



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2021

Present:

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

Absent:

Trustee Steve Diehl

Guest's Present:

Lt. Freiberg, A/C Rothecker, FF/PM Tyler Hite, PFF/PM Bailey Nixon

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:13 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from November 11th and requested one correction. **Motion was made by Chairman Krasowski to approve the November 11th meeting minutes with corrections to the previous meeting data and whom pre and 2nd by Vice Chairman Beatty. Motion approved (6 yes, 0 no.)**

Account:

Treasurer Truax reported that the transition between outgoing Treasurer Cox and himself was going extremely well. He wanted to take a moment and thank Treasurer Cox for all his hard work and dedication throughout the years. Treasurer Truax reported that all the purchases from the last month's meeting had cleared to the total of \$2,992.33. He also reported the most recent check for the foreign fire insurance for \$51,160.08 had been deposited. Treasures Truax report that the current balance for the foreign fire board was \$83,406.12 **Chief Wascher made a motion to approve the account balance update and seconded by Secretary Scott Diehl (6 yes, 0 no)**

Public Comment:

FF/PM Tyler Hite spoke about the purchase of the Christmas trees and thanked the board for their purchase. All the trees have been placed at their respective stations and had been decorated.

Old Business

Reviewed the purchase of the smart TV for the radio room for station 21. The TV is in and has been mounted on the wall. Since being mounted It was discovered that the TV has a bad pixel in it. Treasurer Truax is work on replacement.

It was discussed that the lamps were purchased for all 3 stations and have been distributed.

The quicken software from the October meeting is being purchased and will be placed on a future lap top for use by the treasurer of foreign fire insurance board.

The new Samsung TV was purchased for the Lieutenants office at station 22 and has been mounted.

The request for Fire Department Incident Safety Class made by FF/PM Rimgale at Novembers Meeting. There was some discussion about the cap for foreign fire class yearly limit, however it is believed that FF/PM Rimgale is under the cap. **A motion was made by Trustee Harms to approve the class and was seconded by Chief Wascher.**

A discussion then occurred regarding a previously tabled request from October's meeting, for reimbursement for confined space class for FF/PM Harms. The request also included a request for per diem. It was discussed that foreign fire does not provide per diems. The request was tabled, and FF/PM Harms will be resubmitted without the per diem.

Board discussed that the new cabinets had been purchased. FF/PM Tyler Hite had reported in public comment that 3 of the 4 cabinets were in and had been installed, and that one of the cabinets was on back order. Chief Wascher thanked FF/PM Hite for the request and assembly of the cabinets.

Christmas Trees have been purchased and are up at all three stations.

New Business:

A request was made by FF/PM Shannon Harms for \$1975 for Instructor II, Advance Fire Officer and Taskbook through Romeoville fire academy. There was lot of discussion on this as it exceeded the foreign fire insurance request amount for a firefighter in a single year. The board wishes to maintain a schooling budget for all non-civilian personnel within the department. If members allowed to request over amount over the limit, then not all members maybe allow to attend schooling through the foreign fire insurance budget. **A motion to approve and amount of \$1350.00 was made by Chief Wascher and second by Treasurer Truax. Motion passed (5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained)**

A request was made by Lt. Truax for \$1500.00 to purchase new laptop for use by the treasurer of the foreign fire insurance board. The current lamps were brought for the old station 21 and are old and in need of repair. There was discussion and it was determined that all 3 stations needed new lamps. **A motion to approve \$546.00 for purchase of 18 new lamps was made by Chief Wascher and second by Treasurer Truax. Motion passed (5 yes, 0 no)**

A request was made by FF/PM Neal Lippold for \$ 10,945.00 for a Hurst SC358E2 combination tool with door opener tips. This is Hurst combination tool for E-23. This is a fully submersible extrication tool with RIT forcible entry capabilities. It comes with removable shark tooth tips for auto extrication and additional rabbit tool tips for forcible entry. There was discussion on this as of yesterday 12/08/2021, the Hurst spreaders for engine were taken out of service as the piston for the unit was damaged and the unit is no longer repairable. It was discussed that the district will be coming to the foreign fire insurance board to assist with the purchase of a new set of extrication tool for engine 21. It was also discussed that the remain set from engine 21 may be moved to engine 23, and that the district would then budget for a combination tool to complete the set on engine 23. **A motion to deny the purchase was made by Treasurer Truax and second by Secretary Scott Diehl. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no)**

A request was made by Lt. Mitchell P Krasowski III for \$ 989.97 for 3 GermGuardian AC9200WCA 27" Console Air Purifier with HEPA, Ionizer, & UV-C, 335 sq. ft. One for each station. The Board discussed some concerns about the replacement filters. **The motion was made by Trustee Harms to approve an amount up to \$1300.00 to include an extra set of filters and second by Treasurer Truax. Motion was table (5 yes, 0 no. 1 abstained)**

A request was made by Lt. John Freiberg for \$ 13,625.00 to purchase 3 Synca Kagra 4D Massage Chairs. One for each station. The Board discussed options and had questions about the weight limit of the chairs and the warranty. Also, there was question about space within the stations for the chairs and where they would be placed. **A motion**

to table the purchase was made by Chairman Krasowski and second by Vice Chairman Beatty. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no)

Any other new business: None

Good of the order:

Discussion occurred on the proper usage of foreign fire insurance occurred as Trustee Harms is new to the board and was apprised of the Roberts rules of order for meeting and how it pertains to the foreign fire insurance board.

Also, a lengthy discussion took place on the revision and update of the bylaw for the foreign fire insurance board. Lots of changes were made to the bylaws including but not limited to the update of the station 21 address. The revisions will be made and submitted.

It was noted that during the meeting Secretary Diehl did have to leave due to emergency response calls at 09:57 and returned at 10:15. Also Chief Wascher left at 11:41 and returned 11:59. Secretary Diehl left for a second emergency response 12:02.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Treasurer Truax at 12:28 and was Seconded by Vice Chairman Beatty. Motion passed (4 yes, 0 no)

Set next meeting date:

The next Foreign Fire Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13th, 2022, at 09:00 hrs.

The meeting minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Scott Diehl