

**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 22, 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, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, Attorney Tim Kuiper, Deputy Clerk Denise Abbink

GUESTS: Jim Glasgow and staff, Beecher Police Officer Hanson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 8, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

RaeAnn James, Beecher resident, addressed the Board regarding an incident involving teenagers on bicycles at the walking track in Firemen's Park on September 19, 2025. President Meyer stated that the Board will further discuss the matter in conjunction with broader discussions on e-bikes.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Trustee Kraus made a motion to reschedule the date of the next board meeting to October 14, 2025 due to the holiday. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.



FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$75,968.30 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Superintendent Matt Conner provided an update on the new Public Safety Facility. The HVAC issues have been addressed and appear to be resolved. A roof leak has been repaired. The fence gate motors are on order and are scheduled for installation on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Additionally, the electrical floor box and ceiling drywall repairs are also scheduled for completion on the same date.

JMA has been contacted regarding ongoing concerns with the roof and is scheduled to conduct an inspection on September 24, 2025. Trustee Kraus inquired about the possibility of bringing in a third-party inspector to evaluate the new Police Department.

The former Police Department building on Penfield is being prepared for sale. Exterior signage has been removed, and the Village is currently awaiting the appraisal report.

President Meyer stated that a new Police Department directional sign will be installed at Route 1 and Church Road near CVS. The old business sign currently located there will be removed.

The monument at the former Police Department will be removed next week. A new location has not yet been decided.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The next PZC meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 25th has been cancelled.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Will County State’s Attorney Jim Glasgow informed the Board that the Village of Beecher Police Department will be receiving 14 tint meters as part of a public and police safety program. Will County State’s Attorney office staff stated that the Police Department will complete a certification course to ensure proper usage of the equipment. Chief Lemming accepted the tint meters on behalf of the Police Department.

Chief Lemming informed the Board of a donation received from the Teamsters for the Police Department. Officer Hanson was present during this announcement as a representative of the Teamsters.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to amend Sections 9-13-6 and 9-14-2 of the Village of Beecher Municipal Code as it pertains to adding the position of adjudication clerk. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE No report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Village Clerk provided a report on the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Conference held September 18-20, 2025. Topics included the use of artificial intelligence (AI) within municipal operations, updates from the Gaming Board Director regarding BYOB ordinances and pour licenses, as well as information on broadband initiatives and potential grant opportunities for the Village. Trustee Smith, the Village Clerk, and the Village Treasurer attended the conference.

Fall Newsletter articles are due by September 26, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the full time hiring of Police Officer, David Garza. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. Start date for full time position will be October 6, 2025.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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 employment contracts. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Mitchell brought up the issue of e-bikes. Village Attorney Kuiper provided an overview of e-bike classifications, noting there are three classes and that they are currently treated as bicycles under the law. The Village Attorney recommended that the Public Safety Committee further review the issue. Chief Lemming suggested the Village consider implementing a local age restriction for e-bike use. All e-bikes should be clearly labeled with their class designation.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

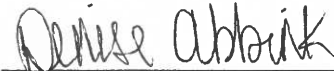
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

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