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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
JULY 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 Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: Trustee Diachenko.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Assistant Superintendent Adam Held, Chief Terry Lemming, Treasurer Donna Lippelt and Assistant EMA Director Dale Murray.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

1) A report was provided of tax income received in June, 2025. 2) There were no objections to a request from the Knights of Columbus to hold their Tag Days in Beecher on September 19-21, 2025.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1426 - An Ordinance amending Code Section 1-6-6(e) of the Village of Beecher as it relates to standing committees of the Village Board of Trustees.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1427 - An Ordinance replacing Code Sections 2-3-2, 2-5-2, 2-6-2, and 2-7-3 and repealing Code Sections 2-2 and 2-4 of the Village of Beecher as it relates to Village Commissions. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. Numbers are not yet available as to how the fest did, but it is anticipated to be another successful year. Trustee Kraus thanked the 4th of July Commission for all their hard work planning for and holding the event. Thanks to all who came out.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. The Kickoff to Summer event was held on June 7th. Trustee Smith said it was the most successful ever with over 200 in attendance. Thanks to the Lions Club with their help on this event. The next meeting will be held on August 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Gardner reported the next Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for July 16th.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$306,380.31 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

An update on the progress of the New Public Safety Facility was provided. According to Chief Lemming, the epoxy coating is scheduled to be applied to the sally port floor on July 18th. Privacy slats and gates should be installed on the fence in the next couple of weeks.

Splash pad is back open now that the fest is over.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Chief Lemming reported that the Police commission interviewed 8 applicants for part-time police. Three were moved forward to the next step and one eliminated due to results of a background check.

Chief reported on the code enforcement issue that previously came up at a meeting about the condition of a property on Catalpa. The homeowner ordered a dumpster and has made a lot of effort to clean up the property.

An update was provided on the Laraway Communications Center budget meeting. Went over budget and looks about the same as last year. The communications center is now fully staffed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works, Water Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant monthly reports were provided for review.

The water billing register for March and April was provided for review.

Well #5 is back online. The pump has been replaced and has been up and running for a couple of weeks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

An update was provided by Trustee Smith on the Will County Center for Economic Development Eye-Opener breakfast that was held on June 26th.

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 6:16 p.m. to discuss employee contracts. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey motioned to return from Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Tieri reported the National Night Out will be held on August 5th at the new Police Station and an open house for the new facility will also be held at that time.

President Meyer reported a meeting was held with First Community Bank to discuss the changing of banks. The bank provided a presentation on the history of the bank, their activity in the community and history with the Village. Trustee Kraus suggested the Village sit down with banks every year to discuss the year and their performance and services. Trustee Kraus recommended to move forward with the move to Midland and revisit the issue once per year and go out for RFPs. There was much discussion.

It was reported that the large flag in Firemen's Park donated by the VanBaren's will only be used for special events and has been taken down. The Lions Club offered to purchase a 10x15 flag to put on the pole for this year for use outside of special events. It was suggested to possibly ask other taxing bodies to sponsor the flag at different times.

Trustee Gardner requested committee meetings be scheduled to discuss an ordinance for fishing in Village ponds. The Committee meeting can be held before the next board meeting.

Trustee Tieri reported he is working with the Chief on how to handle the many scooters in town. It is becoming a problem and currently violates the Illinois Vehicle Code. Board members have been asked by residents if the Village will be doing anything about scooters. Trustee Tieri will have the Chief put together a flyer of do's and don'ts according to the law. This will be discussed at the committee level.

There is also a need to schedule a committee meeting to discuss a BYOB ordinance.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk