# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER HELD AT BEECHER PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY, 250 W CHURCH ROAD, BEECHER, IL FEBRUARY 9, 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, and Stacey.
ABSENT: Trustee Kraus and Gardner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Denise Abbink, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief John Galvin, EMA Deputy Director Dale Murray, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, and Deputy Clerk Heidi Demas.

**GUESTS:** Family of Heidi Demas, Janett McCawley, Officers from the Beecher Police Department

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 26, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Smith seconded.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** -None

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Berkot's issue remains ongoing. The Village has met with residents and Berkot's. Police measured excessive noise over the weekend, and Berkot's was advised a nuisance citation will be issued if it happens again. They plan to adjust their truck schedule. A committee meeting will be held this week to clarify terms regarding noise within the Village.

## VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A report was provided on tax income received in January, 2026.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the appointment of Heidi Demas as Deputy Village

Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Clerk Abbink swore in Heidi Demas as Deputy Village Clerk.

Clerk Abbink swore in Nicholas Nieken as Police Officer.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

The next 4th of July Commission meeting is set for the end of March.

Trustee Smith provided a Youth Commission report. The Daddy Daughter Dance was successfully held on February 7, with nearly 250 attendees. The Mother Son Dance is scheduled for March 21, and registration will open soon. The next meeting will take place on February 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission attended the Crete Township Historical Meeting to collaborate on compiling the area's history. The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for February 18 at 6 p.m. at the Depot. The next Crete Township Historical Meeting will be held on March 5 at 1 p.m. at the Crete Township offices.

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Variance reports were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of $92,056.83 and payroll since the last meeting. Emergency bill for public works repair added and board informed on cost by Public Works Supervisor Conner. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to hold a budget workshop on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 4 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

General discussion was held regarding the allocation of proceeds from the sale of the police station. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further consideration.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No Report

## PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Trustee Tieri thanked BFPD Chief Falaschetti for working with EMA. Board was given update on the light tower by EMA Deputy Director Dale Murray.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the purchase of a compact vertical mast light tower from Patriot Contractors Equipment Sales & Supply in the amount $14,825 pending receipt of funds from the Earthrise Energy Rise Grant. The grant is for $14,500, and the remaining $325 will come from the FY25/26 General Fund Budget. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

The Water Billing Register Report for billing period September-October 2025 was provided for review.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Update on Concert in the Park Series was provided. The bands and dates have been set for the following: June 13- The Ron Burgundy's, July 2- Rearview, August 22- One Of These Nights, September 5- Southtown Soul & Groove

## OLD BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Smith seconded.
AYES: (4) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, and Stacey
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink_____
Denise Abbink
Village Clerk