



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2022

Present:

Chief Steve Wascher, Vice Chairman Brian Beatty, Secretary Scott Diehl, Treasurer Eric Truax, (*Via Zoom*) Chairman Mick Krasowski, Trustee Steve Diehl

Absent:

Trustee Shannon Harms

Guest's Present:

None

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:10 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from December 9th and requested two 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, 1 absent)**

Account:

Treasurer Truax reported that the new computer that was purchased for the treasurer is in and up and running. A few minor things need to be adjusted. Quicken had been installed and was working just fine. Treasurer Truax reported that all purchases had cleared to the total of \$2,093.01. Treasures Truax report that the current balance for the foreign fire board was \$80,508.11 **Secretary Scott Diehl made a motion to approve the account balance update and seconded by Vice Chairman Beatty (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent)**

Public Comment:

None.

Old Business

Chairman Krasowski reported that the Fire department advanced fire Officer Class at Romeoville fire Academy had been successfully completed by Firefighter Rob Rimgale. Chairman Krasowski also reported that he had not heard anything back as of yet on the advanced fire officer and taskbook reimbursements.

Treasurer Truax again reported that the computer had been purchased and was up and running.

The Hurst combi tool that had been submitted by firefighter Lippold during the last meeting was denied in anticipation of a split purchase for an entire set of Hurst E-Draulic Extrication Tools by the fire district.

A germ guardian air purifiers had arrived and were distributed between the three stations. Chairman Krasowski reported that the air purifier at station 22 was up and running and working well.

A lengthy discussion ensued over the tabled massage chairs that were submitted by Lieutenant Freiberg. Chief Wascher Was concerned about space for the chairs within the stations. Vice chairman Beatty quote that health insurance for the district employees did pay for one massage per month. Treasurer Truax was concerned about how to sell the massage chairs to the public if anyone questioned it even with all of the health data associated. Trustee Steve Diehl was concerned about decon of the chairs especially during a surge of COVID that we are currently experiencing. **A motion was made by Vice Chairman Beatty to deny the chairs and was seconded by Chief Wascher.**

New Business:

A request was made by Assistant Chief Rothecker for the split purchase of a complete set of Hurst E-Draulic extrication tools including mounting brackets. The total purchase of the extrication equipment was \$28,003.00. The fire district had already approved their half of the purchase at the recent board meeting per Chairman Krasowski. some discussion occurred as to the foreign fire tax boards half. Initially a request for \$14,999.99 was made. Assistant Chief Rothecker was contacted by Chief Wascher, and clarification was made. **A motion to approve and amount of \$14,001.50 was made by Chief Wascher and second by Secretary Scott Diehl. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent)**

A request was made by Lt. Krasowski for \$160.73 for the purchase of a new PureGuardian H8000B 2-Gallon Warm & Cool Mist Humidifier 500 sq. ft, H8000B Elite Ultrasonic Warm Mist & Ultrasonic Cool Mist Digital Humidifier with Extendable Wand by PureGuardian, Guardian Technologies GGHS15 Aquastick Antimicrobial Humidifier Treatment, 2-Pack, Pure Guardian Humidifiers, Evaporative Humidifier Water Tanks Guardian Technologies FLTDC Humidifier Demineralization Filter, White for station 22. **A motion to approve \$160.73 for purchase of 1 humidifier was made by Treasurer Truax and second by Vice Chairman Beatty. Motion passed (5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained and 1 absent)**

A request was made by firefighter Elliott for the purchase of a new Sony sound bar from Crutchfield for the cost of \$1072.38. A short discussion did occur, and it was concerned that there is already several speakers throughout the station that can be utilized. **A motion to deny the purchased was made by Treasurer Truax and second by Secretary Scott Diehl. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent)**

A lengthy discussion occurred about the bylaws that had been updated several corrections were made and highlighted there was much input from board members regarding the updates. Chairman Krasowski made all the corrections during the meeting the bylaws word be submitted to the members of the district for a review the bylaws will be voted on by the board members during the next meeting in February.

A letter of resignation was tendered by trustee Steve Diehl, to the foreign fire tax board Steve has served on the foreign fire tax board for many years and in many capacities including trustee, vice chairman, and secretary. Trustee Steve Diehl will be missed.

Any other new business: None

Good of the order:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Krasowski at 10:36 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, February 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