



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

May 12th, 2022

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Guest's Present:

South Elgin Fire District Trustee Diana Cornelissen, FF/PM Chris Elliott, FF/PM Dustin Differing, FF/PM Tyler Hite (via Zoom)

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:14 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from April 10th. There was some discussion from Trustee Harms, as she had been under the impression that the dishwasher had been fixed by the start of the last meeting. She was corrected and informed that the dish washer was repaired after the last meeting. **Motion was made by Chief Steve Wascher to approve the March 10th meeting minutes as submitted, and 2nd by Treasurer Truax. Motion approved (6 yes, 0 no)**

Account:

Treasurer Truax reported that the current account balance is \$57,896.65. Treasurer Truax reported that \$375.00 was paid to FF Rimgale for class. At this pole Treasure Truax was called away from the meeting for an emergency call. The Treasures Report was suspended at 09:20 hrs.

*Treasure Truax returned at 09:50 and resumed the treasures report. A phone poll was conducted the igloo coolers had increased in price \$9.00 per cooler. The total cost of coolers went from \$210.69 to \$256.68. All the board members were polled and approved the increase. Treasurer Truax also reported that signature cards with the bank had been updated. Former Trustee Steven Diehl add been removed and Trustee Shannon Harms had been added. **Trustee Shannon Harms made a motion to approve the account balance update and seconded by Treasurer Truax (6 yes, 0 no)**

Public Comment:

Diana Cornelissen spoke and wanted to thank the Foreign Fire Insurance Board for all they do. She also wanted to speak on a proposal to purchase a brick at the Elgin Fire Barn Memorial for Former South Elgin Fire District Broad President Ken Cornelissen. Diana was Ken wife, and now sits on the Fire District Board and wanted to donate her Trustee Salary to purchase the brick. Diana Cornelissen was thanked for her offer.

Old Business

Chairman Krasowski spoke about the coolers that were approved in the May meeting. It was noted by Chairman Krasowski that the price for the coolers had gone up by \$9 per cooler, the initial price that was approved was \$210.69. it was noted that with the increase in price it was brought up to \$256.68. Chairman Krasowski did note that the foreign fire insurance board bylaws stated that a phone poll could be conducted four votes on monetary values less than \$50. as such this increase in dollar amount fell under the \$50 allotment. A phone poll was conducted, and all board members of the foreign fire insurance board work contacted and informed of the increase. A phone poll was taken and the increase in the coolers was approved. **All board members of the foreign fire insurance board voted yes to the increase.**

Chairman Krasowski introduced Firefighter Tyler Hite, who was attending the meeting via Zoom. Firefighter Hite had submitted for Wallet Badges by Smith and Warren. These badges had been tabled during the May Meeting in order for Firefighter Hite to get a count of who would be interested in obtaining these badges. Firefighter Hite reported that he had sent out a survey via the department email and had received 22 yes responses from full time members and 4 no responses from full time members it was noted that there are 37 full-time members my computer. **A motion was made by Trustee Shannon Harms to table the request until the May, Foreign Fire Insurance Board meeting. That request was seconded by treasurer Truax. (6 Yes, 0 no)**

** It was at this point that Treasurer Truax returned from the call he was on. the treasurer's report was continued see the above treasurers report.*

Chairman Krasowski Reported that Firefighter Rimgale, had obtained his instructor certification and was now working for the Romeoville Fire Academy as an instructor. This caused his last class to be refunded. \$375 was refunded to the foreign fire insurance board.

A discussion occurred in regard to a tabled TV for station 22 for the apparatus Bay to replace the current CAD monitor. Chief Wascher, spoke and reported that he had attempted to get this item approved through the budget as a capital expenditure, however he met resistance and was told there was no money in the budget for the television/CAD monitor. Chief Wascher, did state that he felt there should be a district purchased item. A brief discussion ensued regarding the TV by the board. it was determined by the board that the TV should be purchased. Chairman Krasowski did note that the original CAD TV had been purchased by Foreign Fire Insurance Board. **A motion was made by Fire Chief Steve Wascher to approve the CAD monitor/TV and was seconded by Secretary Scott Diehl. (6 Yes, 0 No)**

A follow up brief discussion occurred as the TV required a mounting bracket in order to mount it to the wall. **A motion was made by Secretary Scott Diehl to approve the purchase of the wall mount and was seconded by Treasurer Truax. (6 yes, 0 No)**

Chairman Krasowski, Review the last tabled item for the purchase of RIFD access cards. Vice Chairman Brian Beatty, Spoke and was adamant that this should be a fire district purchase. These cards are also to be used as identification for the full time and part time members of the department. Fire Chief Steve Wascher echoed this sentiment and also felt that these cards should be purchased by the district. Chief Wascher, stated that he had attempted to get these items purchased through the district budget but that the items went

out of the budget has a cost saving measure. He reported that the assistant chief had felt that these were not necessary and there was no money in the budget for the cards. All members were in agreeance that these cards were useful and suited the needs of the members of the district better than the key fobs that were originally issued. It was determined after a lengthy discussion that members would have the choice to maintain the key fobs and obtain a RFID access card/ID And utilize both to access the buildings. After further discussion it was determined that the foreign fire insurance board would look to purchase a onetime purchase of 60 cards at the cost of \$480. **Fire Chief Steve Wascher made a motion to purchase 60 cards as a onetime purchase. The motion was seconded by trustee Shannon Harms. (5 yes, 1 No)**

Chairman Krasowski mention that the kilo coffee containers have been purchased and were disseminated amongst the stations. He also spoke and reminded everyone on the foreign fire insurance board to complete their economic statements.

Chairman Krasowski, talked about the online open meetings act training. As the old website had been hacked and some of the members of the foreign fire insurance board had not been able to complete their training when they took their position on the board. Chairman Krasowski asked that everyone complete and updated open meetings act training on the new website.

New Business:

Several new requests were submitted to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The following is a summary of the approvals, denials and discussions that occurred regarding all the submissions.

Fire Chief Steve Wascher submitted a request for the purchase of 2 bricks at the Elgin Fire Barn Memorial (Greater Elgin Area Firefighter Memorial) for Form South Elgin Fire District Board of Trustees members, Robert Hopp and Kenneth Cornelissen. As noted, earlier Diana Cornelissen was on hand and wanted to speak. Diana is a current South Elgin Fire Board of Trustees member. Diana stated that she receives a small salary for her part on the board of trustees. Diana stated that she wanted to donate this money for the purchase of a brick in the memory of her husband Kenneth Cornelissen. Vice Chairman Brian Beatty spoke up and offered discussion on the topic. Vice Chairman Beatty stated that he did not feel comfortable taking money even in donation for the purchase of a brick as a memorial to former district board trustee and president Kenneth Cornelissen. this sentiment was continued and echoed by several other members, and it was determined that Diana could donate the money to another cause but that it was an honor for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board to purchase the brick in memory of Robert Hopp and Kenneth Cornelissen. **A motion was made by Secretary Scott Diehl to Approve the request for the purchase of the bricks, and that request was seconded by Treasurer Truax. (6 Yes, 0 no)**

Firefighter Tyler Hite had made a request to purchase new clocks for the bunk rooms at station 21. He indicated that the current clocks were old and some of them were inoperable. These clocks had been moved over from the old station 21 and had been in service for a considerable amount of time. Firefighter Hite was looking for a set dollar amount to purchase clocks. **A motion was made by Vice Chairman Beatty to approve**

up to \$200.00 for clocks. This motion was seconded by Trustee Shannon Harms. (6 yes, 0 no)

Firefighter Tyler Hite had made a request to purchase a new cabinet for the women's bathroom slash locker room at station 21. This was to replace the missing cabinet that never showed up. It was noted that during the search process the previous cabinets had been discontinued by the company. A similar cabinet was found however this cabinet comes with drawers. Trustee Shannon Harms indicated that the drawers would be helpful for the female staff in order to keep and maintain certain items. It was also noted that because the company had discontinued the previous product that may have been the cause of not receiving, they ordered a cabinet. **A motion to approve the request for the cabinet was made by Trustee Harms, this request was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian Beatty. (6 yes, 0 no)**

A request was submitted by Firefighter Neal Lippold, for Autocribit a device to assist with vehicle stabilization during auto extrications. The Autocribit had been demonstrated during auto extrication training earlier in the month. The device provides a safer means to extricate and crib a vehicle. As the vehicle weight changes or as the vehicle height changes the device automatically raises to accommodate and crib the vehicle to prevent it from coming back down onto firefighters during extrication. **A motion to approve the purchase of three sets of Autocribit was made by Treasurer Truax and the motion was seconded by Trustee Harms. (6 yes, 0 No)**

Any other new business: Chairman Krasowski wanted to thank Fire Chief Steve Wascher for his dedication to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. This would be Chief Wascher's last meeting as he is retiring. Chief Wascher was an instrumental part of getting the Foreign Fire Insurance Board up and running, when he was a firefighter. He was the first chairman when the board was started. All of the board members thanked Chief Wascher for his 29 years of dedicated service.

Good of the order:

Chief Wascher spoke and thanked the board for their dedication and service to the cause.

Chairman Krasowski entertained motions to adjourn the meeting. **A motion was made by Secretary Diehl to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 Hours. The motion was seconded by Chairman Krasowski. The motion Carried, Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 hrs. (6 yes, 0 No)**

Set next meeting date:

The next Foreign Fire Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9th, 2022, at 09:00 hrs. Station 21, 1090 W. Spring St., South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

The meeting minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Scott Diehl