



# South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



## Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 2022

### Present:

Fire Chief William Luchsinger, Chairman Mick Krasowski, Secretary Scott Diehl, Treasurer Eric Truax, Trustee Shannon Harms

### Absent:

Vice Chairman Brian Beatty

### Guest's Present:

FF/PM Chris Elliott, FF/PM Collin Rothecker, B/C Justin Cox

### Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:02 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from June 16th. There was some discussion from Chairman Krasowski and Trustee Harms, to make a few corrections. All the corrections were noted. **Motion was made by Treasurer Truax to approve the June 9th meeting minutes with the corrections, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Harms. Motion approved (5 ya)**

### Account:

Treasurer Truax reported the current Foreign Fire Insurance Board account balance is \$52,020.83. Treasurer Truax reported the payment for the AutoCrib-it had been paid to AirOne, for \$2,955.00. Also, that payment for the access cards were deducted for \$634.50. It is unknown at this point how long until the bricks will take to be installed. Treasurer Truax also mentioned that \$84.70 was used to purchase liners for the Trager Smokers for all 3 stations. Treasurer Truax also stated he was working with Britta to pay for the board's portion of the coffee for last year. Truax also informed the board he was in the process of working on the audit for the foreign fire board. The audit company will be conducting the audit in early September. **Trust Shannon Harms made a motion to approve the account balance and update. It was seconded by Secretary Diehl (5 ya, 0 no)**

**Public Comment:** None

### **Old Business:**

Chairman Krasowski reported FF Wright was working with AirOne to obtain demos of the cut-off saws, and that he was working with B/C Starr to obtain training materials to cut. There was no movement on the demo. The item remained tabled until next meeting. Chief Luchsinger did state that he had heard that maintenance did not want the cut off saws. B/C Cox did report that he had talked to the maintenance division and that they were ok with the purchase.

### **New Business:**

Chairman Krasowski briefly talked about Battalion Chief Cox's request for funding to attend the IAFC- Fire Rescue International Conference from -8/24 to 08/26. Battalion Chief Cox was in attendance for the meeting and did speak on the request. He had submitted the request to the Fire District budget, however it was after the close of the budget, so the request was denied. B/C Cox was asking for \$2000, to attend the conference which is being held in Texas. B/C Cox explained that the conference was geared more for company officers and command officers. A short discussion occurred regarding training, budget, and the battalion chief. Chief Luchsinger did stated that the Battalion Chiefs were eligible for training funds, however it was not listed in their contracts. **A motion was made by Treasure Truax to approve up to \$1000.00 of the total original request for \$2000.00 for attendance to IAFC conference and that motion was seconded by Trustee Harms. (5 Yes, 0 no)**

Chairman Krasowski brought up a request by Lieutenant Jason Peters for the purchase of 2 bundle packs of Seek Fire Pro X Thermal Imaging Cameras for station 23. Lieutenant Peters' description did include that "A23 has only one", there are no other cameras on any of the other rigs at station 23. Lieutenant Peters' submission also included, "To outfit station 23's rigs to match the rest of the rigs." Chief Luchsinger stated that the cameras were important to the operational needs of the department, and that if not approved, he would look at redistributing the current SEEK Camera to better accommodate the departments needs. **Treasure Truax made a motion to approve a purchase not to exceed \$6000. This motion was seconded by Trustee Shannon Harms. (5 yea, 0 no)**

Chairman Krasowski introduced 2 requests from FF Chris Elliott, the first being for a JBL Sound bar. FF Elliott's reasoning included the following: "CAD monitor on bay floor is hard to hear using tv speakers when doing a training. Soundbar is requested to provide some extra oomph to the sound to be able to discern voices and what is being said." FF Elliott was present and did speak on the request stating more training was being conducted on the bay floor at station 22, and that this would help. Chairman Krasowski did voice concern on the soundbar. FF Elliott had also made a request for a mount for the sound bar. **A**

**motion was made by Trustee Harms, to combine the two requests into one request and approve the purchase. Treasure Truax seconded the motion. (4 yea, 1 na)**

**Good of the order:**

Chairman Krasowski wished to congratulate William Luchsinger on his appointment to Fire Chief, by the board of trustees. This sentiment was echoed by the rest of the board members on the Foreign Fire Insurance board.

Chairman Krasowski, entertained motions to adjourn the meeting. **A motion was made by Secretary Diehl to adjourn the meeting at 09:37 Hours. the motion was seconded by Chairman Krasowski. The motion Carried, Meeting was adjourned at 09:37 hrs. (6 yes, 0 No)**

**Set next meeting date:**

**The next Foreign Fire Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11th, 2022, at 09:00 hrs. Station 21, 1090 W. Spring St., South Elgin, Illinois 60177.**

The meeting minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Scott Diehl