

**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
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Superintendent Matt Conner, Police Chief Terry Lemming, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, Deputy Clerk Denise Abbink, Attorney Tim Kuiper.

GUESTS: Fire Chief Falaschetti and George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 25, 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

Fire Chief Falaschetti distributed photographs of areas inside the Lennar Homes currently under construction in the Hunter's Chase Subdivision and reported that the Fire Protection District has concerns regarding certain building materials being used that may pose hazards to firefighting personnel. The Fire Chief indicated a desire to collaborate with the Village to review and strengthen applicable codes. Chief Falaschetti acknowledged that some of the materials in question comply with current codes but stated that the Fire Department favors more stringent standards to enhance firefighter safety. The Board also discussed the installation of Romex wiring, in lieu of the conduit required by Village Code, in the four homes currently under construction. After some discussion, Administrator Mitchell was directed to coordinate with Lennar Homes and Safebuilt to address compliance with Village Code and determine corrective action.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT – A report was provided of tax income received in August, 2025.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT -No report.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. The commission held a meeting last week and the board was informed that over \$30,000 profit was made this year. There is no new date for the next meeting. The 4th of July Commission is continuing to look for new members.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. The BYC will host “On The Glow” Night Bike Ride on September 19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at Firemen’s Park. The BYC will also be hosting a “Fun at the Farm” event at Windmill Acres on October 17, 2025 from 5-7 p.m. The BYC is actively seeking to recruit commissioners and volunteers to support its ongoing efforts.

Trustee Gardner reported the next Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2025, at 6 p.m. The Historic Preservation continues to search for commissioners and volunteers.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. 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 \$84,829.97 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Diachenko provided a report on the final Concert in the Park, held on September 6, 2025. “Juke Box Heroes” concert was a well-attended event to end the year’s concert series. Christmas Tree Lighting meeting will be held on September 10, 2025 at 6 p.m. to discuss the details, set a date, and begin planning the event.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

Trustee Stacey made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance granting a special use permit in the B-3 district for a daycare facility located at 993 Dixie Highway. Seconded by Trustee Smith. The facility opened in April 2025 as an indoor children’s play facility and private party room. This change of use requires a Special Use permit from the Village as well as licensing

with the State of Illinois DCFS. The findings from the public hearing regarding the standards for special use permits were enclosed. The PZC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the special use permit

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the finalization and adoption of Building Code updates. President Meyer spoke to SAFEbuilt about updating the codes to the most current, 2021 Building Code version. National Electric Code allows Romex however current Village Code requires use of conduit Administrator Mitchell informed the Board that the Village is meeting with SAFEbuilt on September 11, 2025 to finish the code updates that was started earlier this year. After some discussion, consensus of the Board agreed to continue requiring conduit as a local amendment to the Village Code. Once completed the Board will need to approve all updated codes with any local amendments.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25th at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Chief Lemming spoke regarding transferring the equipment for the Firemen's Park surveillance system from Firemen's Park to the new Police facility. The Board was informed that the Fire District would be willing to cover the cost of moving the unit in the park and allowing us to relocate it to the Fire District building. The Fire District would like to use its current IT company to handle the moving and installation.

Presentation of tint meters by States Attorney Jim Glasgow was continued to September 22, 2025.

Discussion and consideration to create the position of adjudication clerk continued until executive session.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE #1439- An Ordinance amending Section 8-6-14 of the Beecher Village Code as it relates to brush collection. Trustee Gardner made a motion approving Ordinance #1439. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Reminder that the deadline for articles for the fall newsletter is September 26, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Tieri discussed amending Ordinance #1437 pertaining to low-speed scooters to also include e-bikes. Matter needs to be placed on agenda to be discussed at next meeting.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Smith made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss personnel. Trustee Tieri 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 6:52 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed that Lennar Homes installed Romex wiring in homes under construction, despite Village Code requiring conduit. Safebuilt inspector passed the electrical inspection of the model home with Romex and three other homes awaiting inspection were found to have Romex. The Board considered whether Lennar should be required to replace the Romex at its own cost in the homes already started and to install conduit in all future homes. The model home is already completed and drywalled; three other homes are under construction, with 43 total planned. There was some discussion as to who should bear the cost of replacing the Romex if the Village decides to require it. Administrator Mitchell will contact Lennar and Safebuilt to discuss resolution. There was further discussion as to possibly changing inspection companies.

Administrator Mitchell informed the Board that Washington Township had inquired about the possibility of adding elected Trustees to the Village's health insurance plan. The original intergovernmental agreement only included full-time employees of the Washington Township Highway Department so it would need to be amended if Trustees were to be added. The Township officials plan to pay for the insurance themselves. Consensus of the Board expressed no interest in extending the insurance plan to include Trustees.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

By Denise Abbink, Deputy Clerk
for Janett McCawley, Village Clerk