

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER COMMUNITY ROOM,
250 W CHURCH RD, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
JUNE 8, 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, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: Trustee Diachenko.

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, and Treasurer Donna Lippelt

GUESTS: Dale, Sherry and Karalyne Murray, Family of Matthew Maitlen, Officers from the Beecher Police Department, Members of the Beecher EMA, Neighbors of 282 Orchard Lane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 26, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Neighbors of 282 Orchard Lane expressed concerns about the current state of the work site, noting that no permit is posted and there are no utility markings or JULIE flags. They were informed that posting the permit is not required, but the contractor will be asked to post it. They also raised concerns about a possible chain-link fence and noted that a separate party is constructing a second house on the adjacent property. The original permits were issued in 2025, are valid for one year, and may be extended if necessary.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk Abbink swore in Matthew Maitlen as Police Officer.

Total tax revenue received in May was \$313,859.49

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recognition of Dale Murray, Sherry Murray, and Karalyne Murray for their years of dedicated service to the Village of Beecher Emergency Management Agency (EMA) was given by EMA Director Bob Heim.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. Information regarding the 4th of July celebration is available online on the commissions Facebook page. Additional activities commemorating the 250th anniversary will take place on Wednesday, July 1. Car raffle tickets can be purchased online or at Village Hall.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. Kickoff to Summer was held on June 6th with around 150 people in attendance. Hotdogs and chips were provided by the Lions Club, along with Ice, Ice Baby provided by the BYC.

Commission has voted to become a 501c3 and will be separating from the Village. The next meeting will be held on June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Gardner reported the next Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 5 p.m. at the Depot.

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 \$64,817.06 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding revisions to the Village Personnel Manual. Proposed changes include updating terminology, making minor amendments, and removing certain provisions. No new policies or provisions will be added to the manual.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to amend the resolution pertaining to the changes in the Village Personnel Manual. Seconded by Trustee Gardner.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A committee report was given by Trustee Kraus. The Firemen's Park Concert Series will kick off June 13th from 6-9 p.m. with The Ron Burgundy's performing. Food and beverages will be available to purchase. Additional information can be found on the Village's website.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance granting a request for a variance for the provisions of the Village of Beecher Zoning Ordinance to install a fence in the front yard area of the property commonly known as 1469 Trailside. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

The Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics Illinois will take place in Beecher on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. A BBQ will be held in Firemen's Park immediately after for the participants.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Gardner made a motion to waive the formal bid process and authorize the purchase of a 2027 Ford F350 utility box truck from Terry's Ford in an amount not to exceed \$69,522.00. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve payment to Cecich & Son Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$38,300.12 pursuant to the Economic Incentive Agreement dated June 26, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Superintendent Conner informed the board that an anonymous out-of-town resident would like to donate fish to stock the pond located at the Beecher Police Department. Consensus was given by the board to approve the donation.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss personnel. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

Trustee Smith made a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, 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. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink
Denise Abbink
Village Clerk