

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On 23 January 2025, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Beecher Fire Protection District was held at 7:00PM pursuant to the notice at Fire Station in Beecher, Illinois.

**January 23, 2025
Order of Business**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Roll Call: **Members Present:** B. Becker, M. Cook, D. Kolosh, and M. Waterman.

Members Absent: L. Siefker.

Also, Present Chief Falaschetti, Deputy Chief Heusing, Assistant Chief McGannon and James Howard (via zoom).

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve minutes from December 18, 2024 closed session. Motions both passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent.

Treasurers Report: Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, Bank Reconciliation for checking account and Investment Reports for the month of December were distributed to trustees. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve treasurer report. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent.

Approval of Bills: Bills for January were distributed to trustees. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to pay bills. Motion passes unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent.

NON-Discussion Agenda

Chief's Report: Fire prevention updates, meeting with the village in regards to water system (fire hydrants), next month will be first "Coffee Talk", update on grants, awarded Firehouse Subs Public Safety for new battery operated Genesis extrication equipment, The Lions Club will be sponsoring the Beecher Farmers Market, UT44 update, alarm board, employee benefits, will be forming a Pumper/Tender committee, 2024 annual report will be ready next month, site code, CPR training and classes, EMS conference, station maintenance update, MABAS and WILCO Radio Group updates.

Deputy Chief's Report: Update on vehicle and equipment maintenance, total training firefighter training hours 685. Three candidates are EMT-B program. Two candidates will start fire academy in the spring.

Assistant Fire Chief: Update on mental health program. Candidates. FEMA grant received new turnout gear being ordering. Following up previous emergency medical calls to check on patients.

General Public: N/A

Discussion Agenda:

Committee Reports:

- A. Personnel** – Contract is full.
- B. Public Relations** – AC McGannon is getting positive feedback from following with patients.
- C. Communications** – Chief gave update.
- D. Village Liaison** – Chief gave update on meeting with village in regards to hydrants.
- E. Legal Update** – No. Report.
- F. Pension Board** – No report.

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to donate \$238.78 to The Breast Cancer Research to round up the money raised by t-shirt sales to \$1,000.00. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to donate a BFPD blanket, breakfast and a ride to school to the Beecher Education Foundation. Motion passed by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve the administration section of SOG 200.15. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to declare surplus on the TV from conference room. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to extended Chief's contract. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh at 7:21pm to go in to close session. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to reopen meeting at 7:27pm, no action taken.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh at 7:42pm to go in to close session. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to reopen meeting at 8:25pm, no action taken.

All motions passed unanimously by roll call votes, four ayes, one absent.

Scheduled Meetings/ Seminars: MABAS Summit February 17-19

Trustee Comments: N/A

Next Meeting Date/Time: February 27, 2025 at 7:00pm

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh, motion carried.

Recorded by
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