

**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 24, 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 Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: Trustee Tieri

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

GUESTS: George Schuitema

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 10, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

A resident complaint was received regarding the use of fire pits. It was noted that the current ordinance does not specifically address this matter, resulting in a gray area in enforcement. The issue may fall under the nuisance ordinance or relate to improper burning practices. The board referred the matter to the committee for further review and consideration.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$65,411.29 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-09 – A resolution appointing a new IMRF authorized agent for the Village of Beecher. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-09. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

A history of fund balances in major Village accounts was provided for review.

A history of property tax levies was provided for review. Tax levy for 2025 collectible in 2026 was sent to committee for review and further recommendations.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parade of lights and tree lighting are on Sunday, November 30th. Parade line-up starts at 4:30 pm and parade begins at 5:00pm. Tree lighting and holiday celebration to follow at Firemen’s Park.

Beecher Holiday Lights Decorating contest is being held again to light up Beecher and celebrate the holiday season. Judges will visit light displays after 5 p.m. on either Saturday, December 6th or Sunday December 7th and winners will be announced Monday, December 8th.

Peace Church will be hosting a coat giveaway this Sunday, November 30th from 2-5 p.m. Coats for children and adults are available for those in need.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel regarding a conditional offer of employment for part-time officers.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Leaf collection will continue through the third week of December and may be extended if necessary. The Board requests residents’ patience, as recent weather conditions have caused delays in the collection schedule.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION



There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Gardner made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the part-time hire for the Beecher Police Department. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Abbink
Deputy Clerk