

**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 23, 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, EMA Director Bob Heim and Code Officer Dave Harrison.

**GUESTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT** - None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

The Board discussed implementing a 1% grocery tax to replace tax revenue that would be lost when the State of Illinois eliminates the current 1% grocery tax. A report on estimated losses would be over \$202,000 per year in the Village budget. Board members were asked to think about it and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Administrator Mitchell reported the audit will be conducted beginning July 9<sup>th</sup>. Staff are currently uploading documents for the auditor.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$407,587.43 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**

An update was provided on the Public Safety Facility’s remaining punch list items, and the fence is scheduled to begin being installed this week.

Information was provided on the installation of a flagpole and American flag at Fireman's Park which will be located north end of the big 6 building and south of the stage. Artie VanBaren is donating the large pole and flag and is responsible for purchase and installation. VanBaren will also handle future maintenance and purchase of flags. Construction should begin on Tuesday.

A Little Free Library book box is to be installed at the new Public Safety Facility location for sharing of books. Superintendent Conner will meet with Mann Made Plumbing, who is donating the old-style book box to coordinate installation.

**PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Board reviewed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Administrator Mitchell provided a summary of the changes. Trustee Stacey made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance adopting text amendments to Section 6 - Zoning Districts, Section 13 - Miscellaneous Uses and Section 14 - Rules and Definitions of Village of Beecher Zoning Ordinance #1418. Seconded by Trustee Smith. The PZC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amendments.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, June 26th at 7:00 PM.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A Laraway Communications Center Budget Workshop is being held on Monday, June 30th at 3:00 p.m. Trustee Tieri and Administrator Mitchell will be attending.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run was held the previous week. Trustee Tieri thanked the Beecher School Track Team for participating in the event. Hot dogs and drinks were served at the new Police Facility afterwards.

Chief Lemming reported Police Department Records Clerk, Linda Krug will be retiring after 27 years of service to the Village at the Beecher Police Department. Chief said she is a model employee and very dedicated to the Village.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Superintendent Conner reported that M&J was hired to install an Inserta Valve at Beecher Manor. Beecher Manor had to have their water turned off to make plumbing improvements and the valve in that area is not working and needed to be replaced.

The splash pad and pickleball courts will be closed until after the 4th of July festival.

**RESOLUTION #2025-04** - A Resolution of appropriation for maintenance of the Village streets with MFT funds under the Illinois Highway Code for Fiscal Year 2025/26. Trustee Gardner motion to approve Resolution #2025-04 and Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There was discussion on the Village's stormwater permit requirements and pollution prevention program as is required to be presented to the Village Board each year. Employees have also attended training programs and clean water practices are published in the Village newsletter and on the website each year. Also enclosed was the 2025 MS4 Program annual facility inspection report.

The Superintendent provided an update on Surf Internet's installation of fiber in Beecher. Directional boring is being done behind properties in the easement. They started in the area of Fairway Drive and will be working their way through town. Contact info will be put on the website for residents to reach Surf Internet if there are any problems or questions.

The Annual Water Quality Report was published in the newspaper and is on the website as required by law.

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

The wayfinding sign for businesses in the downtown TIF district have been ordered from All-Right Sign. Businesses are still submitting final artwork.

Staff continue looking into BYOB and food truck ordinances as well as creating an application for the Downtown TIF Assistance Funding Program.

The Will County Center for Economic Development Eye-Opener Breakfast is being held on June 26<sup>th</sup> to provide a mid-year update on the state of the Will County economy. President Meyer, Trustee Smith and Administrator Mitchell will be attending.

**OLD BUSINESS** – The Superintendent reported the Well #5 reconstruction project is almost complete. The rehab and new pump have been installed. EPA testing will be completed Tuesday and the well should be back online by Thursday.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Gardner 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 7:13 p.m. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

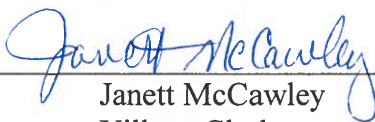
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk