

AM

**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
MARCH 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 and Diachenko.

ABSENT: Trustee Weissbohn.

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

GUESTS: George Schuitema and Joe Burgess.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 24, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Diachenko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE – None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A report was provided on tax income received in February 2025.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – None.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

A 4th of July Commission update was provided. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18th.

Trustee Tieri provided a Youth Commission report. Mom and Son dance will be held on March 22nd.

Trustee Gardner reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on March 19th at the Depot.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus provided the Treasurer's report in the absence of the Treasurer. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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 \$121,442.15 and payroll since the last meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

An update was provided on the new public safety facility by Administrator Mitchell. She spoke to JMA and they are on target and the building may be completed by May.

PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly and annual reports were provided in the packet for review.

The Board considered the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. Administrator Mitchell provided copies of the zoning map and explained the corrections and changes recently made.

ORDINANCE #1418 – An Ordinance approving the proposed Zoning Ordinance replacing Ordinance #1046 and amending the Zoning District Map. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance #1418. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Police Department monthly and annual reports, EMA monthly and annual reports and Code Enforcement monthly report were provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Tieri made a motion approving the purchase of 10-Axon Taser 10s from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$49,398 over five years. This is a cost of \$9,879.60 per year beginning in May 2025. Trustee Stacey seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE



The Public Works monthly and annual reports were provided in the packet for review.

ORDINANCE #1419 – An Ordinance authorizing execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement (IPWMAN). Trustee Stacey made a motion approving Ordinance #1419. Trustee Gardner seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No report in absence of Trustee Weissbohn.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus proposed finishing Welton Stedt Park soccer fields by the Junior High School now that the ground has been leveled. He proposed to purchase soccer goals to be placed at the site. The estimated cost would be not to exceed \$4,000 but matter can't be voted on at this time. He said reserve cash could be used to pay for this. This was something discussed a while back but didn't happen. There were no objections.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Tieri reported that EMA has a current mutual aid agreement with Will County. Grant Park has asked for our assistance at times but is located in Kankakee County so is not included in the mutual aid agreement. He would like to extend use of EMA to Grant Park as a courtesy for some of their major accidents. Grant Park Police Chief is offering to donate a vehicle to EMA, according to EMA Director Heim. Agreement will need to be amended and approved by the Board. No objections.

Joe Burgess from Lions Club asked if benches and memorial stones in Lion's Park could be relocated to the east side of the walking track, if there is still going to be a walking track. The new owner of the adjoining property wants them removed as they are currently on his property. Mr. Burgess also asked that the slide that was in Lion's Park, which is only five years old, could be used in another park. The slide was purchased and donated by the Lions Club.

He also reported that the Lions are looking to do All American Day again this year on August 23rd. There are plans to add the Farmers Market and continue with the burnout event. Trustee Kraus expressed concerns about the condition of the road after last year's event which hasn't been fixed yet. Joe Burgess said the Lions Club will be fixing the road soon. Trustee Kraus asked that the road gets fixed shortly after the event this year. The Lions Club will take care of it.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Diachenko made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss personnel: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stacey made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. Trustee Tieri seconded.

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett McCawley
Village Clerk