**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On the 26th of April 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.

**April 26, 2016**

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order:** 7:07 pm

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

**Trustee Residence Status:** District Trustee R. Husum handed in his letter of resignation on Monday, April 25, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee J. Hansel accepting letter of resignation.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee J. Hansel appointing Trustee M. Cook as District President. Motion passed all in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee B. Becker appointing Trustee J. Hansel as District Secretary. Motion passed all in favor.

**Also Present:** Chief D. Lagesse, Deputy Chief B. Claus, Attorney T. Gilbert and citizens Mike Waterman and Craig Wojciechoski.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy seconded by Trustee J. Hansel, to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2016 regular 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 March 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.

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

**NON-Discussion Agenda**

**Chief’s Report:** There was 50 calls for the month of March. In contact with Pierce Manufacturing with process of recouping for the repair of 404. The meeting for Will County 911 on Thursday April 28, 2016 was cancelled, not enough accomplished to warrant a meeting. Discussed closing of year end for the 2015 fiscal year.

**Deputy Chief’s Report:** 411 is running fine. Documentation has been received for Fire Services regarding repairs. Six interviews for Firefighter/Paramedic have been conducted in hoping to expand our roster. New employees will complete a five day orientation with nine hour shifts each day. The full time employees will participate with MABAS 27 in special teams (2 Fire Investigators, 3 Hazard Material and 1 Water Rescue).

**General Public:** Citizen Craig Wojciechowski introduced himself as a possible fill in for the board of trustee vacant position.

**Discussion Agenda:**

1. **Committee Reports:**
2. **Personnel –** N/A
3. **Public Relations –** N/A
4. **Communications –** Awaiting for a Director of Will County 911 to be appointed.
5. **Village Liaison –** Beecher Chamber along with the Youth Commission are combining efforts to have a Haunted House at the Community Center four days a week, each week for the month of October.
6. **Legal Update –** Attorney T. Gilbert discussed legal updates.
7. **Training –** Three employees will be graduation the Fire Academy, five employees will be completing Vehicle Machinery Operations and one employee is completing Management Three. Chief and Deputy Chief attended a Table Top EMA. New procedures for Medical Region 7 will take effect on May 1, 2016. The BFPD personal have completed the four hour class along with required tests.
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **Chief’s Contract -** A motion was made by Trustee J. Hansel, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy to adjourn open meeting at 8:16pm to discuss Chief’s contract. Motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes. At 8:55pm the session was reopened. A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve the Chief’s contract. Motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes.
10. **Community ESDA –** Nothing has moved forward since March 24th meeting.
11. **Approval Increase Ambulance Fees –** A motion was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee D. Kennedy to approve Ordinance 426-16 to increase ambulance fees. Motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes.
12. **New Business**
13. **2016 Operating Budget -**  A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee B. Becker to approve the 2016 – 2017 Operating Budget. Motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Kennedy, seconded by B. Becker to transfer $110,000.00 from the Midland General Checking account # 1000182908 to Midland BFPD Capital Improvement Fund account # 101005. Motion was made unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes.

1. **Replacement of Station Sign -** Further information will be gathered.

**Announcement of Scheduled Meeting/Seminars –** IAFPD Conference will be in June. Rooms have been reserved.

**Trustees’ Comments –** Position for open Board of Trustees will be under consideration until the next meeting

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 7:00PM

**Adjournment –** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM was made by Trustee B. Becker, seconded by Trustee J. Hansel, motion carried.

**James Hansel**

**Secretary, Board of Trustees**

**Recorded by**

**Angie Koehne**

**District Secretary**