

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

On the 29th of November 2021, 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.

**November 29, 2021  
Order of Business**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

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

**Members Absent:** Trustee J. Bakker and B. Becker.

**Also Present:** Chief Falaschetti, Attorney Tom Gilbert and James Howard.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2021 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

**Treasurers Report:** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, Bank Reconciliation for checking accounts and Investment Reports for the month of October were distributed to trustees. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh, to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

**Approval of Bills:** The bills for the month of November were reviewed and a motion was made to pay bills by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

**Chief's Report:** Chief Falaschetti gave updates on fire prevention, training tower, new uniform company, Standard of Cover, personnel evaluations, turnout gear dryer, email

phishing, COVID screening and various grants (FEMA, Regional AFG, etc.).

**Deputy Chief's Report:** Deputy Chief Heusing gave updates on employee training, vehicle and equipment maintenance.

**General Public:** N/A

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Personnel** – Vacant contract spot has not been filled

**B. Public Relations** – N/A

**C. Communications** – Trustee M. Waterman gave update

**D. Village Liaison** – Holidays with Hero's December 18th

**E. Legal Update** – Attorney T. Gilbert gave update.

**F. Pension Board** – N/A

**G. Station** – Chief gave update.

**Unfinished Business** N/A

**New Business:**

1. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve ordinance #1129-21A adopt tax levy for tax year 2021. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
2. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve ordinance # 1129-21B to adopt abating the tax for year 2021 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), series 2020. Motion passes unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
3. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Beecher Police Association for Holidays with Hero's. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
4. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman at 7:26pm to go in to close session. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to reopen meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
5. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve Christmas bonus for contract members of \$1000.00 per employee after taxes but not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the group. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
6. A motion was made by a Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve Christmas bonus for Administrative Assistant of

- \$1,000.00 after taxes but not to exceed \$1,400.00. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
7. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve a 6% increase to Chief's contract and add a year to contract and extend to three years. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

**Scheduled Meetings/ Seminars: N/A**

**Trustee Comments:** Trustee M. Waterman commented on another trustee had acted on his own behalf with his own email and put the district in a not so good situation. Trustee M. Cook explained to the trustee that they need to keep own opinions to yourself when it has to do with the district.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** December 21, 2021 at 5:00pm

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by M. Waterman, motion carried.

**Recorded by**  
**Angie Koehne**  
**Administrative Assistant**