

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

On April 24, 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.

**April 24, 2025
Order of Business**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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

Members Absent:

Also, Present Chief Falaschetti, AC McGannon and James Howard (via zoom).

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the minutes from the March 20 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve the minutes from March 20 closed session. Both motions both passed unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

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

Approval of Bills: Bills for April were distributed to trustees. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to pay bills. Motion passes unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

NON-Discussion Agenda

Chief's Report: Update on plan reviews of businesses, Barn Safety Program, Junior Fire Academy, Citizen Fire Academy.

Incident highlights, grant updates (Rise Grant from Earthrise, OSM, Firehouse Subs, FEMA and SAFER). Tom & Ed's (UT44), Group Life/AD&D insurance plan is live, Pumper/Tender spec committee, training tower being utilized by KACC, Association helped with Knox Box purchase, FFB purchased new bay chairs. Officers are participating in Developing the Leader with Bonilla Coaching & Leadership. Fuel system upgrade, Cadet Program Manual. EMS conference on April 29 & 30.

Deputy Chief's Report: Update on vehicle and equipment maintenance, total training firefighter training hours 3736. Education and candidates update.

Assistant Fire Chief: Turnout Gear update and following up with residents after incident calls.

General Public: N/A

Discussion Agenda:

Committee Reports:

- A. Personnel** – Three new CPR Instructors. Full-time/part time will be filled by July 1 on Black shift. Three of four candidates are certified firefighters. Three applications were returned for career testing. Next is testing with National Testing Network and physical agility.
- B. Public Relations** – No Report.
- C. Communications** – No Report.
- D. Village Liaison** – No Report.
- E. Legal Update** – No report.
- F. Pension Board** – Routine audit.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve Metro contract. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh at 19:55 to go in to closed session. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to reopen regular meeting at No action taken. Both motions passed unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee d. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve hole sponsorship and blanket donation for MABAS 27 golf outing . Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve proposal purchase of turnout gear from MES for \$82,382.01. Motion passes unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee d. Kolosh to approve proposal purchase of helmets from Air One for \$8,856.00. Motion passes unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve the Beecher Community (Village of Beecher, Washington Township, Washington Township Road District, Beecher Fire Protection District and Beecher Community School District #200-U) Joint Fuel IGA. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

A motion was made by M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve purchase of capital replacement, MV-C2 (FY25/26) for \$78,314.13. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, five ayes.

Scheduled Meetings/ Seminars: Pension Conference in May

Trustee Comments: N/A

Next Meeting Date/Time: May 29, 2025 at 7:00pm

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker, motion carried.

Recorded by
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