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 JUNE 22, 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, EMA Director Bob Heim, and Treasurer Donna Lippelt

GUESTS: Joe Burgess, George Schuitema, Richard Liotz, Mike and Deedee Hurley, Colleen Gritter, RaeAnn James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 8, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
ABSTAIN: (1) Trustee Diachenko
Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Woodward St. Resident, RaeAnn James, addressed the Board regarding ongoing water issues in her basement. She stated that several other residents in the area have experienced similar issues for many years. Public Works has previously inspected the property. Public Works Supervisor Conner and President Meyer both stated that the issue does not appear to be related to Village infrastructure. Staff will continue to review the matter and follow up with the resident. Residents were also encouraged to contact Village Hall whenever these issues occur so they can be documented and investigated.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a request from Beecher Lions Club to use Gould Street between Indiana Avenue and Hodges Street to hold their All-American Day event on Saturday,

September 5, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event will include a car show, Farmers Market and other family activities. Seconded by Trustee Tieri. Joe Burgess was present to answer questions regarding the event. Police presence is necessary due to the size and anticipated attendance of the event.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the appearance of Lions Park was addressed. It was noted that a portion of the property on the west side is not owned by the Village; however, the Village currently mows that area. It was suggested that grass could be planted over the existing walking path to improve appearance. Matter will be further discussed in committee session.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.
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 $114,800.68 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus informed the board that they are currently working on the five-year plan for the Village's finances.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve a permit submitted by Washington Township for a Community Resource Fair to be held at Firemen's Park on Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Smith. Joe Burgess was present to answer questions regarding the event. Police presence is necessary due to the size and anticipated attendance of the event.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a permit submitted by Beecher Lions Club for Halloween in the Park to be held at Firemen's Park on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko. Joe Burgess was present to answer questions regarding the event. Police presence is necessary due to the size and anticipated attendance of the event.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve a five-year service agreement with Ryan Fire Protection in the total contract amount of $10,208. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Stacey made a motion to open a Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m. concerning a request for permanent non-conforming status for the continued use of an existing single-family residence at the property commonly known as 1220 Dixie Highway and located within the B-3 General Business and Service District. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

A public hearing was conducted concerning a request for permanent non-conforming status for the continued use of an existing single-family residence at the property commonly known as 1220 Dixie Highway and located within the B-3 General Business and Service District. The Board and audience were given the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments. Property owner, Richard Liotz was present and informed that the property will remain as permanent non-conforming status for the continued use of an existing single-family residence. No further questions or comments were raised.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to close a Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m. concerning a request for permanent non-conforming status for the continued use of an existing single-family residence at the property commonly known as 1220 Dixie Highway and located within the B-3 General Business and Service District. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion granting permanent non-conforming status to the property commonly known as 1220 Dixie Highway in the B-3 General Business and Service District and directing the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for recording with the county. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor Conner stated that the sidewalk at 1220 Dixie Highway needs to be repaired. Richard Liotz informed the board that NICOR GAS is responsible for the damage and he will continue to contact them regarding the repair.

ORDINANCE #1455- Trustee Stacey made a motion approving Ordinance #1455 granting a

variance from 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: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance granting a variance from the maximum lot coverage requirements of the R-1A Single Family Residence District to increase lot coverage from 40% to 49% for the installation of a concrete sidewalk and the expansion of an existing patio at 313 Aspen Drive. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance granting a variance from the minimum spacing requirements between detached buildings, as set forth in the Lot Coverage Regulations of the B-3 General Business and Service District, to reduce the required minimum separation between detached buildings from twenty (20) feet to approximately three (3) feet for the installation of a shed at 613 Dixie Highway. Seconded by Trustee Kraus.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance granting a variance from the Sign Requirements of the Village of Beecher Zoning Ordinance for the installation of a pole sign at 744 W Indiana Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri reported on the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held on June 10, 2026. The Beecher High School Track team along with the Beecher Fire Protection District were thanked for their involvement with the event. A BBQ was held at Firemen's Park afterwards for the participants.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Water Billing Register Report for the billing period March - April 2026, is enclosed.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the purchase of a Boss stainless steel 9'-2' V-DXT plow from LOF Truck & Trailer in the amount of $11,843.07. 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 the purchase of a 2026 Moritz aluminum truck bed from DeJong Equipment in the amount of $7,000. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Brush will not be collected on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 to allow for preparation for the 4th of July festival.

Public Works Supervisor Conner informed the board that the Miller Street Water Main project started today on west end of the village. Pipe install could take place beginning tomorrow. Miller Street will remain open for the 4th of July festival.

The pickleball courts and splash pad will be closed beginning on June 26, 2026 due the 4th of July festival.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith and President Meyer reported that the Eye Opener event was held; however, due to an inability to attend, the PowerPoint presentation will be emailed for review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus inquired about 282 Orchard, noting that wood debris remains on the site. It was reported that no deadline has been provided to the property owners for its removal, although one can be established if necessary. It was also noted that concrete was being poured at the site today.

Trustee Diachenko reported on the Concert in the Park held on June 13, 2026. The event featured entertainment by The Ron Burgundys, was well attended, and benefited from excellent weather. A food truck was also on site for attendees.

Guest, Richard Liotz, inquired about semi-truck noise issues within the Village and was informed that violations for air breaking can be given.

4th of July fireworks will be done at the same location as previous years. The firework show scheduled for July 1st will be held at Beecher High School.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Stacey seconded.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. Trustee Stacey 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 Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink_____
Denise Abbink
Village Clerk