

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY,
250 W CHURCH RD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 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, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Deputy Clerk Denise Abbink, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Public Works Assistant Superintendent Adam Held, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Harrison, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, Diana Jerkatis, Chief Galvin, and Attorney Tim Kuiper

GUESTS: George Schuitema, Prairie Point residents, Family of Janett McCawley, Family of John Galvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 8, 2025, Board meeting.

Trustee Kraus 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

Prairie Point subdivision residents reported ongoing noise and diesel odor concerns from refrigeration units at Berkot's docks. The residents have contacted the store manager and Code Enforcement with no resolution. The Village will contact Berkot's corporate office to see if issue can be resolved. Residents were asked to provide contact information to Village Hall.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer announced her appointments for FY ending April 30, 2026 as follows:

Village President Pro-Tem: Todd Kraus

Finance and Administration Committee: Chair: Todd Kraus, Co-Chair: Brian

Diachenko

Public Safety Committee: Chair: Joe Tieri, Co-Chair: Erik Gardner

Public Works Committee: Chair: Erik Gardner, Co-Chair: Roger Stacey

Economic Development and Community Events Committee:

Chair: Jess Smith, Chair: Co-Chair: Joe Tieri

Public Buildings and Properties: Chair: Brian Diachenko, Co-Chair: Todd Kraus

Planning, Building and Zoning: Chair: Roger Stacey, Co-Chair: Jess Smith

Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator: Charity Mitchell

Village Clerk: Janett McCawley

Deputy Clerk: Denise Abbink

Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth

Village Corporate Counsel: Tim Kuiper, Austgen, Kuiper and Jasaitis, P.C.

Code Enforcement Officer: David Harrison

EMA Director: Bob Heim

Chief of Police: John Galvin

Public Works Superintendent: Matt Conner

Village Treasurer: Donna Lippelt

Building Department Services: SAFEbuilt

Fire Inspection Services: B&F Construction Code Services

EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:

Member: Joe Tieri, Alternate: Charity Mitchell

Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Heidi Demas

Joint Fuel Committee: Erik Gardner and Charity Mitchell

Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on a case-by-case basis)

Public Information Officer: George Schuitema

TIF Joint Review Board: Jonathan Kypuros Resident at large, Marcy Meyer Village Representative

TIF Redevelopment Agreement Negotiation Committee: Jonathan Kypuros, Jess Smith

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Successor appointments are for 3 years

Roger Stacey (Village Liaison)

- Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/26)
- Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/27)
- Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/27)
- George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/27)
- Joe Gardner (term expires 5/1/28)
- Robert Barber (term expires 5/1/26)
- Charlie Eich (term expires 5/1/28)

Fourth of July Commission (20 voting members):

Marcy Meyer, (Village President)

Todd Kraus (Village Liaison)

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| 1. Dana Karstensen | 8. Cameron Ohlendorf | 15. Gus Athanasopoulos |
| 2. Phil Salmen | 9. Robert Barber | 16. _____ |
| 3. Nichole Modschiedler | 10. Ken Bobowski | 17. _____ |
| 4. Bruce Becker | 11. Jenna Barber | 18. _____ |
| 5. Kevin Bouchard | 12. Nicholas Hoehn | 19. _____ |
| 6. Steven Barber | 13. Patty Welsh | 20. _____ |
| 7. Chuck Hoehn | 14. Daryl LoSchaivo | |

Beecher Youth Commission:

Jessica Smith (Village Liaison)

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| Roger Sipple, Eric Hanson, ex-officio | Sarah Murphy | Kelly Phipps |
| Denise Abbink | Jill Murchek | Erica Plys |

Historic Preservation Commission:

Erik Gardner (Village Liaison)

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| Sandy Lohmann | Don Sala | Janett McCawley |
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Police Commission:

Joe Tieri (Village Liaison)

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| Charity Mitchell | Tom Johnson, Chair | Bob Heim, Secretary |
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Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the list of appointments of the Village President.

Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation recognizing Janett McCawley for 35+ years of service to the Village of Beecher and congratulating her on retirement.

Recognition was given to Terry Lemming for 4+ years of service to the Village of Beecher as Chief of Police.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley swore in John Galvin as Chief of Police.

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.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$130,899.53 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.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Leaf pickup operations have resumed and will continue, weather permitting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve a community benefit agreement between the Village of Beecher and Sparrow Property Management, LLC. and authorizing the Village President to sign the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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 6:27 p.m. to discuss employment contracts and personnel. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes as submitted (or amended) in Executive Session. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-10 – A resolution authorizing the release of certain executive session minutes as approved by the board in executive session. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-10. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1447- Trustee Smith made a motion approving an ordinance authorizing an employment agreement with the Village Treasurer and Office Manager. Trustee Tieri seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, 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 Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Abbink
Deputy Clerk