

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026

A Public Hearing was held prior to the regular board meeting. The hearing was called to order at 7:00 with a motion from Short which was seconded by Saller to discuss Ordinance #102 Providing for Budget and Appropriations for the Beecher Public Library District, Will County, IL for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:10 with a motion from Short which was seconded by Saller.

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Oppenhuis, Powers, Saller, Short, Wehling

Absent-Cellarius, Keppler-Abbott

Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of July 21, 2026 were reviewed.

This matter was tabled to the September meeting due to an insufficient number of votes to take action.

Treasurer's Report

Short presented the Treasurer's Report & Financial Recap. Following review,

Oppenhuis moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Powers.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$27,689.74 seconded by Short.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Director's Report

-Storytime had 74 children over 3 weeks.

-Trivia had 19 people attend.

-Library closed due to weather-Aug. 11 at noon - Aug. 13 at noon. The library had a power surge which affected the internet modem which was fixed on Aug. 18.

-New Rugs are needed for the front lobby. A motion was made by Saller and seconded by Wehling to purchase 3-4x6 rugs for \$321 and 1-3x5 rug for \$71 for a total of \$392 plus shipping from Uline.com

Correspondence-Julie Mackowiak sent a letter to the board that she is resigning on October 17, 2026.

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- Tadpole has been cleaning up the branches from the storms.

Housingkeeping- Everything is going well.

Landscaping- no report

Schools-School tours with the library will be set up soon.

Social- none

General- none

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- The Board received an update on the Main Front Entrance Project. The new doors do not have a battery backup system. Preferred Window and Door quoted the cost to be \$3,457.65 with the batteries needing to be replaced approximately every three years at an estimated cost of one-half of the initial price.

After much discussion, this item was tabled to get more information for the next meeting.

New Business-

The final budget for FY2025-2026 was approved.

Oppenhuis made a motion which was seconded by Powers.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

The tentative budget was presented for the FY2026-2027.

Saller made a motion to approve which was seconded by Short.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Ordinance #102 was approved.

Wehling made a motion and Short seconded.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Oppenhuis and seconded by Power to move to executive session at 7:58 to discuss personnel.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Saller and seconded by Short to return to executive session at 8:06.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Personnel-Short made a motion to start the hiring process for Julie's current position and to add an additional staff member for 6-9 hours per week which was seconded by Wehling.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Saller moved to adjourn at 8:10P.M., seconded by Powers.

Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Sheila Oppenhuis

Secretary