



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2022

Present:

Chief Steve Wascher, Chairman Mick Krasowski, Vice Chairman Brian Beatty, Secretary Scott Diehl, Treasurer Eric Truax, Trustee Shannon Harms

Absent:

None

Guest's Present:

None

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:12 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from January 13th and requested several corrections. **Motion was made by Chief Wascher to approve the December 9th meeting minutes with corrections, and 2nd by Treasurer Truax. Motion approved (6 yes, 0 no)**

Account:

Treasurer Truax reported that the current account balance is \$65,365.88. The following deductions since January were as follows; \$14,001.50 for E-Draulic tools from AirOne, \$180.00 for Knife Sharpening, \$800 to Romeville Fire Academy for Firefighters Payne and Ringale, and lastly for \$163.70 to Amazon for Humidifiers. Treasurer Truax also reported that on January 14th, 11 fraudulent charges were made on the Foreign Fire Tax Debt card. American Eagle Bank was contacted and did reimburse the account for all the purchases, to the amount of \$1,995.75. There was a \$3.00 extra credit that Treasurer Truax is working with the Bank to fix. American Eagle did make a recommendation that the Debit Card is locked when not in use, on the internet. **Secretary Scott Diehl made a motion to approve the account balance update and seconded by Trustee Shannon Harms (6 yes, 0 no)**

Public Comment:

None.

Old Business

Chairman Krasowski reported that the new E-Draulic Extrication Tools had been purchased and placed in service on Engine 21. Vice Chairman Beatty spoke about the tools and stated that the new extrication tools were a little bit heavier than the old tools and that they were waterproof up to 11 feet. Vice Chairman Beatty also stated that the old engine 21 hydraulic ram was placed onto engine 22. Engine 22's old hydraulic ram was placed onto engine 23 along with engine 20 ones old hydraulic cutters.

Chairman Krasowski did talk about the humidifier and reported that the humidifier had been purchased and arrived and was working at station 22. Treasurer Truax also reported that the extra filters had arrived and were being sent to station 22.

With that the Sony HT-A5000 sound bar had been previously denied. Chairman Krasowski reported that he had spoken with Firefighter Elliott who had put in the request. Firefighter Elliot had wanted to know why the sound bar had been denied, and how to put it in the next time to get it passed. Chairman Krasowski did advise Firefighter Elliot that the sound bar had been unanimously denied by the board.

Chairman Krasowski thanked the Foreign Fire Insurance Board for their hard work on the bylaw updates. **Chairman Krasowski made a motion to approve the bylaws as presented which was seconded by Secretary. Diehl. The bylaws have been approved and are awaiting signature by chairman Krasowski, Vice Chairman Beatty, and Secretary Diehl. Motion Passed (6 yes, 0 No)**

New Business:

A request was made by Firefighter Penrod, for the purchase of 2 Manitowac UDF0140A NEO 26" air cooled under counter ice machines. this request was being made as the ice machine at station 22 and station 21 have come to the end of their service life. Both machines are no longer operable and are unrepairable. A short discussion regarding the machines did take place it was determined that the ice machines were needed. **A motion to approve and amount of \$4,322.00 was made by Treasurer Truax and second by Secretary Scott Diehl. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no)**

A request was made by Battalion Chief Cox, 4 microfiber fitness exercise towels for station 21. Battalion Chief Cox is requesting 5 6 packs of 16 inch by 27 inch microfiber towels. The cost of the tiles was \$14.99 times 5 bringing the total cost to \$74.95. the Battalion Chief reported that the towels for the workout room at station 21 had been dwindling and were almost nonexistent. this purchase would allow for the replacement of the towels and extra to be stored away in case the towels became lost or destroyed. **A motion to approve \$74.95 for purchase of was made by Trustee Harms and second by Treasurer Truax. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no)**

A request was made by Lieutenant Stumbaugh, for the purchase of 124 inch Whirlpool dishwasher model #WDT730PAHZ. Lieutenant Stumbaugh, reported that the dishwasher at station 23 had been broken since December and the dishes have had to be hand washed since then. Lieutenant stumbaugh stated in his request that he had been told by the district and by building maintenance that the parts for the dishwasher were on order however they were coming from Europe and due to the shortage there was a delayed shipping time. Lieutenant stumbaugh wanted to purchase a brand new washing machine in place of waiting for the parts. Chairman Krasowski had spoken with building maintenance and Battalion Chief Cox who had reported that the parts we're on order and should be in by February 25th. After a short discussion, **A motion to deny the purchased was made by Treasurer Truax and second by Secretary Scott Diehl. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no)**

A discussion occurred regarding the open vacant position for trustee created by the retirement of trustee Steven Diehl. neither Chairman Krasowski nor Secretary Diehl had received any nominations during the nomination period. Chairman Krasowski had done some research and determine that the board could operate as a six-person board. He did state however it was recommended that the board be seven persons. It was determined that at this time the board will go down to 6 members and that come September at the election for members of the board, that the vacancy would be sent out again and we would attempt to obtain nominees for the foreign fire insurance board at that time.

Any other new business: None

Good of the order:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Krasowski at 09:58 and was Seconded by Vice Chairman Beatty. Motion passed (6 Yes, 0 No, and 1 absent)

Set next meeting date:

The next Foreign Fire Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 10th, 2022**, at 09:00 hrs. Station 21, 1090 W. Spring St., South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

The meeting minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Scott Diehl