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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
JUNE 9, 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 Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Jim Amsden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 27, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

ABSTAIN: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

A resident expressed concerns about the new home being built at the corner of Caroline and Orchard. Administrator Mitchell confirmed it is a single-family home with brick exterior. Safebuilt will conduct stake inspections and ensure all codes are followed.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley reported on the tax income received in the previous month and asked who plans to ride in the 4th of July parade.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer shared a resident complaint about a property on Catalpa. Issues include persistent dog feces on the deck, junk in the yard, and poor property condition. The Police Chief contacted

the Health Department, and found they no longer conduct inspections. The Chief recommended that legal advice be sought regarding further action. Over 25 unpaid tickets have been issued but the owners continue to make no improvements to the property.

The Board discussed amending the Village Commission Ordinance. Changes include clarifying liaison roles and membership structure. Concerns were raised about the Administrator and Police Chief serving simultaneously. Suggestions included appointing either the Chief OR the Administrator, along with two public members. Board members were asked to think about how they wanted the committee to be structured and could discuss again how to proceed at the next meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko. Treasurer Lippelt was present and provided a summary.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Variance Report for the previous month and end of the fiscal year was included in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$104,129.17 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Diachenko reported on the concert in the park held on Saturday. The concert was great and rain held out until later in the night. He thanked Coach Kypuros for his team cooking and serving food.

A report was provided on the remaining items that still need to be moved from the old police station. The additional portion of the parking lot at the new Public Safety Facility was paved on Friday and the lot was paint striped that day. Some minor issues are still outstanding and a possible issue with the roof that needs to be resolved. Two additional drains will be installed in the garage for drainage and the floor will be epoxied on top.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly report was included in the packet for review.

Chief Lemming stated the new building is beautiful and better than he ever expected. He thanked the board and the residents who voted for it. The community room is available for any community groups that want to use it. The fence will be installed the week of June 23rd.

EMA Director Heim and Assistant EMA Director Dale Murray provided information on a new online form the EMA will be using which will help them plan for traffic control for community events.

Trustee Tieri announced the June 18th Torch Run will begin at 10:30 a.m. at CVS, followed by lunch at the new Police Department.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Water Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant monthly reports were included for review.

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving a purchase from Layne Christensen Company for additional repair work at Well #5 in the amount of \$23,920. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. This additional repair work includes scarification and chlorination of the steel casing.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a proposal from Core & Main for replacement of the check valve inside Well #5 in the amount of \$3,430. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. The check valve is not functioning properly and needs to be replaced.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving a proposal from Core & Main for replacement of the master meter inside well #5 in the amount of \$8,550.59. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. The master meter is 18 years old and the public works committee made the recommendation to replace the meter while the well house is down.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board agreed to cancel brush collection on Tuesday, July 1st, due to the need for Public Works to be in Fireman's Park preparing for the 4th of July festival.

Trustee Gardner requested an Executive Session be held to discuss hiring part-time help for the Public Works Department.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Trustee Smith provided a report on the Economic Development and Community Relations Committee meeting held on June 5th. The wayfinding sign for the businesses in the Downtown TIF District, BYOB liquor licenses, and establishing an application process for TIF District funding for improvements in the downtown area were discussed. Slots on the sign will be placed in the order of applications received.

The Administrator is working on getting examples of TIF applications put together to help draft Beecher's application. An application should be available for next meeting's approval.

Staff are working on a BYOB ordinance for future approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss personnel and the sale of property. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Meyer handed out a proposal for the design of the downtown signs with an Option A and an Option B. Consensus of the board agreed they liked the sign with the different fonts as proposed in option A.

President Meyer talked about the electric scooters in town. They have become a problem and are not legal by state law on sidewalks or roads. Many are not stopping at intersections and causing a safety hazard. Concerns about the safety of these even if they are allowed locally. No action was taken.

President Meyer provided an update on putting up a directional sign for the new Police Facility by the CVS.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. . Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

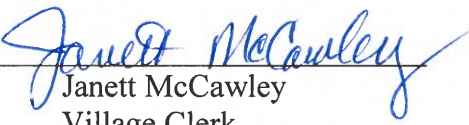
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk