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 AUGUST 24, 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, Assistant Superintendent Adam Held, Chief John Galvin, EMA Director Bob Heim, Treasurer Donna Lippelt, and Attorney Tim Kuiper

GUESTS: George Schuitema

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 10, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Smith seconded.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer updated the Board regarding the property located in the 600 block of Catalpa. The Village has received multiple complaints from a neighboring property owner concerning the condition of the property and the appearance of an abandoned swimming pool. The Village contacted the Will County Health Department, which conducted a site visit and treated portions of the property, including the pool. The County did not provide the Village with any additional information regarding the findings or actions taken during the visit. The property owner has been fined, and tickets have been issued to bring the property into compliance with Village requirements.

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, 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 $455,380.47 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. Trustee Kraus noted that the bills are slightly higher than usual due to the payment associated with the Miller Street Project.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a T.I.F application in the amount of $10,000.00 for the expansion of the Thirsty Turtle located at 751 Penfield St. Seconded by Trustee Smith. Administrator Mitchell provided an update on the application submitted under the Small Business Assistance Program. This is the first application received under the program. Once an application is approved by the Board, the business is issued a project approval letter. Upon completion of the approved project, the business may receive funding of up to $10,000 or 25% of the total project cost, whichever applies under the program guidelines. Trustee Kraus questioned the eligibility requirements of the application. At the time the original motion was made, a complete application had not been presented, and the matter was tabled until the full application could be provided. The motion was subsequently revisited, board reviewed the application along with the building plans and project narrative. Trustee Kraus questioned when the funds are distributed, Attorney Kuiper informed that the funds are reimbursed to the applicant after project completion.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

The third Concert in the Park was held on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Trustee Kraus thanked the Public Works Department for its assistance in preparing Firemen's Park for the event. The weather was favorable, and the band performed well, contributing to a great turnout of around 300 people attending the event. Trustee Diachenko was able to secure another food truck after the original food truck was damaged during the storms. The replacement food truck was well received. The final Concert in the Park for the season will be held on September 5, 2026.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to declare parcel 22-22-09-211-007-0000, located on Boothbay Lane in the Nantucket Cove Subdivision, as surplus property and to authorize staff to obtain an appraisal of the property. Seconded by Trustee Smith.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Beecher Night Out is rescheduled for Tuesday, September 29th from 5-8 p.m. Chief Galvin stated that several things will be on hand for the evening and it will be a great time out with the families.

Chief Galvin provided an update on the Police Department's new online reporting platform, available through Beecherpolice.org. The platform allows residents to report basic incidents, including non-criminal property damage and civil matters. The platform also includes a vacation watch request feature. Residents can submit a request for the Police Department to check on their residence while they are away. Following the check, the resident will receive an email notification confirming that the residence has been checked. The new platform launched today. A video explaining the benefits and features of the program was also released today and is available on the Police Department's website and the Village's website.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the proposal from MIDCO Diving & Marine Services to inspect the water tower and provide a confidential EPA report guidelines for a total amount of $8,532. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. Board is informed that this is for the elevated water tower interior inspection which is required by the I.E.P.A on a rotational basis.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the road salt order for the upcoming season. Superintendent Conner was notified by I.C.M.S. (Illinois Central Management Systems) that we were not awarded a bid for road salt for this upcoming winter season. We are among 261 other agencies throughout the State that were not awarded a bid. The Superintendent has begun the process of locating outside contractors for salt delivery, the lowest so far being $127.37/ton, last year we paid $65.88/ton through the CMS bid process. Superintendent Conner informed the Board that this is the first time the Village has encountered this situation. A typical annual salt order for the Village is approximately 600 tons. Attorney Kuiper asked whether there were alternatives to using salt. Superintendent Conner explained that the Village does not have liquid applicator trucks necessary to apply alternative de-icing materials. Maintaining the same order as in previous years would result in an additional cost of approximately $40,000. After discussion, the Board decided to order 300 tons of salt and budget for any additional salt needed the following year.

Brush pickup will continue for the next month. Trustee Tieri noted that he has received numerous compliments regarding the Public Works Department's quick response and efforts in addressing the cleanup.

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No Committee update given.

OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Mitchell distributed copies of the Village's Five-Year Plan to the Board. Trustee Kraus suggested scheduling a meeting to review the plan prior to the next Board meeting, which is scheduled for September 14, 2026. The Five-Year Plan will be placed on the agenda for the September 14 meeting for consideration and approval of the resolution.

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 6:28 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. 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 6:51 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Kraus.
AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Stacey and Gardner.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink_____
Denise Abbink
Village Clerk