

**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
MAY 11, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Harrison, Treasurer Donna Lippelt

GUESTS: Hunters Chase Lake Front HOA residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 27, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Kraus

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Resident of the Hunters Chase Lakefront HOA presented an issue to the board regarding trespassing on private property and ponds. The residents would like to see more signage put up to clarify the public and private pond areas. President Meyer along with Administrator Mitchell and Public Works Supervisor Conner will work together to handle the issue by putting up additional signs, posting on the Village of Beecher's Facebook page as to public and private pond locations. Chief Galvin added that he would speak to the school district regarding the issue.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Total tax revenue received in April was \$249,140.11

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation recognizing May 11-16 as National Police Week.

President Meyer read aloud a Proclamation recognizing May 17-23 as National Public Works Week.

President Meyer asked for consideration for a motion to change the date of the 2nd meeting in May to Tuesday, May 26, 2026, due to Memorial Day. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the date change. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. Information for the festival can be found on the Village of Beecher website and the Beecher 4th of July festival Facebook page. Car raffle tickets are available for purchase online. An additional fireworks display will be held on July 1st. Next meeting will be held on May 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. Kickoff to summer event will be held on June 6th from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Firemen's Park. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Gardner reported that the Historic Preservation Commission is currently undergoing a transition period. The Historical Society is considering dissolution and integration under the Historic Preservation Commission. A meeting with the Commission is scheduled for later this week, and the matter will be further addressed at the next Board meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$176,694.49 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

Trustee Diachenko made an amended motion to approve a permit application submitted by Crete Protestant Reformed Church for a 100th Year Celebration of the Church. Event will be held at Firemen's Park on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Smith. Discussion held regarding a police presence needed for the event due to the size as well as

the golf cart usage.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve a Futsal Tournament to be held at the Multi-Use Courts for a Beecher Community School District 200U Sponsored Fundraiser on Friday, July 17, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Kraus.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly reports for March and April were provided for review.

Trustee Stacey reported to the Board that, during the Planning, Building, and Zoning Committee meeting held on May 6, a unanimous decision was made to obtain quotes for alternative inspection services.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided for review.

Trustee Tieri made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending Village Code as it relates to the operation of non-highway vehicles. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Chief Galvin informed the Board that the Village will transition from Nixle to Rave for emergency alerts beginning on July 1st.

The “Cop on a Rooftop” fundraiser will be held Friday, May 15th from 5 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Beecher Dunkin’.

EMA Director Heim stated to the board that he has 3 members of the EMA leaving at the end of May and is actively looking for new members.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works, Water Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant monthly reports were provided for review.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a proposal from Baxter and Woodman to provide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program Assistance for 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$13,900. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a proposal from Asterra to provide Satellite Leak Detection services in the amount of \$36,000. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor Conner informed the board that ComEd will be conducting village-wide tree trimming around their power lines within the next 3 months. Most affected areas will be north of Miller St. including: Meadow Lane, Country Lane, Chestnut Lane, Willow Lane, parts of Indiana Ave and all of Church Rd.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith gave a report on Illinois Municipal League (IML) Lobby Day which she attended in Springfield on April 29th, 2026. Legislation seems to be moving in a positive direction regarding upcoming bills that will impact local government.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink _____

Denise Abbink
Village Clerk