

**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  
March 09, 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:** Administrator Charity Mitchell, Deputy Clerk Heidi Demas, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief John Galvin, EMA Director Bob Heim, EMA Deputy Director Dale Murray, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, and Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison

**GUESTS:** George Schuitema

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 23, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

ABSTAIN: (0) None

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

Resident thanked the Village for handling the noise complaints from Berkot's.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT** – State/Federal/County Tax Revenue for February 2026 overview provided.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Discussed removal of center post of the stage at Fireman's Park which will cost under \$1,000.00 and will be reviewed and inspected by Safebuilt.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Fourth of July Commission- Next meeting is Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm at Village Hall.

Youth Commission- 206 people registered so far for Mother & Son dance on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration is still open. Next meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall.

Historic Preservation Commission- Next meeting Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Depot.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the list of bills and payroll in the amount of \$108,592.68. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Budget Workshop is on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the Village Hall.

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

A request for proposals to replace the soffit, fascia, ceiling of the drive thru and install L.E.D. can lighting at the Village Hall was issued on March 2, 2026. Information is available on the Village website. Proposals are due by 10:00AM on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Building Department monthly and annual reports were provided. \_-

Historical data for building permits from 1991-2025 were provided. \_-

The next PZC meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Village Hall.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Police Department, EMA, and Code Enforcement monthly and annual reports provided.

Coffee with a Cop will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM-10:30AM at McDonald's.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Public Works Monthly Report was provided. Public Works Annual Report was provided. Water Operations Monthly Reports for November and December 2025 and January 2026 were provided. Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly report was provided. Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report was provided.

Weekly brush pick up will start Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 and run through September. Final leaf collection will take place April 20<sup>th</sup>. The leaves must be to the street on or before Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a proposal from Commercial Sweeping Corp, Inc. to provide street sweeping services in the amount of \$6,200.00. This service helps meet the “Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping” minimum control measure required for our MS4 permit and includes sweeping of all streets, curblines, subdivision entrances and exits and intersections. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**Resolution #2026-02-** A Resolution permitting the Village of Beecher to perform work in the State of Illinois right-of-ways. Every two years the State requires municipalities to adopt a resolution which permits the municipality to work on certain utilities located within the State of Illinois right of ways. The resolution allows the Village to perform work associated with the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of driveways, watermains, sanitary and storm sewers, street lights, sidewalks etc. without the need of a permit for each occurrence. Trustee Gardner made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-02. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Motion carried.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Smith provided an overview of the Will County Governmental League Legislative Brunch, which she attended with Village Administrator Mitchell on February 27, 2026. Discussion topics included concerns regarding the Governor’s “Building Up Illinois” development proposal, which could shift control away from local governments by placing zoning, inspections, and infrastructure oversight under state authority. Additional topics included proposed limitations on the use of cannabis revenue, as well as issues related to water supply distribution and control. Electric vehicle (EV) requirements were also discussed. Trustee Smith expressed her willingness to attend future meetings to voice her concerns.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Tieri reported on a meeting he attended with the Beecher Fire Protection District regarding the intersection of Route 1 and County Line Road, which has experienced a high number of accidents. Senator Sims was in attendance, along with representatives from IDOT who participated via Zoom. It was noted that the intersection spans both Kankakee and Will Counties.

IDOT has acknowledged the safety concerns at this location and has initiated a project to address them. Phase 1, which includes the installation of a roundabout. The next phase will involve land acquisition, with the project tentatively expected to be completed by 2028. Representatives from both Will and Kankakee Counties were also present at the meeting.

A primary concern discussed was ensuring that traffic does not back up at stop signs, potentially leading to additional accidents. Trustee Tieri plans to follow up in April to review the results of ongoing studies and to continue advocating for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**- None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Heidi Demas  
By Heidi Demas, Deputy Clerk  
for Denise Abbink, Village Clerk