

**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  
FEBRUARY 23, 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, Chief John Galvin, EMA Director Bob Heim, EMA Deputy Director Dale Murray, Treasurer Donna Lippelt and Attorney Tim Kuiper

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 9, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey.

NAYS: (0) None

ABSTAIN: (2) Trustees Kraus and Gardner.

Motion carried.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT** - None.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Elsie's Gaming Café will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. -1 p.m., the event is open to the public.

**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 \$45,343.07 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

A list of proposed items and associated pricing was provided for discussion. Trustee Diachenko reviewed the listed items with the board. Administrator Mitchell submitted a memo to the board regarding the consideration of the use of funds. After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to vote on the purchase of the sign for the Public Safety Facility, renovation on Firemen's Park stage, purchase of flooring for Village Hall, and purchase of Govee Pro LED permanent lighting for the Firemen's Park beer stand pavilion. Detailed quotes need to be prepared for the awning at Village Hall and Cameras throughout the Village. A cost estimate for landscaping at Village Hall and riprap for pond at Public Safety facility will need to be prepared. Carpet cleaning for Village Hall will be completed.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to waive the bid process and purchase Option 1, a double-sided illuminated monument sign for the Public Safety Facility in an amount \$19,853.04 from All-Right Sign, Inc. This purchase will be made with funds from the sale of the former police station. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to accept a proposal to renovate the Firemen's Park stage in the amount of \$123,000 from Irwin Construction and J&A Graff Concrete Construction. Staff received two proposals, which are enclosed for your review. Irwin Construction has asked for 50% down to begin ordering material. RFP Specifications stated all work must be completed by May 22, 2026, due to the summer concert series beginning in June. This purchase will be made with funds from the sale of the former police station. Seconded by Trustee Kraus. Discussion held. President Meyer exercised the right to vote.

AYES: (3) Trustees Kraus, Diachenko, and Gardner.

NAYS: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Stacey and President Meyer

Motion failed.

No action taken on motion to approve the purchase of miscellaneous items.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the purchase of flooring for the Village Hall in the amount of \$5,320 from Beecher Floor Covering. This purchase will be made with funds from the sale of the former police station. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the purchase of Govee Pro LED permanent lighting for the Firemen's Park beer stand pavilion in the amount of \$4,000 from Phil's Electric. This purchase will be made with funds from the FY25/26 General Fund (parks) budget. Seconded by Trustee Kraus. Discussion held.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

### **PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Discussion was held regarding Noise Ordinance; no changes will be made to the ordinance at this time.

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Tieri made a motion to authorize Chief Galvin to apply for a \$10,000 matching grant through the ComEd Powering Safe Communities Program to support the purchase of a police drone, including required training, insurance, and certification for a total project cost not to exceed \$20,000. The grant is administered through a partnership between the Metropolitan Mayor Caucus and ComEd. Grant recipients must provide a match equal to or above the amount of grant funds awarded. The grant application deadline is March 13, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Water Billing Register Report for the billing period November - December 2025, is provided.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

BYC Mother-Son Dance registration is now open on the Village's website. Dance will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 p.m.

### **OTHER 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 7:01 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Gardner 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 7:29 p.m. 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 Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.  
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.  
NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink  
Denise Abbink  
Village Clerk