

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER  
HELD AT BEECHER PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
250 W. CHURCH RD  
BEECHER, IL  
AUGUST 25, 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, Deputy Clerk Denise Abbink, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim, Superintendent Matt Conner, Assistant Superintendent Adam Held and Treasurer Donna Lippelt.

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema, and neighbors of 282 Orchard Lane.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Stacey 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.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Several Beecher residents were present to express concerns over a new home being built at 282 Orchard Lane. They inquired about inspections, covenant requirements, requested cleanup of the construction site, if basements are required along with several other grievances. The residents were informed that the builder has been abiding by Village Codes and that property is inspected regularly by Safe Built. Building plans were also approved by the original developer of the subdivision. President Meyer recommended that the residents of the subdivision form an HOA and take on architectural review of new homes.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT** - Clerk McCawley introduced newly appointed Deputy Clerk, Denise Abbink.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - None.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the list of bills and payroll in the amount of \$142,145.40. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Ordinance #1434 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Beecher, the Washington Township Road District, Washington Township, Beecher Fire Protection District, and the Beecher Community School District #200-U to share fuel tanks and procure fuels. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1434. 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**

Ordinance #1435 An Ordinance amending section 8-8-1 and adding section 8-9-1 of the Beecher Village Code pertaining to ponds and detention areas. Trustee Diachenko made a motion approving Ordinance #1435 and seconded by Trustee Smith with a change in wording in the Ordinance from “dawn to dusk” to “sunrise to sunset”.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried

Trustee Diachenko gave a report on the previous “Concert in the Park” held on August 16, 2025. The concert was well attended despite the weather. The last Concert in the Park will be held on September 6, 2025.

## **PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

ORDINANCE # 1436 – An Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance #1418 of the Village of Beecher as it pertains to regulations for solar and wind uses. Trustee Stacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #1436. 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**

ORDINANCE #1437 – An Ordinance adding section 9-15 of the Beecher Village Code pertaining to low-speed scooter regulations. Trustee Tieri made a motion approving Ordinance #1437. Seconded by Trustee Kraus.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving a proposal from Baxter and Woodman to complete design services for the Miller Street water main replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$23,000. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. The scope of this proposal includes finalizing the existing design documents, updating to current standards, and project advertisement. Supt. Conner explained the project will be separated into two sections separated by the creek. If bids come in too high, the Village could choose to only do one section instead of both. To be bid out in January 2026.

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

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving a proposal from Baxter and Woodman for NPDES special conditions assistance for FY25/26 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving a proposal from Baxter and Woodman for NPDES permit renewal assistance for the wastewater treatment plant in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko The Village's current permit, NPDES IL0049522, expires on July 31, 2026. This proposal includes preparing the permit renewal application and submitting it to the IEPA by January 31, 2026.

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

Trustee Gardner made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the dates for brush collection. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. Brush pickup will remain from April to September with a special pickup for the first Tuesday in November.

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

The last regular day for brush pickup for 2025 will be Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

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

Preparations for the fall newsletter have begun. Board members were asked to submit any articles they would like to contribute to Village Hall staff by September 26. The anticipated mailing date for the newsletter is October 16, 2025.

**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 6:33 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE # 1438** - Trustee Smith made a motion approving an Ordinance pertaining to a one-year employment agreement for the Village Administrator. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

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 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Denise Abbink, Deputy Clerk  
(for Janett McCawley, Village Clerk)