

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

On 26 September 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.

**September 26, 2024
Order of Business**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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

Also Present: Chief Falaschetti 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 August 22, 2024 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 account and Investment Reports for the month of August 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, three ayes, two absent.

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

NON-Discussion Agenda

Chief's Report: Working with the solar farms to assistance the district with brush truck project (TPE Development, LLC has agreed to donate \$100,000.00 and district has received two donations; \$100,000.00 from Generate Capital and \$10,000.00 from [Indiana Ave and Western Ave] remaining \$20,000.00

will be received in 2025), South Suburban Airport update, looking at vendors for turnout gear, grant updates, met with Biesterfeld farms to discuss district needs for agricultural rescue equipment (waiting to hear back), fuel system upgrade was completed September 10, district appraisal has been received, I was elected MABAS 27 President, MABAS 27 IFERN upgrades have been approved, updating box card alarms, Beecher Blessings website and Facebook page is live, notice for qualified board up companies to apply to be on district list in 2025 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 6275, Budimir completed Structural Collapse Tech, DuBois enrolled in Incident Safety Office, Pochinskas enrolled in Hazmat Tech and four candidates in the Fire Academy.

Assistant Fire Chief: Update on mental health program.

General Public: N/A

Discussion Agenda:

Committee Reports:

A. Personnel – Contract filled with seven members. Gold shift LT last day will be November 1st. Incident on August 25 with the Engine.

B. Public Relations – Open House October 11 5-8:30pm.

C. Communications – Chief gave update.

D. Village Liaison – Christmas Parade December 1.

E. Legal Update – N/A

F. Pension Board – N/A

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the revisions to SOGs 200.12 and 300.3. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the move to pay out the District HSA contribution stated in the chief's contract in a form of a check, due to the chief's current insurance plan is not being

HSA eligible. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

Scheduled Meetings/ Seminars: Chief will attend International Association of Fire Chiefs Symposium November 13-17.

Trustee Comments: Trustee Waterman announced that Rev. Ewing from St Luke UCC would be retiring. Service and luncheon on November 17th, a chief and the duty crew to attend.

Next Meeting Date/Time: October 24, 2024 at 7:00pm

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker, motion carried.

Recorded by
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