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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 28, 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, Attorney Tim Kuiper and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Phil Serviss, Bruce Izzo, Mike O'Brien, residents of Hunter's Chase Subdivision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 14, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Residents from Hunters Chase were present and expressed concerns about Lennar's new home construction in their subdivision. Concerns voiced included failure to call for Julie locates, work beginning prior to 7 a.m., driving equipment on the easement around the pond tearing up the property, any damage that may be done to the area roads, foundation holes being left open on construction sites and the grading of some of the properties. Board members, Staff and the Attorney addressed questions from the residents about their concerns and assured them that Safebuilt and the Village will address the issues.

Mike O'Brian from Midland States Bank addressed the Village's recent discussions regarding its banking relationship and provided an overview of the services Midland offers to the Village.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Stacey made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance for a variance to install a fence in the front yard of the property located at 502 Dunbar Street. Seconded by Trustee Smith. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on July 24th and voted unanimously to recommend approval for the variance. The petitioner was present to answer any questions.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance for a Special Use Permit for off street parking of a recreational vehicle in the R1-A District at the property located at 517 Pasadena. The petitioner was present to answer questions. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on July 24th and voted - AYES (2), NAYS (1) and ABSTAIN: (2), to recommend approval for a special use permit as requested by the petitioner. Attorney Kuiper stated it was a “no recommendation” vote since there were two abstentions. The Administrator provided a summary of the request. Board members asked questions and voiced concerns about setting a precedent.

AYES: (2) Trustees Smith and Stacey.
NAYS: (4) Tieri, Kraus, Diachenko, and Gardner
Motion failed

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 PM.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer announced her annual appointments for 2025/26 as follows:

- Village President Pro-Tem:** Todd Kraus
- Finance and Administration Committee:** Chair: Todd Kraus, Co-Chair: Brian Diachenko
- Public Safety Committee:** Chair: Joe Tieri, Co-Chair: Erik Gardner
- Public Works Committee:** Chair: Erik Gardner, Co-Chair: Roger Stacey
- Economic Development and Community Events Committee:**
Chair: Jess Smith, Co-Chair: Co-Chair: Joe Tieri
- Public Buildings and Properties:** Chair: Brian Diachenko, Co-Chair: Todd Kraus
- Planning, Building and Zoning:** Chair: Roger Stacey, Co-Chair: Jess Smith
- Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator:** Charity Mitchell (pending contract)
- Village Clerk:** Janett McCawley (pending contract)
- Village Prosecutor:** Tom Knuth
- Village Corporate Counsel:** Tim Kuiper, Austgen, Kuiper and Jasaitis, P.C.
- Code Enforcement Officer:** David Harrison
- EMA Director:** Bob Heim
- Chief of Police:** Terry Lemming
- Public Works Superintendent:** Matt Conner (pending contract)
- Village Treasurer:** Donna Lippelt

Building Department Services: SAFEbuilt
Fire Inspection Services: B&F Construction Code Services
EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:

Member: Joe Tieri, Alternate: Charity Mitchell

Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Heidi Demas

Joint Fuel Committee: Erik Gardner and Charity Mitchell

Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on a case-by-case basis)

TIF Joint Review Board: Jonathan Kypuros - Resident at large, Marcy Meyer - Village Representative

TIF Redevelopment Agreement Negotiation Committee: Jonathan Kypuros, Jess Smith

Planning and Zoning Commission: *Successor appointments are for 3 years*

Roger Stacey (Village Liaison)

- Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/26)
- Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/27)
- Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/27)
- George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/27)
- Joe Gardner (term expires 5/1/28)
- Robert Barber (term expires 5/1/26)
- Charlie Eich (term expires 5/1/28)

Fourth of July Commission (20 voting members):

Marcy Meyer, (Village President)

Todd Kraus (Village Liaison)

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| 1. Hayden Karstensen | 8. Chuck Hoehn | 15. Dana Karstensen |
| 2. Phil Salmen | 9. Cameron Ohlendorf | 16. Patty Welsh |
| 3. Nichole Modschiedler | 10. Robert Barber | 17. |
| 4. Joe Gianotti | 11. Ken Bobowski | 18. |
| 5. Bruce Becker | 12. Jenna Barber | 19. |
| 6. Kevin Bouchard | 13. Nicholas Hoehn | 20. |
| 7. Steven Barber | 14. Alex Burgess | |

Beecher Youth Commission:

Jessica Smith (Village Liaison)

Roger Sipple, Eric Hanson, ex-officio	Sarah Murphy	Kelly Phipps
Denise Abbink	Jill Murchek	Erica Plys

Historic Preservation Commission:

Erik Gardner (Village Liaison)

Sandy Lohmann	Don Sala	George Obradovich
Arnie Cooper	Janett McCawley	

Police Commission:

Joe Tieri (Village Liaison)

Charity Mitchell	Tom Johnson	Bob Heim
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Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the annual appointments. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

The Board again discussed Village banking. President Meyer provided a summary of the history of previous discussions about looking into changing Village banks. She indicated that there have been some misunderstandings on behalf of the Village in obtaining proposals from both banks that has caused further questions and issues. Attorney Kuiper reported the Village does not have to go through any formal process for choosing a bank but could do an RFP process. He suggested an RFP be developed and issued with a deadline to respond. That will make the process more uniform and fair. Consensus agreed to send the banking proposal out for an RFP. Attorney Kuiper was directed to obtain info from staff as to what is needed by the Village and create the RFP.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$34,904.63 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.

ORDINANCE #1428 - An ordinance authorizing a Municipal Grocery Retailers Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Beecher. Trustee Kraus made a motion authorizing Ordinance #1428. Trustee Diachenko seconded. This is to replace the current 1% state grocery tax being repealed on January 2026.
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. Fence gates are up and awaiting the garage motor to be installed. Garage floor has been epoxied and new thermostat to be installed in the community room.

The next concert in the park will be held on August 16th with the band “One of These Nights”.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A combined Public Safety, Public Works and Public Buildings and Properties Committee meeting was held before the board meeting. An update was provided. Trustee Tieri reported that motorized scooters were discussed. The Attorney will draft an Ordinance to make regulations enforceable under local ordinance similar to what Peotone has approved with fine amounts to be determined. These scooters are currently not allowed under state law so the Village cannot pass any ordinance less stringent than state law.

Committee is looking to draft an ordinance for fishing in Village owned ponds with age restrictions and other requirements.

An update was provided on the Laraway Communication Center Board of Directors meeting attended by Trustee Tieri. The new budget has been approved and the Village will be paying \$203,212.97 in the new budget, which includes applied credits. This amount is less than last year. The annual report was made available for review.

The National Night Out will be held on August 5th from 5-8 p.m. at the new Public Safety Facility.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving the purchase of a Flygt Submersible Pump from Xylem in the amount of \$14,272.05. Seconded by Trustee Kraus.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The 3rd Annual Community Resource Event is being held at Firemen's Park on August 9, 2025 from 9-1. Hearing screenings, a blood drive, school supply giveaway and farmers market are some of the events being held that day.

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 6:41 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #1429 - An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a labor agreement between the Village of Beecher and IUOE Local 399 - Clerical Employees Union. Trustee Tieri made a motion approving Ordinance 1429. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1430 - An ordinance providing for an employment agreement with the Village Clerk and Office Manager from May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2029. Trustee Kraus made a motion approving Ordinance #1430. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1431 - An Ordinance providing for an employment agreement with the Superintendent of Public Works from May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2029. Trustee Diachenko made a motion approving Ordinance 1431. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Clerk McCawley appointed Denise Abbink as Deputy Clerk. Trustee Smith made a motion approving appointment of Denise Abbink as Deputy Clerk and pay of \$2,000 per year. Trustee Tieri 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 Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

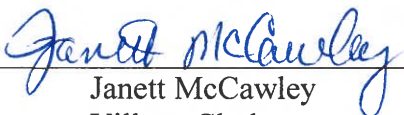
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk