

Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

March 9, 2021

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 3/9/2021 at 6:07 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 Lee made a motion to approve the following consent items:

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Band Director Report

Band Manager Report

Commissioner O’Keefe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Lee presented the Financial report showing:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Personnel:	\$61,000	\$19,181.91
Materials and Services:	\$37,950	\$6,480.50
Capital Expenses:	\$9,050	\$1,201.93
Revenue:	\$108,107	\$85,164.51

He also reported that the Band’s balance was \$58,300.17 with a reserve of \$191,806.43.

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

Commissioner Lee also reported that he presented the 21-22 budget to the City Council. The only question the Council had for him was about needing to replace the heating unit in the west room. He also plugged our online presence to show the viability of the band during COVID. The council was onboard with our percussion replacement/repair plan as well.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

Director Hackbarth reported that the virtual band video was completed and posted. It was tracking well with many shares and likes.

We will still do a Meet the Band video series leading up to the weeks before the Spring concert. The Commission would like it to be a weekly series.

Dr. Ponzo is still interested in doing the Spring concert as soloist, without putting on a clinic at this time. Director Hackbarth has all the music planned and ready to go. The Auditorium will allow 50 people on stage and 50 in the audience. Rehearsals will begin on 3/24 with the concert on 4/28. We will also be live streaming it for those who cannot attend. Manager Ausman will contact Jim Spencer regarding tech needs and costs.

Madeline Geil has agreed to perform 3 vocal numbers on 6/9 with the band for a fee of \$300.

Dr. Bough's commissioned piece will premier on 7/28/2021. Matt Senneff will be performing the trombone solo for it. He is also considering doing a brass clinic on 7/27/2021. It is still in the planning stages, but weather permitting, can be held at GCC. It would be at no cost to us since he is sponsored by Yamaha.

Director Hackbarth reposted that the marimba frame can be repaired by Ward-Brodth. They can pick it up along with the chimes and have both back to us before the spring concert. Pick up and transportation will be at no cost to the Band.

Commissioner Boze made a motion to authorize sending the marimba and chimes to Ward-Brodth for repair with a cost not to exceed \$500. Commissioner O'Keefe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boze made a motion to purchase percussion equipment, not to exceed \$11,000. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boze made a motion to purchase the percussion equipment from Ward-Brodth. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Director Hackbarth presented a plan to purchase face masks and bell covers for each member of the Band for the Spring concert, as well as for the Summer concerts. Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to allocate \$1,500 for purchase of face masks and bell covers. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Director Hackbarth will borrow two unused music shields from Dakota to use as COVID protection surrounding the Director's podium.

Sterling Main Street's monthly stipend of \$200 will begin in March 2021 to cover advertising and marketing costs for the Band. Commissioner Lee will take care of setting up automatic payment through the City.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Reyes would like to remind everyone that Officer Nominations/Elections will be coming up over the next two months. Nominations will take place at April's meeting, and elections at May's.

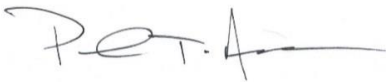
Manager Ausman reported on inquiring into being able to use IRS Section 170(c)(1) to allow our donors to take a tax credit on their donations. He had noticed that other groups in the area are using the code as a way to solicit donations. Upon further investigation however, the Band cannot use the code as well in that we cannot guarantee that donated dollars are used solely for the Band. Our donations go into a single account that helps fund the Band, including payroll of Band members. Therefore it is not used solely for use of the Band.

Manager Ausman also will be doing a polo audit and recommend re-order levels for the April meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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



Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

**The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers
located on the first floor of City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, IL. 61081**