

**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 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, Chief John Galvin, EMA Director Bob Heim, and Treasurer Donna Lippelt

**GUESTS:** Roger Sipple, Nantucket Cove resident

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 11, 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**

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

A Nantucket Cove resident raised concerns regarding vacant lots with overgrown grass, a streetlight that is out, and a damaged post office box. The Code Enforcement Officer has been working with the post office regarding the mailbox issue. Citations have been issued by Code Enforcement for maintenance violations. Public Works Supervisor Conner stated he will follow up with ComEd regarding the streetlight.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer informed the board that she had received a call from a trustee of the Grant Park Fire District commending the Beecher Fire Protection District for its efforts during a structure fire. The trustee specifically recognized the crew for going above and beyond by removing an American flag from the structure, properly folding it, and presenting it to a family member.

President Meyer read a letter from Crete EMA regarding Beecher EMA assistance with traffic control operations during a structure fire on Dixie Highway on Sunday morning. The letter stated that Director Heim responded without hesitation and demonstrated exceptional readiness and teamwork. Crete EMA also expressed its appreciation for Beecher EMA hard work and dedication.

Recognition given by Trustee Tieri and Chief Galvin to Corporal Roger Sipple, as a member of the Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force, for receiving the Robert Sattler Memorial Goal Accomplishment Award from the National Center Regional Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

### **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 \$80,038.10 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.

Discussion was held regarding the consolidation of the bank accounts associated with the Historical Society and the Historical Preservation Commission. The Board was informed that the Historical Preservation Commission has never maintained a bank account. The Historical Society has its own account which currently has funds. No objections were raised to combining the Historical Society and Historical Preservation Commission funds into a single account. Administrator Mitchell will discuss the consolidation with the village's financial advisor.

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

Trustee Diachenko made a motion awarding the bid for the replacement of 13 windows at Village Hall to Jabaay's Door Store & Windows, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$37,444. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Bike Rodeo is Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Beecher Police Department.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION #2026-06-** A resolution for maintenance of Village streets with the Motor Fuel Tax (MTF) funds under the Illinois Highway Code: Appropriation for the period May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027. This resolution reflects what was approved in the Village of Beecher 26/27 Budget and is required to be filed with IDOT. Trustee Gardner made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-06 Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gardner made a motion approving a proposal from Austgen Electric, Inc. to repair a chlorine pump and install a new chlorine pump at Well House #5 in the amount of \$5,376. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The Splash Pad at Firemen's Park is open for the season and will operate daily from 9:00 am. Until 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **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 6:18 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 Gardner made a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. Trustee Smith 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 Diachenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink  
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Village Clerk