

**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
SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Stacey and Gardner.

ABSENT: Trustee Kraus.

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, Samantha and Mario Nicosia, Woodward St Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 14, 2026, Board meeting. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Smith seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT - None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Several residents, including Denise Niksic, Karen Reato, Susan Kociak, and Lorie Baker of Woodward Street, expressed concerns regarding loose dogs, a reported dog attack involving a resident and her dog, and the safety of residents in the area. Residents stated that the dogs are frequently loose, allegedly unvaccinated, and that the property does not have a fence. Concerns were also raised regarding alleged threats from the dogs' owners.

Police responded to the reported dog attack, and the owners were issued seven citations. Chief Galvin stated that the Police Department has received one call regarding the dogs, which was made on September 18, 2026. The dogs were impounded by Animal Control and later released pursuant to Will County Animal Control. Residents also stated that Beecher Veterinary Clinic was unable to control the dogs, resulting in their return to the owners.

President Meyer stated that the meeting will be posted on YouTube and that information regarding the matter may also be posted on the Village's Facebook page. Attorney Kuiper suggested that the resident involved in the attack consult an attorney and encouraged residents to contact the Police

Department when issues involving the dogs occur. Residents were reminded that reporting incidents allows the Police Department to properly document complaints and take appropriate action. Residents were also encouraged to attend the adjudication hearing regarding the citations issued in connection with the incident.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Trustee Smith made a motion to change the date of the next regular meeting of the Village Board to Tuesday, October 13, 2026 due to the holiday. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

President Meyer stated that executive session will be requested at the end of the meeting to discuss contract approvals.

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$137,538.72 and payroll since the last meeting. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve a proposal from ASSA ABLOY DOOR SYSTEMS in the amount of \$5,985.00 for the repair of the fence gate at the police station. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri made a motion to direct the village attorney to draft an ordinance for a special use to operate a paramedical tattoo business in the B-3 business district at the property commonly known as 715 Dixie Highway. Seconded by Trustee Diachenko.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to direct the village attorney to draft an ordinance for a variation to the fence requirements of the zoning ordinance to permit a fence within the front yard area of a corner lot in the R-1A residential district at the property commonly known as 1569 Sawgrass. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1464- Trustee Tieri made a motion approving Ordinance #1464 allowing for a variation from the minimum floor coverage requirements of the zoning ordinance for construction of 1,499 square-foot homes in the R-1A residential district at the properties commonly known as 648 and 652 Penfield Street. Seconded by Trustee Stacey. Discussion held and Ordinance is changed to reflect a 6-1 vote at the Planning and Zoning Committee public hearing.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to issue warnings and citations to businesses that are not in compliance with fire inspection requirements. The matter was referred to the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee for further discussion and consideration.

The next PZC meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trick or Treat hours are from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

National Night Out will be held tomorrow, September 29th at Firemen's Park from 5-8 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Gardner provided an update regarding the property at 522 Dunbar as the property owners were present. A committee meeting was held earlier in the day to discuss options for addressing the pavement in front of the property. Superintendent Conner stated that staff hope to have a plan in place within the next few weeks to assist the homeowner with the pavement issue and potentially have the catch basin jetted.

Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve a proposal from Austgen Electric in the amount of \$50,949.00 for the replacement of broken streetlight poles in the Nantucket Cove subdivision. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Smith provided an update regarding the IML Conference, which she attended along with Superintendent Conner. Superintendent Conner attended the Thursday sessions, focusing primarily on T.I.F. District courses and an Illinois Comptroller course. Trustee Smith attended all three days of the conference and participated in seminars covering the State House Briefing and Data Center Development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Mitchell stated that the invoices for the \$500,000 grant used for the Miller Street project were resubmitted, and the Village has received the reimbursement.

President Meyer provided the Board with a handout containing an update on the two Orchard Lane properties, located at 282 Orchard Lane and 272 Orchard Lane. Regarding 282 Orchard Lane, the initial permit was issued in June 2025. The underfloor plumbing was reinspected on September 24, 2026, and passed inspection. The project may now proceed to the next stages of construction. The contractor indicated that the goal is to have the structure framed and under roof before winter. The current permit is valid through February 13, 2027. The Village will continue to address property maintenance and site conditions at both properties. The properties are owned by two separate parties.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Gardner made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss employment contracts. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #1465- Trustee Diachenko made a motion approving Ordinance #1465 authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with the Village Administrator. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

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

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1466- Trustee Tieri made a motion approving Ordinance #1466 authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with the Public Works Superintendent. Seconded by Trustee Smith.

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

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve an M.O.U for the Assistant to the Village Administrator.
Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

AYES: (5) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Diachenko, 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 at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink
Denise Abbink
Village Clerk