

**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
APRIL 27, 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, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Denise Abbink, Administrator Charity Mitchell, EMA Director Bob Heim, Treasurer Donna Lippelt and Attorney Tim Kuiper

GUESTS: George Schuitema

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 13, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Details on income from video gaming for 2025 and 2026 given to the board.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Smith. Treasurer Lippelt was present and provided a summary.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$82,951.53 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to close the due from balance of the General Fund to the CESFA Fund via Non-Cash Interfund transfer in the amount of \$62,729.00. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made motion to close the due from balance of the Water Fund to the CESFA Fund via Non-Cash Interfund transfer in the amount of \$186,133.17. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1451- Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approving Ordinance #1451 for a supplemental appropriation amending appropriation Ordinance #1421 adopted on April 28, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to open a Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. concerning the proposed budget for FY26/27. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

A public hearing was conducted to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026–2027. Administrator Mitchell presented an overview of the budget highlights. The Board and audience were given the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments. No further questions or comments were raised.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to close the public hearing at 6: 13 p.m. concerning the proposed budget for FY26/27. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2026-03- A resolution adopting the FY26/27 budget.
Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-03. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1452- Trustee Diachenko made a motion approving an Appropriation Ordinance #1452 in the same amount of the authorization as contained in the FY26/27 budget. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #2026-04- A resolution amending the Village of Beecher Park and Athletic Facility fee schedule. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-04. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2026-05- A resolution adopting the Village of Beecher Community Room usage policy as amended in open session. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-05. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion approving a proposal from Irwin Construction to complete work on the exterior of the Village Hall in the amount of \$51,600. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion approving a proposal from McGrath Office Equipment to purchase divider panels for 2 desks at Village Hall in the amount of \$3,949. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE #1453- Trustee Stacey made a motion approving Ordinance #1453 granting a variance for 747 Penfield Street from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and the Village Code Ordinances as it pertains to required rear yard setbacks in the B-1 District. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE- None.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The water billing register report for the billing period January - February 2026 was enclosed for review.

ORDINANCE #1454- Trustee Gardner made a motion approving Ordinance #1454 amending code sections 12-3-1-(A) in the Village of Beecher as it pertains to the Water System Infrastructure Repair and Replacement. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

A Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 1:30 pm at Village Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith reported on Will County Governmental League (WCGL) Lobby Day held on April 15, 2026 in Springfield.

Illinois Municipal League (IML) Lobby Day will be held on April 29, 2026 in Springfield. Trustee Smith informed the board that she will be attending this event.

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 6:25 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Tieri

made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink
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Village Clerk