**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On the 25th of February 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.

**February 25, 2016**

**Order of Business**

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

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

 **Members Absent:** Trustee B. Becker

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

 **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy, to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed all in favor. A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel and seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2016 closed session meeting. Motion passed all in favor.

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

A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook, seconded by Trustee J. Hansel to approve treasurer report. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, 4 ayes one absent.

**Approval of Bills:** The bills for the month of February 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, 4 ayes one absent.

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

 **Chief’s Report:** There was 55 calls for the month of January. BFPD received two thank you letters from Crete Township Fire Protection District for the assist with two structure fires. Ford Expedition (400) was sold to Country Club Hill Fire Department.

 **Deputy Chief’s Report:** Ladder testing has been completed. 404 continues to have radiator issues. Interviewing will begin soon for new part time employees.

**Discussion Agenda:**

1. **Committee Reports:**
2. **Personnel –** Employee disciplinary action has been taken in the form of 30 day suspension. Deputy Chief Claus hopes to hire five new part time employees.
3. **Public Relations –** Chief Lagesse and Deputy Claus will be meeting with Beecher Development (the dump), they will be reopening.
4. **Communications –** Eastcom meeting Monday February 29th at Crete Township Fire Protection.
5. **Village Liaison –** Trustee M. Cook shared a letter from a Beecher Chamber member regarding the Village of Beecher purposed referendum for increasing local sales tax 1% on March 15, 2016
6. **Legal Update –** N/A
7. **Training –** Two employees are completing Vehicle Machinery training and another two employees are completing FFIII training. Trustee training will be in Peoria in the month of June.
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **Chief’s Contract -** A motion was made by Trustee R. Husum seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy, at 8:07pm for closed session. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy seconded by Trustee J. Hansel to reopen meeting at 8:45 pm. No action was taken at this time regarding Chief’s contract.
10. **Kurtz Contract -** A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy to approve three year contract and 3% salary increase. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, 4 ayes and one absent.
11. **Auditor –** Board of Trustees received 4 auditor proposals, will continue to inquire a more proposals.
12. **Community ESDA –** No action has been taken since January’s meeting.

**New Business**

1. **Approval Increase Ambulance Fees –** No information provided at this time, will have for March meeting.
2. **Fuel Prices –** Village of Beecher has chosen to go with buying fuel at a low rack cost from a company in Channahon for the 2016 Fiscal Year.

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

**Trustees’ Comments –** N/A

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 @ 7:00PM

**Adjournment –** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM was made by Trustee R. Husum seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy, motion carried.

**Angie Koehne**

**District Secretary**