

**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  
AUGUST 11, 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, Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Lippelt and Lieutenant Rick Emerson.

**GUESTS:** Resident from 502 Dunbar.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 28, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, 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 July, 2025.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - No report.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission - No report.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. The BYC participated in Community Resource Fair over the weekend and will also be at the Back to School Fair at the school in the coming week. 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 August 20, 2025.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, 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 \$153,169.23 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

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

The Board discussed allowing fishing in Village owned ponds. Some of the pond rules agreed to by the Committee include; hours dusk till dawn, fishing is allowed to those under age 12 only with an adult present, all over the age of 16 requires fishing license and catch and release only. There will be three ponds that will allow fishing, which doesn't include the Jr. High pond. Signs will be posted. Trustee Diachenko made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance regarding fishing in Village-owned ponds. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

**PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

Ordinance #1432 – An Ordinance granting a variance for a fence in the front yard of the corner lot located at 502 Dunbar Street. Trustee Stacey made a motion approving Ordinance #1432. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th at 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

An update was provided on the National Night Out event. It was well attended. Trustee Tieri thanked everyone who participated in the event. Handed out over 425 hot dogs and over 400 ice cream cones. Tours were provided every half hour. Trustee Tieri thanked all who participated and made it a successful event.

Trustee Tieri made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance regarding electric scooters. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. The Village is looking to establish local fines that aren't as strict as the State and to minimize the violation amount. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

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

An Economic Development Committee update was provided by Trustee Smith. Lions Club held Community Resource Fair over the weekend along with other groups in the park. It was very well attended. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Kraus asked for the status on the downtown sign. President Meyer is waiting for info from sign company.

It was also reported that the house on Catalpa that was previously discussed at a meeting has made more progress in cleaning up.

### **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 6:15 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus made a motion approving a memorandum of understanding with IUOE Local #399 Clerical Union. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to authorize the attorney to draft an Ordinance pertaining to an employment agreement for the Village Administrator with changes as discussed by the Board. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1433 – Trustee Smith made a motion approving an Ordinance pertaining to an employment agreement for the Wastewater Operations Manager. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus asked that copies of any of the Ordinances be provided at future meetings before the meeting so they can be read ahead of time.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

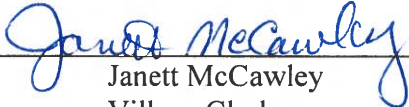
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk