

Foreign Fire Tax Board Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting 11/5/2021

Oswego Fire Station 1 @ 0800

Meeting Called to Order

0821 by K. Sheley (Roll Call)

Present: Chief Cornish, T. Eischen, P. Gal, M. Pavlacka, K. Sheley

Visitors: None

Absent: B. Gregory, G. Lawton

Approval of Agenda

Motion: M. Pavlacka

Second: Chief Cornish

Review of Last Meetings Minutes (6/8/2021)

Motion: M. Pavlacka

Second: T. Eischen

Open Forum/Public Comment

None

Correspondence

None

Chairman's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

See Attached

Motion: Chief Cornish

Second: P. Gal

Old Business

Mattress replacement: The board discussed different options for mattress replacements. The 2% board has elected to assist the department with the purchase of Sleep Number

Mattress systems. Chief Cornish will review with the board of trustees to determine how much the department can contribute. 2% has elected to contribute \$26,000 pending response from the board of trustees. Motion: T. Eischen, Second: M. Pavlacka. 5-0 Vote.

Rope Equipment: M. Moulesong proposed a budget to replace and update and all expired and outdated equipment that is currently located on front-line vehicles. Information has been provided to Chief Flanders and Chief Warren at this time. This topic will be discussed during the December meeting. *Chief Cornish, M. Moulesong to handle.*

Hose Cleaners: Members expressed the need for devices to clean attack hose after incidents. Power washers were brought up as an alternative to a dedicated hose cleaning machine. Electric power washers will be reviewed to find the best option. Not to exceed \$2,000. Motion: T. Eischen, Second: M. Pavlacka.

Cleaning: The carpet and recliner cleaning has been completed at all four stations.

Treadmills: The treadmills at all stations have been replaced with the help of both 2% and Health and Safety.

Street Signs at Training Tower: Discussion took place to change the name of the streets at the Training Tower. Members discussed removing “Foreign Fire” and replacing it with “Mike Veseling” to show appreciation of what Chief Veseling did for the organization. Board members showed interest, but it was recommended to allow for more time to pass before beginning the project.

Years of Service Awards: Members discussed the re-activation of a program to recognize time spent on the department. In the past, plaques were given to members for every five years spent on the department. The board will look into the purchase of challenge coins for each member to represent their time on the department. A coin rack may also be supplied to each member to hold the coins. This will be revisited in the December meeting. *K. Sheley to handle.*

New Business

Grills: Grills at the four stations are in deplorable condition and need to be replaced. The board has reviewed options and intends to purchase replacement Weber grills with various attachments to replace the existing grill. Not to exceed \$6,500. 5-0 Vote. Motion: M. Pavlacka, Second: T. Eischen

Escape Systems: Discussion took place to purchase individual “bail-out-bags” for each individual member now that the district is beginning to see taller buildings. The board intends to make this purchase but required more information regarding the warranty information as well as the training on the systems. This will be discussed later in the December meeting. *K. Sheley to handle.*

Cold Weather Bags: The board elected to maintain the cold weather bag program and will look to provide items for the membership i.e., handwarmers, hats, gloves. Not to exceed \$1,000. 5-0 Vote. Motion: M. Pavlacka, Second: P. Gal

Signatures: The board has elected to remove M. Goodbred from the signature list on the bank account and replace him with T. Eischen. The board directed T. Eischen on the

next steps required to complete this process. 5-0 Vote. Motion: M. Pavlacka, Second: P. Gal.

Adjournment

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