

**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
JANUARY 26, 2026 -- 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 Denise Abbink, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, EMA Director Bob Heim, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Harrison, Treasurer Donna Lippelt and Attorney Tim Kuiper

GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 12, 2026, 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.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

The Village President informed the Board that committee assignments will be adjusted at the first meeting in May and asked board members to consider where they would like to serve.

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 \$39,623.88 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 #2026-01 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase of electricity from the lowest cost electricity provider for the purposes of commercial accounts through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative bid process. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-01. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The “Concert in the Park” series has begun booking bands for the upcoming concerts and is seeking one additional band.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1448- Trustee Stacey made a motion approving an ordinance amending construction code regulation provisions in the Village of Beecher, and repealing all Village code sections and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict therewith. This Ordinance will be effective March 1, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The bid notice for the Miller Street watermain replacement project will be advertised on January 29, 2026.

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 Smith made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board was provided a copy of the new police department sign that will be placed at the corner of southeast corner of Church Road and Route 1.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink

Denise Abbink
Village Clerk