Ordinances pertaining to Village commissions need to be revised. The ordinances need to be clarified regarding voting members of commissions. They also need to remove references regarding chair and co-chair for Planning and Zoning Commission. Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft ordinances amending Village commission ordinances. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board again discussed revising the park and school impact fees. President Meyer investigated the formula previously used for current school impact fees and determined an updated fee structure based on residential water billing accounts in the Village. She also spoke to the School District about number of students they have enrolled and estimated 77% of the school population are Village residents. Also looked at number of bedrooms for determining impact fees. Relating to park impact fees, President Meyer determined how many acres of parks per subdivision and how much to estimate per population. Trustee Kraus questioned previous conversations about water and sewer tap in fees and swapping the water and sewer fee amounts. The fees need to be investigated further to be sure they are legally defensible to builders wishing build in the Village. Trustee Kraus made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance amending certain new residential permit fees relating to park and school impact fees. The Board will have the Attorney draft ordinance of \$900 for park impact fees and school impact as proposed in provided spreadsheet. The Attorney will also be consulted about swapping current water and sewer tap-in fee amounts. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

A 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. The next meeting will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Weissbohn. The next meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk McCawley reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting may be cancelled due to a lack of members. She is checking with members.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.


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 \$113,876.87 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A budget workshop was held on April 2, 2025 and a budget and appropriation ordinance is being prepared for the public hearing at the April 28, 2025 Board meeting. 

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the purchase of the 4th of July Commission raffle car from Dralle Chevy in an amount not to exceed \$26,000. Two car bids were received. The higher bid was preferred by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission because the Commission members felt tickets would be more sellable. Plus, lowest bid received was not the lowest responsive bid because it did not meet the bid requirements for vehicle color. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1420 – An Ordinance of supplemental appropriation amending Appropriation Ordinance #1405 adopted April 22, 2024. Administrator Mitchell said the appropriations are related to paving the parking lot at Village Hall and Gould Street project because the amounts were paid out of this fiscal year, but grant won't be received until next fiscal year.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to reinstate pass-on of credit card fees with E-Pay. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to accept the proposal from Midland States Bank for changing Village bank accounts to their bank. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed budget is at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025.

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

Action to award bid package #18 – fencing, from Classic Fence, Inc. to install a fence at the new public safety facility was tabled until next meeting to obtain more information on proposal.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to accept the proposal from Budget Blinds to purchase shades for the Community Room at the new public safety facility in the amount of \$3,731.20 to come out of the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Chief Lemming provided a report on progress of the new public safety facility. Three companies provided bids on deep cleaning the new facility. Contractor may start asphaltting parking lot in the next couple of weeks. Anticipated move-in is mid-May.

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



The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7 p.m.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Trustee Tieri made a motion to authorize purchase of a new copier for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$6,200. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works monthly report, Water Department monthly report, water billing register and wastewater treatment plant monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Beecher Recreation opening day is April 26, 2025.

The Board discussed the use of Welton Stedt Park for Manteno Youth Soccer Association. In past years, Manteno Youth Soccer Association used Lions Park for their practices but now that part of the walking path has been sold and Welton Stedt Park has been improved for soccer use it will be a better place for them to practice. It will be determined whether the existing goals at Lions Park can remain for use by residents.

## **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to review minutes of Executive Session for approval and release to the public. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return to regular session at 7:05 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-02 – A Resolution to approve Executive Session minutes as amended and releasing certain Executive Session minutes as approved in Executive Session. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-02. Trustee Tieri seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, 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 Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

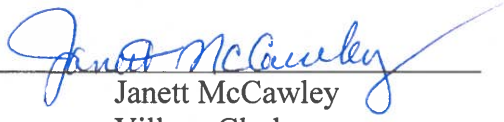
AYES: (5) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk