

**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
NOVEMBER 10, 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, Public Works Assistant Superintendent Adam Held, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Harrison, and Treasurer Donna Lippelt

GUESTS: George Schuitema

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri 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 – None

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT – The total tax income received for October was \$301,538.91
Deputy Clerk Denise Abbink will be taking over role call responsibilities for the meeting.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The 4th of July Commission next meeting will be held on January 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. The BYC will host a junior high skate event on November 21, from 6-8 p.m. Permission slips and money need to be turned into the junior high office by November 14. The next meeting will be held on November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Gardner reported that the next Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 6 p.m. at the depot. The Board was informed of the passing of long-time member Arnold Cooper, and visitation details were shared. With his passing, the Historic Preservation Commission has lost a tremendous source of knowledge about the Village. The new depot hours will be Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The previous meeting was canceled due to a lack of member attendance. BA

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko. 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 \$112,502.07 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-06 – A resolution approving Lodge, Association, or Other Similar Organization with First Community Bank and Trust for Village bank accounts.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-06. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-07 - A resolution approving Lodge, Association, or Other Similar Organization with First Community Bank and Trust for Police Department bank accounts.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-07. 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 an update on the upcoming Holiday Celebration, Parade of Lights, and Tree Lighting event in Firemen's Park. The event is scheduled for November 30 from 5 to 8 p.m., with parade line-up beginning at 4:30 p.m. Santa will be in attendance, and attendees can enjoy food, snacks, and craft activities for children.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

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The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

EMA Director Heim informed the board that there will be a parade on November 13 at 6 p.m. to celebrate the return of the World Karate Champions from their recent trip to Germany.

ORDINANCE #1442- An ordinance amending section 9-15-1 of the Village of Beecher code as it pertains to low-speed electric scooter regulations. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approving Ordinance #1442. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1443- An ordinance amending section 9-4-2 of the Village of Beecher code as it pertains to bicycle regulations. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approving Ordinance #1443. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner thanked the Public Works department for their hard work with regards to snow removal today.

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

Trustee Gardner made a motion to accept a proposal from Wirkus Paving to complete asphalt patching at various locations in Beecher in the amount of the \$12,614.40. 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 DA

RESOLUTION #2025-08 - A resolution adopting the Village of Beecher tax increment financing small business assistance program and application. Trustee Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-08. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss personnel. 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 7:23 p.m. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gardner 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 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



By Denise Abbink, Deputy Clerk