



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2022

Present:

Fire Chief William Luchsinger, Chairman Mick Krasowski, Vice Chairman Brian Beatty, Secretary Scott Diehl, Treasurer Eric Truax, Trustee Andrew Wright

Absent:

Trustee Shannon Harms

Guest's Present:

B/C Cox

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 09:01 hours by Chairman Krasowski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from September 8th, 2022. There was some discussion from Chairman Krasowski, to make a few corrections. The corrections were noted. **Motion was made by Treasurer Truax to approve the September 8th meeting minutes with corrections, and 2nd by Trustee Andrew Wright. Motion approved (6 yea, 0 nays, 1 absent)**

Account:

Treasurer Truax reported that the account balance was \$42,537.14. He reported that \$1000.00 had been paid to B/C Cox for reimbursement for the IAFC conference. That \$339.92 had come out of the account payable to SEEK for the thermal imaging holds. Treasurer Truax expected that the holder would be in with in the next few days. \$734.51 had been paid out to IdentiFire for face piece stickers. It was also noted that \$49.99 was paid for a cover for the table at station 21. \$264.56 was paid to Menards for one fan. Treasurer Truax reported that one of the fan's Lt. Krasowski had put in for was ordered through the Elgin Store and the other was through the Villa Park Store. The Fan that was order through the Villa Park store had arrived. The other fan through the Elgin store was initially placed on back order, and then it was cancelled by Menards Elgin. It was determined that a second fan was not needed, and the order would remain cancelled, and the board would not attempt to find a replacement.

It was noted that a phone pole was conducted for the cost of the fans. It was \$4.56 more than allotted. Treasurer Truax conducted that phone pole and report that all members of the board were yes votes. The phone pole was ratified during the meeting. **A motion was made by Secretary Diehl to approve the Treasurer's report, with the phone pole. It was seconded by Trustee Andrew Wright. Motion approved (6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent)**

Public Comment:

B/C Cox recognized Treasurer Truax for being on top of the finances and getting Britta all the required items for the audit early.

Old Business:

Chairman Krasowski opened with comments on the follow-up for the pouches for the SEEK thermal imagers, that they had been ordered and paid for and had been shipped.

Chairman Krasowski asked what the status of the station logos were? Vice Chairman Beatty stated that he was waiting for more ideas. The chief still wanted no guns, he was still concerned that it would portray a bad image. The logos are waiting for more input.

Chairman Krasowski talked about the rowing machines. As of last meeting they had been approved pending station 23. Station 23 had been poled. It was reported that Lt. Duffy was fully in favor of the rowing machine and did want one for the station. Lt. Rothecker didn't think that there was enough room for the equipment. FF/PM Sutton also wanted one but was concerned about space. FF/PM Pollock liked the idea of the machine and liked that it was small and compact and folded up against the wall, but also was concerned that there was still not enough room for the rowing machines. Some discussion was had at the board level. Chairman Krasowski suggested that the board purchase 2, one for station 21 and one for 22, and then see how well the machines fit. He suggested that the third one could be purchased for station 23 at later date. This idea was well received. As the money had already been allocated, it was decided that 2 of the Concept 2 RowErg would be purchased initially.

Chairman Krasowski asked about the update on the refrigerators for station 22. Vice Chairman Beatty reported that he and FF/PM Lippold had inspected the wall outlets as requested, and they had indeed confirmed that they were on a 20-amp breaker which would support the 2 refrigerators. The outlets were also wired in parallel. Vice Chairman Beatty had also reported FF/PM Lippold had consulted with a professional consultant, the fire districts own fire inspector, and that no issues with the refrigerators could be found.

The new refrigerators only draw 3-amps per unit. Chief Luchsinger then spoke up and reported that he had reviewed and measured the kitchen at station 22 and had decided that he did not want the refrigerators on the wall. Chief Luchsinger proposed that the current food storage pantry be removed along with the microwave. The 2 refrigerators could then be placed next to the current refrigerator. Chief Luchsinger stated that he had measured the area next to the current refrigerator and if the pantry was removed, there was enough room. Furthermore, if the Foreign Fire Insurance Board planned to approve the rest of FF/PM Lippold's request for cabinets, those cabinets would work for storage. Chief Luchsinger questioned what the purpose of the refrigerators and cabinets were. Vice Chairman Beatty did speak up and stated that he had thought that all of this had been approved during the previous meetings. Chief Luchsinger proposed other locations for the refrigerators. **Chairman Krasowski made a motion to table the refrigerators until further information could be obtained. The Motion was seconded by Treasurer Truax. Motion approved (6 yea, 0 nays, 1 absent)**

Chairman Krasowski mentioned that FF/PM Lippold had taken sample of the cabinets to the paint store and had gotten a match for the station. Vice Chairman Beatty commented and complemented FF/PM Lippold for the work he'd done. FF/PM Lippold is working on getting matching stain to match the current cabinets at station 22. He had included with the refrigerators, 3 cabinets to increase the storage of food for the 3 shifts at station 22.

It was discussed during the treasurer's report that only one of the two fans that Lt. Krasowski had put in for through Foreign Fire Insurance Board, was delivered, and why.

Chairman Krasowski covered the tabled Battery-Operated saw which had been submitted by FF/PM Wright. This purchase was initially tabled, do the availability of the demo saws. Trustee Wright reported that both demo saw had arrived and had been passed around all 3 stations. It was reported that everyone liked the Husqvarna Saw much better than the Milwaukee brand saw. It was determined that the Husqvarna Cut-Off was the better option. Chief Luchsinger spoke up and did state that if the Husqvarna Battery-Operated saw was purchased, he would have serious discussion with the command staff about removing the old gas operated Husqvarna saw from service on the Truck, as it was hard to start, and old. FF/PM Wright's original request was for 2 saws, one for each of the front-

line staffed engines, Engine 21 and Engine 22. While the saws were tabled, FF/PM Lippold had made a request for 3 smaller battery operated DeWalt Cut-Off saws which were approved. Since these saws were purchased, it was felt that there was no longer a need for the bigger saws on the engines. Trustee Wright did mention that the larger saw was better for cutting through a garage door, as the 9-inch blade did not cut deep enough to cut through the cross bracing on a garage door.

New Business:

Chairman Krasowski introduced the only new request for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board for October. Lt. Stumbaugh submitted for Sport Tek 1/4 zip pull up shirt. These would be a new uniform item, for fall transition. Lt. Stumbaugh Rational included, *“The Fire Chief asked me to get a quote to purchase this item. He stated this can be worn as a uniform item. He would like to see if the foreign fire board would purchase one for each member including the 9 recruits when they get out of class.”* It was discussed that this is worn by several other fire districts, and departments in the area. Chief Luchsinger, also mention that there was a baseball style shirt that was available from the uniform, supplier. He stated that he liked the baseball style better. He did state that he had a conversation with Lt. Stumbaugh, about possibly bringing these uniforms to Foreign Fire, however he believed that it was in passing. Chief Luchsinger stated that he did not yet have a policy regarding wearing these as a uniform. He also did not have a plan on getting a policy together soon. Chief Luchsinger did mention that he liked the other style better. He also mentioned that with his experience with the uniform vendor that even if these uniforms were purchased, we would not see the uniforms until spring. There was some discussion as to offering both styles on the website and allowing members to choose one or the other. There was also some discussion regarding up charges, for badge numbers and US flags. It was decided that more information was needed before deciding. **Secretary Diehl made a motion to table the purchase, until more information could be obtained. This Motion was seconded by Treasurer Truax. (6 yea, 0 nays, 1 absent)**

During this meeting, it was also brought up that after the last election that nomination for positions within the Foreign Fire Insurance Board were due. **Trustee Andrew Wright made a motion to maintain the current position line-up. Trustee Wright nominated Chairman Mitchell P Krasowski III to remain as Chairman, Vice-Chairman Brian Beatty to remain as Vice-Chairman, Treasure Eric Truax to remain as Treasurer, Secretary Scott Diehl to remain as Secretary, and Trustees Shannon Harms and Andrew Wright to remain as Trustees. All board members present accepted their nominations. As such the motion was Seconded by Treasurer Truax. (6 yea, 0 nays, 1 absent)**

During the previous 2 meeting it had been discussed to change the recurring date of the Foreign Fire Insurance Board Meeting, from the second Thursday of every month to another day to help facilitate meetings with the Chief. After a short

discussion with Chief Luchsinger, it was determined that the 1st Wednesday of every month would work out better with the Chief's Schedule. This change will affect the Bylaws, as such the change by laws will be submitted to the membership to review prior to the next meeting in accordance with the bylaws.

Good of the order:

Chairman Krasowski thanked the board for their work. **Chairman Krasowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17. It was seconded by Vice-Chairman Beatty. Motion approved (6 yea, 0 nays, 1 absent)**

Set next meeting date:

The Foreign Fire Insurance Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2022, at 09:00 hrs. Station 21, 1090 W. Spring St., South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

The meeting minutes, respectively submitted by Secretary Scott Diehl