

Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

January 10, 2022

Commissioners:

Gonzalo S. Reyes – Chair

Kevin O’Keefe – Vice Chair

Amy Boze – Secretary

Allen Lee – Treasurer

Tony Crisp

Staff:

Annette Hackbarth – Director

Paul Ausman – Band Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 1/10/23 at 6:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, Il. 61081.

Commissioner Reyes called the meeting to order and attendance was taken showing Five Commissioners were present.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to approve the following consent items:

December 2022 Meeting Minutes

January 2022 Band Director Report

January 2022 Band Manager Report

Commissioner Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented showing:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Personnel:	\$62,300	\$43,262.50
Materials and Services:	\$38,200	\$28,022.12
Capital Expenses:	\$39,180	\$0.00
Revenue:	\$106,480	\$109,891.96

Commissioner Lee also reported that our operating budget for the rest of the fiscal year was \$32,942.35. We received another increase in State Replacement as well.

Commissioner Crisp made a motion to receive the report. It was seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe and carried unanimously.

The 23/24 proposed budget was worked on and a finalized balanced budget was agreed upon. Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to approve the budget. It was seconded by Commissioner Boze and carried unanimously. Commissioner Lee will present it to the City Council for final approval.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No requests were made by members of the public for comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Band Manager Ausman suggested dropping “Pops” from the Winter Pop Concert title. All in attendance agreed it was time to drop it since the concert has not been a pops orientated one for over 20 years.

The concert was well received by Audience and Band alike. 300 audience members were in attendance and donated \$3165.

Commissioner O’Keefe stated that he thought it was by far the best concert the Band has presented in a number of years.

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to approve the \$1000 stipend for Dr. Andy Rummel as guest soloist and clinician for the Spring Concert. It was seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried unanimously.

Rehearsals for the Spring concert will begin on 3/15.

Director Hackbarth suggested hiring the Josh Duffee Orchestra and Big River Brass Band for our Saturday Night Concert Series. She also suggested treating these concerts just like our normal summer concerts using the Carreta, having Commissioners man it, print programs, and put our donation drum out. All Commissioners agreed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Crisp made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. to review the past six months of Executive Session Minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe and carried unanimously.

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to enter Open Session at 7:23 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Crisp and carried unanimously.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Manager Ausman reported that there is an engraver in town, Fine Line Engraving, that we can use for any special awards we would like to present. Mollard Batons offer some unique ideas as well. After discussion of what type we would like, it was decided that Mr. Ausman will present a few ideas at the February meeting.

Manager Ausman will update the dropbox calendar for the upcoming year.

The Commission discussed how to deal with the July 4th rehearsal. Manager Ausman will get with Janna Groharing to see if she knows when the area fireworks will occur. We will also poll the Band during the Spring Concert rehearsals to see what they would like to do.

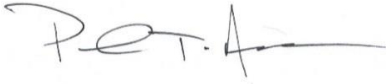
Commissioner Reyes would like to make sure that our concerts are listed in the Calendar of Events that is in the local paper weekly. Manager Ausman will get with Janna Groharing to make sure that happens.

Director Hackbarth reported that Randall Standridge has agreed to guest conduct the Band in July. Approval of his stipend will be on the February agenda.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Band Manager Paul Ausman to submit to the Clerk of the City of Sterling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Ausman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

**The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be
Tuesday February 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers
located on the first floor of City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, IL. 61081**