**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On the 24th of March 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.

**March 24, 2016**

**Order of Business**

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

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

 **Members Absent:** Trustee B. Becker and Trustee R. Husum

 A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy appointing Trustee J. Hansel president pro –tem. Motion passed all in favor.

 **Also Present:** Chief D. Lagesse and Deputy Chief B. Claus

 **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy seconded by Trustee J. Hansel, to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed all in favor. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee M. Cook, to approve the minutes from the February 25, 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 February 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, three ayes, two absent. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee M. Cook to rename the Midland account #101005 Beecher Fire Protection District General Fund to Beecher Fire Protection District Capital Improvement Fund, with the same account #101005. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

**Approval of Bills:** The bills for the month of March were reviewed and a motion was made to pay bills by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee M. Cook. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

 **Chief’s Report:** There was 66 calls for the month of February. BFPD assisted Crete Township Fire Protection District with a couple of structure fires. A group insurance policy has been set up with BCBS of Il (Spectrum Illinois) to reduce the increasing cost of health insurance. Request that two trustees review the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year budget prior to April’s meeting, so that the budget can be approved at April 28th’s district meeting.

 **Deputy Chief’s Report:** Two employees with be attending Vehicle Machinery Operations class. 411’s electrical modules have been repaired, running tests daily. A request has been made to Fire Services for service invoices.

**Discussion Agenda:**

1. **Committee Reports:**
2. **Personnel –** N/A
3. **Public Relations –** There will be a Fire Alarm Drill with Beecher Schools at the end of the month
4. **Communications –** N/A
5. **Village Liaison –** Beecher Chamber is looking for sponsors for the Car Show. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee M. Cook to sponsor the Wednesday, July 20, 2016 car show. Motion was passed all in favor
6. **Legal Update –**  A suggestion was made to have an attorney present for four meetings a year and special circumstances
7. **Training –** N/A
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **Chief’s Contract -** A motion was made by Trustee M. Cook, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy, to table contract until April 28th’s district meeting. Motion was passed all in favor
10. **Will County 911-** Trustee M. Cook, Trustee D. Kennedy and Chief Lagesse have attended a meeting regarding Will County 911. Thirty one entities will be housed in a new facility on Laraway Road. No budget numbers are available as of yet. Next meeting will be March 31, 2016.
11. **Auditor –** A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee M. Cook, to accept the proposal and use the services provided by Brian Zabel and Associates for a new auditor. Motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
12. **Community ESDA –** There were will be a spring newsletter sent out to inform and request applicants for volunteering for the ESDA. Police Chief Weissgerber will oversee the program so that government assistant can be provided along with insurance reasons. Chief Weissgerber is working Crete to set up a structure similar to theirs.
13. **Approval Increase Ambulance Fees –** Data was given to the trustees to review. Will carry to next board meeting.

**New Business – N/A**

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

**Trustees’ Comments –** N/A

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, April 28, 2016 @ 7:00PM

**Adjournment –** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee M. Cook, motion carried.

**Angie Koehne**

**District Secretary**