

**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
JANUARY 12, 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, Chief John Galvin, EMA Deputy Director Dale Murray, Treasurer Donna Lippelt and Attorney Tim Kuiper

GUESTS: Family of Denise Abbink, George Schuitema

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 22, 2025, Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Denise Abbink as Village Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Tieri.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None

Motion carried.

President Meyer swore in Denise Abbink as Village Clerk.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the of designation of Marcy Meyer as the representative for the Village of Beecher and Charity Mitchell as alternate on the SSMMA Environmental Justice Committee. Seconded by Trustee Stacey.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None
Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A report was provided on tax income received in December, 2025.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided by Trustee Kraus. Next meeting will be held on January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

A Youth Commission report was provided by Trustee Smith. “MLK Day Matinee” will be held on January 19th at Faith Church starting at 10 a.m. Daddy-Daughter Dance registration is currently open on the Village website. The dance will be held on February 7th from 6-8 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Gardner reported the next Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 6 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 \$336,963.45 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.

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, January 22nd at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Leaf pickup is continuing until January 13th. A final pass will be done in spring.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No report

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Smith made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss personnel. Trustee Tieri seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Tieri made a motion to make a condition offer of employment as stated in executive session. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

An update on the possible nuisance issue regarding Berkot's was given by President Meyer. The Village will try to meet with Berkot's later this week.

The Building Codes Committee met on January 8, 2026. Finalization issues with the electrical code remain unresolved. After discussion, the Board decided to exclude the GFCI requirement for refrigerators and adopt the current code with all other requirements.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Tieri, Smith, Kraus, Diachenko, Stacey and Gardner.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Denise Abbink
Denise Abbink
Village Clerk