



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District

Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2024

Present:

Chief William Luchsinger (*Left at 0914, Returned 0921*),
Chairman Eric Truax, Vice Chairman John Jowaski, Treasurer
James Schoff, Trustee Anthony Rodgers

Absent:

Secretary Bailey Nixon, Trustee Ryan Rompel

Guest's Present:

Assistant Chief Dave Schmidt

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Chairman Truax. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from July 3rd, and August 7th. There was some discussion from Chairman Truax to make a few corrections. The corrections were noted. **Motion was made by Chairman Truax to approve the July 3rd meeting minutes with corrections, and 2nd by Tressure Schoff. Motion approved (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent). A motion was made by Chairman Truax to approve the August 7th meeting minutes with corrections, and 2nd by Trustee Rodgers. Motion approved (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

Account:

Treasurer Schoff provided the account update. The account currently has \$28,628.65 as of October 2nd. **A motion was made to approve the account update by Chairman Truax, and 2nd by Trustee Rodgers. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Chairman Truax informed the board of the tabled request of dehumidifiers for Station 23. The board initially requested to table the item due to wanting to know if there was an issue with Station 23 humidity levels, and if there was another fix other than getting dehumidifiers. That issue has not been addressed. The board decided to keep the item tabled until finding out the cause of the humidity problem.

New Business:

The Foreign Fire Board elected two new members. The new board, and new elected positions are as follows:

- **Chairman Eric Truax**
- **Vice Chairman John Jowaski**
- **Treasurer James Schoff**
- **Secretary Bailey Nixon**
- **Trustee Anthony Rodgers**
- **Trustee Ryan Rompel**

A request was made by FF/PM Natalie Kusnierewics for Paramedic class tuition reimbursement. **A motion was made to approve the request not to exceed \$1,200 by Treasurer Schoff, and 2nd by Chairman Truax. A vote was held. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by FF/PM Rob Bartosiewicz for a Distressed Pine Metal TV Stand for Station 23. A discussion was held noting that FF/PM Bartosiewicz submitted for two TV stands, allowing the board to vote on which one to approve. **A motion was made to approve the request not to exceed \$600 by Chairman Truax, and 2nd by Vice Chairman Jowaski. A vote was held. (4 yea, 0 nay, 3 absent)**

A request was made by FF/PM Rob Bartosiewicz for a TV stand. A discussion was held. The board decided to approve the first option of the Distressed Pine Metal TV Stand. **A motion was made to deny this option by Chairman Truax, and 2nd by Treasurer Schoff. A vote was held. (4 yea, 0 nay, 3 absent)**

A request was made by Battalion Chief Cox for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator 1 and 2 Class, on behalf of Lt. Stumbaugh. A discussion was held. **A motion was made to approve the request not to exceed \$650 by Treasurer Schoff, and 2nd by Chairman Truax. A vote was held. (4 yea, 0 nay, 3 absent)**

A request was made for Leatherman Raptor Shears by FF/PM James Schoff. A discussion was held. **A motion was made to approve the request not to exceed \$500 by Trustee Rodgers, and 2nd by Chairman Truax. A vote was held. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made for Hy-Conn Pro Adaptors (6" to 4") & (2 ½") by Assistant Chief Schmidt. A discussion was held requesting the department to pay half the cost of this item. The department agreed. **A motion was made to approve the request of the additional half, not to exceed \$5,800 by Treasurer Schoff, and 2nd Trustee Rodgers. A vote was held. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made for workout shoes for each member of the department by Lt. Stumbaugh. A discussion was held. **A motion was made to deny the request by Chairman Truax, and 2nd by Trustee Rodgers. A vote was held. (4 yea, 1 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made for a Foodsaver Vacuum Sealer Machine by FF/PM Bartosiewicz. A discussion was held. **A motion was made to deny the request by Chairman Truax, and 2nd by Trustee Rodgers. A vote was held. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made for a Big Easy tool by FF/PM Bartosiewicz. A discussion was held noting Chief Luchsinger stating the department would purchase this item. **A motion was made to deny the request by Chairman Truax, and 2nd by Trustee Rodgers. A vote was held. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

Good of the order:

A special thanks to the previous board members, Trustee Brian Beatty, and Secretary Wright

Set next meeting date:

The next Foreign Fire meeting will be held November 6th, 2024, at 0900 hrs. at South Elgin Station 21, 1900 W. Spring St. South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 0945 by Chairman Truax and 2nd by Chief Luchsinger. A vote was held (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)