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**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  
FEBRUARY 10, 2025 -- 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 Stacey, Tieri, Kraus, Gardner, Diachenko and Weissbohn.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**GUEST:** Pete Iosue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK REPORT**

A report was provided on tax revenue received in January, 2025.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

**ORDINANCE #1416** – An Ordinance authorizing a moratorium on the collection of certain new residential building permit fees. The moratorium is only for cash in lieu of land for parks and cash in lieu of land for schools from February 10<sup>th</sup> until May 1, 2025. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance #1416. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Trustee Kraus provided a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission report.

Trustee Weissbohn provided a Youth Commission report. The BYC held the Daddy-Daughter dance over the weekend and it was well-attended. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Gardner reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Depot.

## **PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Building Department monthly report was provided for review.

Pete Iosue, Village Planner from Teska Associates, was present and provided a report on the revised Zoning Ordinance and map. Committee meetings were held over the course of the last year to go through the ordinance to update and make changes. No major changes were made to the Zoning Ordinance. Revisions were needed to take into account new laws and to integrate all changes made over the last 20 years. The Zoning Ordinance will be codified and be available on-line. The PZC held a public hearing on January 23, 2025. They reviewed the ordinance, made some minor modifications, and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance with the changes made. Trustee Gardner made a motion authorizing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance adopting the proposed Zoning Ordinance and amending the Zoning District map. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gardner thanked Pete Iosue and all who served on the committee for their help and many meetings for this ordinance redraft.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Treasurer Lippelt was present and provided the Treasurer's report. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were provided for review.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$72,214.57 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Diachenko seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES**

Trustee Tieri provided a report on the construction of the new public safety facility. Contractors started putting up drop ceiling cabinets and framing according to Trustee Tieri. Chief Lemming reported that there is an area within the fence that was proposed to be grass, but looking into getting it paved for more parking and less maintenance. Public Works may be able to remove the dirt depending on what's underground.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided for review. The Police Department monthly report was not yet available and will be provided at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE #1417 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the Village of Beecher regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve Ordinance #1417. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri reported on a Laraway Dispatch meeting he attended last week. He provided a report of call volumes for fire and police.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works Department, Water Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant and water billing register reports were provided in the packet for review.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE**

An update was provided on the Summer Concert series. Trustee Weissbohn said the Committee is securing food vendors for the three events. Bands have been booked and he announced the bands and times.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Kraus reported that on July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Village concert series will sponsor All American Throwbacks during the festival and that will be the day Board members would work in the beer stand.

Trustee Kraus said he met with one of the banks in town to get information on Village accounts and will be scheduling a meeting with the other bank to discuss the same in the next couple weeks.

**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 6:26 p.m. to discuss personnel. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Diachenko made a motion to return from executive session at 6:37 p.m. Trustee Weissbohn seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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


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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk