

# **Foreign Fire Tax Board Meeting Minutes**

## **Quarterly Meeting 6/8/2021**

### **Oswego Fire Station 1 @ 0715**

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

0715 by G. Lawton (Roll Call)

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

Visitors: B. Czekala, M. Moulesong, E. Roberts

Absent: B. Gregory

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: K. Sheley

Second: T. Eischen

#### **Review of Last Meetings Minutes (3/2/2021)**

Motion: M. Pavlacka

Second: T. Eischen

#### **Open Forum/Public Comment**

None

#### **Correspondence**

None

#### **Chairman's Report**

The board welcomed Chief Cornish, M. Pavlacka, and P. Gal to the 2% board. G. Lawton provided a brief description of the purpose of the 2% board, how we obtain our funds, and how the meetings typically flow. Chief Cornish expressed that he would like the board to continue to approach different department committees (Tools, Maintenance, health and Safety) to seek approval of new items prior to bringing them to the 2% board for purchasing.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

See Attached

Motion: P. Gal

Second: Chief Cornish

## **Old Business**

Carpet and Training Room Kitchen Funding: A majority of the items have been purchased and installed for the updates. Garbage disposal for the kitchen still needs to be purchased and installed. Maintenance will be completing this project when time allows.

High Rise Bundles & Swift Water Equipment: The necessary equipment for the high rise bundles and swift water equipment has been purchased. Some money still remains out of the allotted funds (\$1,468). Swift water team will be contacted to see if any additional items are required. *Chief Cornish to speak with swift water team.*

Sweat Pants: Sweat Pants have been purchased and distributed amongst the membership.

Streamlight Chest Lights: Items have been restocked and re-issued to members who needed light replacements.

Grill Cover for Station 3: Grill cover has been replaced.

Mattress replacement: The board discussed different options for mattress replacements. Chief Cornish will review the department budget to identify how much money the department can contribute towards the purchase. No decision has been made as to what mattress systems will be purchased at this time. A special meeting will be held in July to discuss the purchase of the mattress systems. The goal is to outfit and replace all department mattresses by 5/2022. *Chief Cornish, T. Eischen, B. Czekala to gather more information.*

Election Results: M. Pavlacka and P. Gal were vote in as new members of the 2% Board.

## **New Business**

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 already been provided to Chief Flanders and Chief Warren at this time. Chief Cornish to review the department budget to see what the department can contribute towards this purchase. This topic will be discussed during the July special 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. Gas power washers will be reviewed to find the best option. The board will budget for up to \$500/unit. Topic will be discussed for July special meeting. *B. Czekala to handle.*

Cleaning: The board will be paying for all four stations to have the carpets and chairs cleaned by an outside company. 2% will pay for the initial cleaning. The department and 2% will work together in the future to create a rotating schedule to continue cleaning of the four stations. Not to exceed \$10,000. Motion: P. Gal, Second: M. Pavlacka. 6-0 Vote.

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 elected to discuss this at a later meeting to allow for the new administration to settle into place.

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. *K. Sheley to handle.*

Treadmills: Health and Safety is asking the 2% board to assist with the purchase of treadmills to replace broken treadmills for the department. A total of 3 treadmills need to be replaced. Chief Cornish will review the department budget to see what the department can contribute. Health and Safety will be contacted to review treadmill needs. *Chief Cornish and T. Eischen to handle.*

## **Adjournment**

0819 Motion: P. Gal, Second: M. Pavlacka