

**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
NOVEMBER 25, 2024 -- 7:00 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 Stacey, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

ABSENT: Trustee Tieri (arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Charity Mitchell, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Assistant Superintendent Adam Held, Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison, Chief Terry Lemming and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: George Schuitema.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Board meeting. Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Stacey, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Tieri.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Clerk McCawley reported a simultaneous filing lottery for the first three ballot positions for the April, 2025 election will be held on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – None.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$330,134.46 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Stacey seconded.

AYES: (5) Trustees Stacey, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

NAYS: (0) None.

ABSENT: (1) Trustee Tieri.

Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE #1414 – An Ordinance adopting a 0% increase tax levy for fiscal year 2024/2025. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1414. Trustee Stacey seconded.
AYES: (5) Trustees Stacey, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.
NAYS: (0) None.
ABSENT: (1) Trustee Tieri.
Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri arrived at 7:04 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2024-06 – A Local Public Agency Resolution of Intent authorizing the use of MFT funds to repay the loan for the Penfield Street improvement project in the amount of \$793,786.80. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-06. Trustee Diachenko seconded.
AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

An update was provided on progress of construction of the public safety facility by Chief Lemming. The Village is able to purchase brand new furniture from Applied Systems in University Park for very affordable prices. Asphalt will be completed next year.

An update was provided on the holiday celebration, parade of lights and tree lighting. A meeting was held prior to the Board meeting. According to Trustee Diachenko, everything is good to go.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the current moratorium on the collection of new residential building permit fees which expires at the end of the year. Administrator Mitchell provided a report of comparison on other community's fees and ours appear to be lower. It was recommended to let the moratorium expire and take some time to determine new fees.

The status of the ordinance updating the permit fee schedule was provided by Administrator Mitchell. The ordinance will be drafted and ready to go for consideration at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri made a motion authorizing the Chief of Police to sign a memorandum of understanding with Steger, Crete, and Monee Police Departments for the coordination of Celebrite Equitable Sharing. Each department will pay \$1,200 towards the annual subscription fee for the Celebrite system. Trustee Gardner seconded.

AYES: (6) Trustees Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion carried.

Chief Lemming provided an update on Beecher Blessings. The fundraiser held at Dunkin' raised a little over \$2,000 and the Lions Club donated \$2,000.

Chief Lemming reported that the police did "ticket or turkey" last week and gave out free turkeys instead of tickets.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Will County Center for Economic Development is holding their Annual Report to Investors on December 6, 2024. Staff will be attending.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Weissbohn made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the Sale, Lease, and/or Acquisition of Property [5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) & (6)]. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return to regular session at 7:36 p.m. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk