**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On the 27th of October 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.

**October 27, 2016**

**Order of Business**

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

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

**Members Absent:** Trustee C. Murdoch

 **Also Present:** Chief D. Lagesse, Attorney T. Gilbert, Midland States Bank Representatives C. Szymanski, D. Stevenson and D. Targonski

 **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel, seconded by Trustee B. Becker, to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent. A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy, to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2016 closed meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent. A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel, seconded by Trustee B. Becker, to approve the minutes for October 12, 2016 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent.

 **Treasurers Report:** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, Bank Reconciliation for checking accounts and Investment Reports for the month of September were distributed to trustees. A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee J. Hansel, to approve treasurer report. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to transfer $100,000.00 from Ambulance checking account \*\*\*1363 to Investment Ambulance Billing 1004. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent.

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

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

 **Presentation from Midland States Bank:** Debbie and Dan reviewed the account’s progress for the year.

**Chief’s Report:** There were 75 calls for the month of September. The open house for Fire Prevention was a big success, 430 hot dogs were served. Chief Lagesse, Matt Shronts and Bob Barber met with insurance representative regarding ISO. Flow testing and hydrant testing will be done. POC payroll was increased to $24.65 per call. On November 9th pump testing will be done by Legacy Fire. Jones Repair will be completing oil changes on the apparatuses. Parking lot is completed. New sign will be installed soon, Village of Beecher denied request for a second story on the new garage, suggestion was made to expand the width by ten feet.

**General Public:** Mickey Connor thanked the department for their professionalism for an ambulance to his house for his wife.

**Discussion Agenda:**

1. **Committee Reports:**
2. **Personnel –** Appointment announcement was made: Joe Falaschetti will be Deputy Chief, Bob Kopec will be Captain, Josh Gibson and Matt Shronts promoted to Lieutenants. Pinning Ceremony will be at a future date.
3. **Public Relations –** Trunk and Treat was a success over 500 children.
4. **Communications –** N/A
5. **Village Liaison –** Christmas trees will be for sale at Sanders Oil. The chamber will have Christmas trees to decorate along Route 1. The Beecher Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Princess Café.
6. **Legal Update –** Attorney Tom Gilbert updated the board regarding the “Local Government Traveling Expense Control Act”.
7. **Training –** N/A
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **Personnel Closed Session –** A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by B. Becker at 7:38pm to move to closed session. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, four ayes and one absent. Open Meeting Act 2(c)(1). A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel, seconded by Trustee B. Becker at 8:30pm to reopen regular meeting. Motion passed by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent. No action was taken.
10. **New Business**
11. **Dutch American Foods –** The last check for tax rebate has been issued to Dutch American Foods for $1,128.91.
12. **Ordinance 1027-16 Tax Levy -** A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve Ordinance 1027-16 Tax Levy. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes and one absent.

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

**Trustees’ Comments –** A letter was sent to Com Ed regarding their participation in the car accident on September 17, 2016.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 @ 7:00PM

**Adjournment –** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36PM was made by Trustee B.Becker, seconded by Trustee D.Kennedy, motion carried.

**James Hansel**

**Secretary, Board of Trustees**

**Recorded by**

**Angie Koehne**

**Administrative Assistant**