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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
MAY 12, 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 Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner and Weissbohn.

ABSENT: Trustee Diachenko.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, Lieutenant Rick Emerson, Code Officer David Harrison, and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Jessica Smith and family, George Schuitema and Mike Barkus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

1) A report was provided of tax income received in April, 2025.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 7 p.m.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to open a Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. to consider a request for permanent non-conforming use in the B-1 Historic District for the property located at 505 Gould Street. Motion seconded by Trustee Tieri. Due notice has been published, and letters were mailed to adjoining property owners. The petitioner was present to answer any questions. Mr. Barkus is requesting the permanent non-conforming use due to his bank needing a letter for refinancing.

There were no questions or comments from the Board or audience. Trustee Gardner made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm. Seconded by Trustee Weissbohn.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a permanent non-conforming status in the B-1 Historic District for the property located at 505 Gould Street. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation recognizing May 18-24 as National Public Works Week.

An ordinance amending Village Code pertaining to Village Commissions was tabled due to the attorney not having it ready yet.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft a BYOB ordinance pertaining to liquor which will be brought back to the board for discussion. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

An Ordinance amending the Village Code pertaining to standing committees of the Village Board of Trustees was tabled until a future date.

Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to change the date of the second meeting in May to Tuesday, May 27, due to the next Board meeting falling on Memorial Day. Seconded by Trustee Kraus.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. The next meeting will be held on May 20th in Firemen's Park

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Weissbohn. The BYC is working on the Kickoff to Summer event and fundraising activities. The next meeting will be held on May 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Gardner reported the next Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for May 21st.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$143,264.17 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

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 by Lieutenant Emerson. The asphalt and HVAC has been completed. The sprinkler system is to be tested this week. There is a problem with garage floor that needs to be resolved as well as some outstanding punch list items. Move in is scheduled for May 19th but it will depend on getting Comcast to install internet and phone service.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to waive the formal bid process to extend the paving at new the Public Safety Facility parking lot. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to accept the proposal from Wirkus Paving in the amount of \$33,982.00 to extend the paving at the new public safety facility parking lot. Seconded by Trustee Gardner. The work will be done next week.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

EMA Director Bob Heim reported that the EMA is getting requests to do certain events only 3-4 days ahead of time which isn't enough time to plan to close the roads and put together a plan and have enough help for the events. Director Heim and Assistant Director Murray will be putting together a request form that will need to be filled out and submitted 7 days in advance of the event. It will be placed on the EMA page of the website. EMA will notify the community groups who have these types of events, so they know moving forward this is required.

Action on a quote from Braniff Communications to relocate the tornado siren on Church Road was tabled.

Trustee Tieri reported that the Police Department and EMA will have the annual cop on top fundraiser this Friday from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dunkin.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing a purchase from Core & Main in the amount of \$10,485.00 for a new Sensus 7501 handheld reading device and touch-gun for reading water meters. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing the purchase of a new Scada computer and software from Energenecs in the amount of \$21,700.00. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing the purchase of a trench shoring box from National Trench Safety in the amount of \$11,158.00. Seconded by Trustee Gardner. An IPRF grant in the amount of \$5,508.00 will be used for this purchase.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed replacement of the submersible pump at Well House #5. Supt. Conner reported the pump that failed had been in place for 13 years and was rated to last 10 years.

Trustee Stacey made a motion waving the formal bid process to purchase a submersible pump replacement at Well House #5. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion authorizing the replacement of the submersible pump at Well #5 with a 1,000 gallon per minute Franklin pump in the amount of \$99,081.20 from Layne Christianson Company. Seconded by Trustee Gardner. It is unknown at this time if there will be any further costs from outside electricians or from Energenecs at time of the install.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE



The Board discussed use of TIF Funds for downtown improvements. President Meyer reported this will go to committee for discussion. There is currently a business in the old downtown that is requesting TIF funds to make improvements to his building. There is currently nothing in place set up for these requests so the committee will come up with a standardized process and an application will be created for businesses to apply for TIF funds.

An update on a way-finding sign for downtown businesses in the TIF District was discussed. President Meyer reported a sign was approved at the last meeting and there are currently 11 businesses in the old downtown with only 9 sign slots available. The business names could be made a little smaller to fit one additional business name. The committee will need to work out how to determine business name placement on the sign. The Village will pay for the sign itself. The business names to be placed on the sign will be paid for by the businesses.

The spring newsletter was mailed the previous week.

OLD BUSINESS

President Meyer thanked Trustee Weissbohn for his work on the Board and PZC. He has done a great job representing the community and thanked him for his service.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk McCawley swore in the newly elected Village President and Trustees and the newly elected officials took their seats.

President Meyer said since the election was so close and one additional position is open on the Board that she was appointing Roger Stacey to the 2-year open trustee seat.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the appointment of Roger Stacey as Village Trustee. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Kraus, Gardner and Smith.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

President Meyer made her appointments of Village Committees as follows:

Todd Kraus - Chair: Finance & Administration / Co-Chair: Public Buildings & Properties

Joe Tieri – Chair: Public Safety / Co-Chair: Economic Development & Community Events

Erik Gardner – Chair: Public Works / Co-Chair: Public Safety

Roger Stacey – Chair: Planning & Zoning / Co-Chair: Public Works

Brian Diachenko – Chair: Public Buildings & Properties / Co-Chair: Finance & Administration

Jessica Smith – Chair: Economic Development & Community Events / Co-Chair: Planning & Zoning

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the committee appointments. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janett McCawley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janett McCawley
Village Clerk