

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

On the 22nd of August 2024, 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.

**August 22, 2024  
Order of Business**

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

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

**Members Absent:** B. Becker

**Also Present:** Chief Falaschetti, AC McGannon, Lauri Pope (via zoom) and James Howard (via zoom).

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee L. Siefker, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

**Treasurers Report:** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, Bank Reconciliation for checking account and Investment Reports for the month of July were distributed to trustees. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve Treasurers report. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

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

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

**Chief's Report:** Working with the solar farms to assistance the district with brush truck project, meeting with State Representative Thaddeus Jones on September 6<sup>th</sup> in reference to

South Suburban Airport, grant updates, met with Biesterfeld farms to discuss district needs for agricultural rescue equipment (waiting to hear back), fuel system upgrade, 100 series policy manual, received draft copy of district appraisal from Industrial Appraisal, sharing staff schedule with neighboring departments, Beecher Community Phone App is live, OSHA respiratory clearance and fit testing are completed, have been nominated for MABAS 27 President, MABAS 27 IFERN upgrades have been approved, purchased an Electric Vehicle Fire Blanket, move to Assured Partners for A&S and P&C insurance is complete and new operational change when responding to vehicle accidents involving extrication.

**Deputy Chief's Report:** Update on vehicle and equipment maintenance, total training firefighter training hours 4341, Budimir completed Rope Tech, Golden passed Paramedic exam and four candidate in the Fire Academy.

**Assistant Fire Chief:** Update on progress of the Mental Health Program, brochures have been delivered to local businesses and several residents have requested services. Looking to start a Citizen's Fire Academy. Contacting local HAs to attend their meeting to speak about our organization.

**General Public:** N/A

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Personnel** – Open contract spot has been filled FF/Paramedic Golden. In the process of interviewing for upcoming contract opening.
- B. Public Relations** – N/A
- C. Communications** – Trustee M. Cook gave Chamber update, golf outing in September.
- D. Village Liaison** – N/A
- E. Legal Update** – N/A
- F. Pension Board** – Actuary report was reviewed.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Lauri Pope from Mack & Associates presented FY 23/24 Final Audit.
2. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to offer future full time employees, health, dental

and vision insurance at 80%(district) 20%(employee) cost. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to use the template that the chief presented for five-year salary and benefits. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to offer Option 1 Humana Dental, Option 1 Humana Vision and HMO and Blue Options for Health. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to offer Option 1 Dearborn Life / AD&D. All motions passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

3. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the revised 100 series policy manual. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.
4. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve lieutenant's job description. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.
5. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kolosh, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker of the initiation of original appointment process. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.
6. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to approve the template of lieutenant job posting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.
7. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to go with seven contract spots until November 1, 2024. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.
8. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh to be a hole sponsor for the Beecher Chamber of Commerce golf outing (\$125). Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes, one absent.

**Scheduled Meetings/ Seminars:** Illinois Fire Service Conference September 15-18<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Comments:** N/A

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** September 26, 2024 at 7:00pm

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee D. Kolosh, motion carried.

**Recorded by  
Angie Koehne**