



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
Virtual Meeting

December 9, 2020
9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes - August 31, 2020

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Education Funding Requests
- B. Flashlights
- C. Ballistic Vests
- D. Door Wedges
- E. Rain Coats
- F. Fitness Equipment

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Flashlights
- B. Health / Fitness
- C. Gym Shoes

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIIIADJOURNMENT

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Item: Notice

Department: Village Clerk

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Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
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Item: minutes

Department: fire

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Description	Type
Meeting Minutes - August 31, 2020	Minutes

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX BOARD

Minutes of Meeting
1150 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

August 31, 2020

Board Members

in Attendance: James Stempien
Andrew Larson
Ross Chapman (at 9:40 a.m.)
Rob Losik
Kevin Flynn
Mike Schubert

Absent: Martin Moran

Guests: Dwayne Wood
Jason Wachal
Marc Piscitiello
Matthew Oates

Jim Stempien called the third quarter 2020 meeting held via Zoom to order at 9:13 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Request for Flashlights

Dwayne Wood & Marc Piscitiello made a request for flashlights/tools. It was mentioned by Chief Wood that the handheld lights are currently old and should all be replaced. The total cost would be \$4,650 to purchase 30 lights at \$155 each. Chief Wood said it's the first line of defense in being able to work – that everyone has to see. Jim Stempien asked what dollar amount would get them to where they need to be. Marc Piscitiello answered \$4,650 total, however they are only seeking \$2,500 from the Board. Rob asked if 32 flashlight units was going to be enough so that they could all be uniform, and it would make sense to use the same one to streamline the flashlights and to have the latest technology. Chief Larson asked what the price would be to do the whole department. Marc said that he was confident that the proposal of 32 units would achieve their goal. Chief said he was fine with that.

Jim Stempien made a motion to accept Chief Wood's proposal not to exceed \$2,500 from our small tool budget. Marc to handle ordering the flashlights.

Seconded by Kevin Flynn

Ayes: M. Schubert, K. Flynn, R. Losik, A. Larson, J. Stempien

Nays: None

Ayes 5; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Request for Rain Coats

Jason Wachal had a proposal to purchase rain coats personnel to be worn on calls where it is raining. They have price quotes in the \$70 range, and they were looking at purchasing 100+ coats to keep in inventory for any new hires. The proposed coat meets all of the roadway safety standards, as it has bright colors and reflective striping. Jason is looking for an amount not to exceed \$9,500. The screen printing is built into the budget.

Chief Larson would like to physically see the coat before we move forward and asked if there is an issue with the current jacket. Jason said the current EMS coat is not a rain coat, and stops at the waist and the EMS coat gets saturated which lowers the insulation factor. Chief Larson said he isn't opposed to going forward with the project, but would like to see them in person. Jason Wachal has a sample for Chief to view.

Jason said they would order each coat specifically for the member and they would be responsible for their own coat. They would order a box of different size coats and people can try them on, but they're pretty generic and should fit everyone.

Chief Larson will reach out to Chief Pecora to see who the PD uses. Jason said he has already spoken to several police officers and they purchased whatever coat each individual wanted to wear.

Mike Schubert made a motion not to exceed \$9,500 to be available Jason Wachal and Tom House to purchase the rain coats for each member. This motion and funds are contingent on approval final approval from Chief Larson as well as the the AHFD Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Rob Losik.

Ayes: M. Schubert, K. Flynn, R. Losik, A. Larson, J. Stempien

Nays: None

Ayes 5; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Cooling Fans for Stations

Jason Wachal spoke with BC John Carpenter about putting wall-mounted oscillating fans in Stations 3 and 4 to get air moving. Carpenter was fine with the idea and believed he could get Public Works to install the fans. He is looking for \$7,500 for each station, including money for shipping.

Chief Larson wants to make sure the size of the fans would move the air in that large of a space. Jason said the wall mounted fans would be 30" for Stations 3 and 4. He suggests 40" for Stations 1 and 2, but we can only move air around, but not get fresh air in. Jason said you can use an extendable arm up to 30". Ceiling fans just don't move enough air.

The fans they are looking at are rated 100' and 200' which are the biggest CFMs to get the most air movement. Rob Losik asked if they would have to have PW install the fans or if they're on a switch, or if they would turn it on and off manually.

There was concern about the decibel rating, which is 77, which is pretty loud. As for storage, the suggested Station 2 barrel fan could be moved up to the mezzanine storage, or possibly in the hose room.

[Ross Chapman joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.]

Barrel fans are not meant to be mounted. The ones Jason looked at were moving 19,000 CFMs, but they are meant to move air on the ground. Jason suggested maybe we get one fan to start out and see if it's a feasible idea. Jason didn't believe the vendor would just lend him two fans, so he would need about \$1,500 to purchase the fans.

Motion by Jim Stempien to approve not more than \$2,000 to help Wachal research and handle the fan project

Seconded by Kevin Flynn

Ayes: M. Schubert, R. Chapman, K. Flynn, R. Losik, A. Larson, J. Stempien

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Aluminum Wedges

Matt Oates shared that a metal wedge makes it easier to hold doors open. They run approximately \$17 each Matt mentioned that members at Station 1 red and gold had success with it and it was easy to use. He stated they were better than wooden wedges, and these were a nicer tool.

Ross Chapman said they are already using one on the Tower and he would move to purchase one for each of the membership. Matt Oates will contact Warrior Fire Equipment to see if they can get a price break for purchasing more than just a few.

Chief Larson expressed concern from a safety aspect. He asked that if this project evolves, to please make sure that we are not using extra tools in the place of personnel in situations when personnel are more appropriate.

Rob Losik asked if there would be some sort of training on this tool. Matt said there are YouTube videos and that's how he first learned of it. Ross agreed and suggested we add the videos to Target Solutions and give to the guys who want them. Jim asked if Matt was comfortable being the lead on this project. Matt stated he is happy to handle the ordering and see the process through.

Losik made a motion not to exceed \$2,000 to purchase the wedges.

Second by Chapman.

Ayes: M. Schubert, R. Chapman, K. Flynn, R. Losik, A. Larson, J. Stempien

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the May 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Chief Larson made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Rob Losik; all voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hats – Rob Losik is requesting funds for the new department baseball style cap. This is a FD budget purchase. However the cost of the hat has increased since the funds were originally approved by Administration. The current Purchase Order is \$600 short due to some design changes. He asked if we could approve the final \$600 to get the order approved. Money was encumbered from last year. He believes there is around \$2,500 encumbered for 2020 and money has been sitting in there.

Mike Schubert made a motion to approve not to exceed \$700 to complete the purchase.

Jim Stempien seconds the motion.

Ayes: M. Schubert, R. Chapman, K. Flynn, R. Losik, A. Larson, J. Stempien

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

2. T-Shirts - Phil Palczynski emailed the board and asked for six new navy blue t-shirts for under their uniforms. Rob Losik said they're about \$12 each. Rob expressed his opinion that this purchase would seem more appropriate coming out of the FD uniform budget.

Chief Larson said he needs to look at the Union Contract, but he believes the membership each gets \$300/year for uniform needs and it should be covered under there.

There was no further discussion or motions on this topic.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Education reimbursement requests – Chief Larson signed up to take an excel course for \$189. Chief reached out to Marty on the topic. It was felt that this is appropriate for the improvement of Fire Chief's skills in his duties and job description. It would most likely be covered without need for special request.

2. Patio Furniture – The patio furniture was all delivered. Nice job by Marty Moran.

3. Ballistic Vests – Rob Losik said he found another vest that suits our members better. The best is 3A rated and the company guarantees stab protection, which he thinks is really nice and most companies won't say 100% stab guarantee (stab-resistance or stab-proof). Rob said it would be responsible for us to explore that option. It's a new product and this company says they can do it without a plate. They are sending a trial vest which should be here any day. The vest is all custom and once it arrives, we will put it to the test. Rob was excited about it because personalized vests are better overall. If we decided we want to put this to the test, we should give a deposit of approximately \$540, and expect to lose it because we want to beat up the demo vest.

Jim Stempien says Rob has the most time and effort invested in this project.

Ross agreed. He said whatever Rob needs to make sure it's what we want. Kevin agreed, too. Mike Schubert agreed. Rob apologized that his project has been going on for over two years. However it is a large sum of money and we want to act most responsibly with it. Once the vest gets here and it seems like it's going to work for us, we will put it to the test and do whatever to make sure we're ready to move forward.

No motions made.

Chief Larson made the motion to adjourn.

Jim seconded. We adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
12/9/2020

Item: financials

Department: fire

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

financials 12 2020

Type

Exhibits

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX FUND

As of 12/31/2019	<u>\$ 425,105</u>
(Cash Available)	

Revenues:

Foreign Fire Insurance Tax	151,399
Interest	1,845
Other Income	0

Expenses:

(90,000)

Prepaid Expense:

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As of 12/04/2020	<u>\$ 488,349</u>
(Cash Available)	