



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2022

Present:

Chief Steve Wascher (09:38), Chairman Mick Krasowski, Secretary Scott Diehl, Treasurer Eric Truax, Trustee Shannon Harms, Vice Chairman Brian Beatty (*via Zoom*)

Absent:

None

Guest's Present:

Lieutenant Rich Stumbaugh, Firefighter Tyler Hite, Firefighter Andrew Wright, Firefighter Rob Bartosiewicz

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:25 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from March 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 Treasurer Truax to approve the March 10th meeting minutes as submitted, and 2nd by Trustee Harms. Motion approved (6 yes, 0 no)**

Account:

Treasurer Truax reported that the current account balance is \$59,275.33. Since March Check #199 was paid out in the amount of \$1,350.00 to Firefighter Shannon Harms for reimbursement for Advance Fire Officer. Also Check #200 was paid out in the amount of \$4,322.00 for the Ice Maker. Also, a reoccurring expense for Trager Pellets was paid out in the amount of \$359.10. **Secretary Scott Diehl made a motion to approve the account balance update and seconded by Trustee Shannon Harms (6 yes, 0 no)**

Public Comment:

None.

Old Business

Chairman Krasowski reported that it was discovered that 4 cabinets had been ordered for the station 21 bathrooms through Foreign Fire Insurance Board fund back in November. It was reported during the December meeting that 3 of the 4 cabinets had been delivered. The 4th cabinet was on back order. It was discovered that Amazon now is reporting that all 4 cabinets were delivered, however only 3 were delivered. Any attempt to dispute the claim by Amazon was made, however it had been over 90 days and Amazon would not refund. Discussion was had about an attempt to dispute the charges through the credit card company, however after some quick research it was determined that the credit card company would only dispute charges up to 120 days, and it was past that time frame. It determined that the funding for the 4th cabinet had been lost. Further discussion occurred

that moving forward all foreign fire purchases would be received by Treasure Truax and then disseminated out to their right locations. This will help with accountability in the future.

New Business:

Several 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.

Firefighter Tyler Hite, submitted for Wallet Badges by Smith and Warren. These badges would be similar to the current department issued badges. The difference would be that these badges would be flat in order to fit into a wallet better. A short discussion occurred regarding the badges. There was some concern raised that the badges may fall outside of district boundaries. Chief Wascher did report that the district had previously issued badges to all personnel but had stopped for an unknown reason. He indicated that it would be acceptable to reissue badges to all full-time employees. After a short discussion it was determined that Firefighter Tyler Hite would see how much interest throughout the department there was in receiving a wallet badge and come back to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board with an updated number. **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)**

Two separate requests were made to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The first being by Firefighter Anthony Rogers and the second by Firefighter Garrick Penrod. Both requested were for a Rogue R-3 Power Rack. Chairman Krasowski had spoken with both Firefighter Rodgers and Penrod. Both indicated that they had not know the other had put in for the Item. A lengthy discussion ensued, Chairman Krasowski, had also spoken with Firefighter Pollock, who is in charge of the fitness for the department. Chairman Krasowski, reported that Firefighter Pollock, Was OK with the equipment as long as it was utilized safely and properly. Firefighter Pollock had concerns with firefighters attempting to powerlift during shift and becoming injured. There was also some concern with the use of free weights. Vice Chairman Beatty interjected and did indicate that the power rack did have safety features and that the lifting techniques utilized with the power rack were better for individuals during workouts. It was indicated that the use of free weights, and proper lifting techniques was better for the body. **A motion to approve one of the request for a Rogue R-3 was made by Chief Wascher, and the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Beatty. (6 yes, 0 no)**

A request for Igloo BMX 25-quart coolers, was made by Firefighter Rob Bartosiewicz. These coolers are to replace the current coolers on the 3 front line engine. A short discussion ensued regarding the district's responsibility for replacement of equipment. It was determined that the current coolers are still in working order and that these coolers would be an upgrade to the current coolers the consensus was made that this would improve rehab water for firefighters on prolonged scenes. **A motion to approve the request was made by Treasurer Truax, this request was seconded by Trustee Harms. (6 yes, 0 no)**

A request was submitted by Firefighter Chris Elliot, for a 85" Samsung Class 7 Series LED TV. This TV was to replace the current TV on the bay floor at Station 22, that is

being used as a CAD computer. Chief Wascher spoke up and stated that this was the district's responsibility and that this should be tabled until the TV goes through the budget process. **A motion to table the TV until the new budget was made by Treasure Truax and the motion was seconded by Secretary Diehl. (6 yes, 0 No)**

Another request was also made by firefighter Chris Elliot, to be paired with the television for a full motion wall mount. as the prior discussion had occurred and the motion to table the television until the budget process was complete had been made. This request was also tabled under the motion for the TV. **The previous motion to table the 85-inch Samsung television was extended to this request.**

A request was made by Lieutenant Richard Stumbaugh, to purchase SMART key cards. these cards would be used with the current door lock systems at station 21 and 23 and the future door lock system at station 22. A short discussion occurred regarding the cards that they would also be utilized as ID's and could have pictures printed on them. Chief Wascher, again spoke up and stated that this was a district expense. **A motion to table the smart cards until the budget process was complete was made by Trustee Shannon Harms and was seconded by Secretary Scott Diehl.**

A request for one Airscape Kilo Coffee Storage Canister was made by Firefighter Daniel Cooper. This was in response to the current coffee container at station 22 being damaged and being held together with electrical tape. It was determined that these canisters would improve the storage of the coffee at the stations. As the stations had been utilizing old coffee cans to store coffee it was determined that the canisters would be increased to 5 canisters and dispersed amongst the three stations. **A motion was made by Secretary Diehl for the purchase of five canisters to be dispensed amongst the stations. This motion was seconded by Trustee Harms.**

Chairman Krasowski spoke about the economic statements required to be filled out by all the board members on the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The newest member of the board was unaware that this statement had to be completed.

Any other new business: None

Good of the order:

Chairman Krasowski also mentioned that the members of the Foreign Fire Insurance Board must complete and updated open meetings act training. He reported that the state website for the open meetings act training had been hacked earlier in the year and had recently been reinstated. Chairman Krasowski had sent the new updated link to all board members via email.

A short discussion also occurred regarding bylaw updates for the foreign fire insurance board. Corrections need to be made to the bylaws. Further discussion on this topic will occur at the May meeting of 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 11:10. the motion was seconded by**

Chief Wascher. The motion Carried, Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 hrs. (6 yes, 0 No)

Set next meeting date:

The next Foreign Fire Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12th, 2022, at 09:00 hrs. Station 21, 1090 W. Spring St., South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

The meeting minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Scott Diehl