**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On the 28th of January 2016, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Beecher Fire Protection District was held at 7:00PM pursuant to the notice at the Beecher Fire Station in Beecher, Illinois.

**January 28, 2016**

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order:** 7:01 pm

**Roll Call: Members Present:** Trustees B. Becker, M. Cook, J. Hansel, R. Husum and D. Kennedy

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Chief D. Lagesse, Deputy Chief B. Claus and Attorney T. Gilbert

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel, seconded by Trustee B. Becker, to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2015 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, 5 ayes.

**Treasurers Report:** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, Bank Reconciliation for checking accounts and Investment Reports for the month of December was distributed to trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve treasurer report. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, 5 ayes.

**Approval of Bills:** The bills for the month of January were reviewed and a motion was made to pay bills by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee J. Hansel. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, 5 ayes.

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

**Chief’s Report:** There was 69 calls for the month of December. BFPD received a letter of appreciation from the Chief of Momence Police Department for the assistance of one of their officers during the winter storm on December 28th. Recognition for a job well done for the January 9th ambulance crew was made.

**Deputy Chief’s Report:** Scheduling is working out well. The department is now using IAM Responding program, a monitor has been placed in the station bay area. Continuing search for sourcing out apparatus maintenance. Awaiting ladder testing. 404 has radiator issues.

**Discussion Agenda:**

1. **Committee Reports:**
2. **Personnel –** Of the 5 new POC/PT that were hired in August 2015, three have not complied too training / call attendance. They will be invoiced for the cost of back ground check and physical.
3. **Public Relations –** N/A
4. **Communications –**
5. **Village Liaison –** A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel, second by Trustee B. Becker to approve a $100.00 cash donation to the Beecher Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, 5 ayes. Village of Beecher is purposing a referendum for increase in local sales tax 1% on March 15, 2016
6. **Legal Update –** Attorney T. Gilbert updated board on legal issues regarding State of Illinois.
7. **Training –** Crete Township FPD has department cross inside training (ex: FF safety and physic). 3 POC attending FFII classes.
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **Chief’s Contract -** A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy at 9:00pm for closed session. A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy to reopen meeting at 9:28pm. No action was taken at this time regarding Chief’s contract.
10. **Discussion from a committee for St James Chicago Heights Campus future operations –** A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee M. Cook to send a letter of support for St James Chicago Heights Campus to remain open.
11. **Will County 911 –** Ongoing process, seems like decisions are previously made before attending Will County 911 meetings. A new dispatch center will be at Laraway & 52. Will County will cover cost of the building. The board will consider all options before choosing a dispatch center.

**New Business**

1. **Kurtz’s Contract -** A Kurtz representative will attend February 25, 2016 district meeting to discuss contract.
2. **Auditor –** A list of Auditor with price quotes will be presented to the board at February 25, 2016 meeting.
3. **Community ESDA –** Further information will be obtained regarding the volunteer ESDA program.

**Announcement of Scheduled Meeting/Seminars –** N/A

**Trustees’ Comments –** N/A

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 7:00PM

**Adjournment –** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy, motion carried.

**Angie Koehne**

**District Secretary**