



Agenda

Village of Arlington Heights
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
Fire Station 2, Conference Room
Arlington Heights Fire Department
Administrative Headquarters
1150 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
October 20, 2017
9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes - June 28, 2017

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Education reimbursement requests
- B. Fitness equipment
- C. Mask bags
- D. Patio equipment
- E. Rope gloves

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMS equipment
- B. Fitness equipment
- C. Election

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes - June 28, 2017

Department: Fire

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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Type

Agreement

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX BOARD

Minutes of Meeting
1150 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
June 28, 2017

Board Members

in Attendance: Ross Chapman
 Rob Losik
 Ken Koeppen
 Martin Moran
 Michael Schubert
 James Stempien

Not in
Attendance: Kevin Flynn

Guests: Jason Wachal
 Rick Manthy

Jim Stempien called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 9, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted in No. 2 under Old Business. Mike Schubert was not present to approve fitness equipment repairs. Ross Chapman's name should have been included instead of Mike Schubert's. With the correction noted, Chief Koeppen made a motion to approve; seconded by Jim Stempien; all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Deferred.

To accommodate guests Jason Wachal and Rick Manthy, two items of New Business were considered prior to opening Old Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swiftwater suits. Jason Wachal brought a request to the Board on behalf of the Department's Dive Rescue Team. Six of the eleven members of the Dive Team are swiftwater trained and currently using dry scuba suits for swiftwater activity. The dry scuba suits aren't designed for swiftwater activity. They don't breathe which can cause overheating; the boots are slippery. Also, the dry scuba suits, which are expensive at about \$2,400 each, are getting a lot of wear and tear which could be avoided if team members had swiftwater suits.

Ross Chapman made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of six sets of swiftwater suits/gear for the Dive Team; it was seconded by Mike Schubert. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

2. Pre-approved classes. Rick Manthy brought a list of classes and conferences he would like the Board to consider adding to the pre-approved education list. Following discussion, Jim Stempien made a motion to accept Rick Manthy's recommendation and add the following providers/classes to the pre-approved education list.

- EMS World Conference
- EMS Today Conference
- ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- PALS – Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- BTLS – Basic Trauma Life Support
- ITLS – Intermediate Trauma Life Support
- WEMSA – Wisconsin EMS Assn. Conference
- International Fire Chiefs Fire Rescue Intl. Conf.

The motion was seconded by Marty Moran; all voted in favor.

At a later date, the Board will discuss adding colleges with Fire Science programs/classes to the list.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Education reimbursement requests – Mary Moran had a request from Jim Klein for reimbursement for meals and mileage for a Northwest Community Hospital ImageTrend conference in Minnesota. Chief Koeppen said the Department will handle and Jim should follow up with EMS Div. Chief Vic Tamosaitis and Fiscal Clerk Biljana Davitkov.

2. Fitness equipment repairs – The two treadmills at Station 2 are functioning but have begun making noise. Following a discussion about the age (approximately 10 years), number of repairs, and condition of the two treadmills, Mike Schubert made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$18,000 for the purchase of two new treadmills for Station 2. Rob Losik seconded. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

3. Barbells – While discussing fitness equipment repairs, Ross Chapman brought up that the barbell at Station 4 needs replacement. The screws are stripped, allowing unsafe movement of weights. Board members noted that some personnel use their own personal barbells in the station fitness rooms. To assure safe equipment at all four stations, Ross Chapman made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000 to replace the barbells at all four stations. Jim Stempien seconded. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

4. Patio awning – this will be discussed at the next meeting when Kevin Flynn is present.

NEW BUSINESS (return to)

3. Mask bags – Lt. Curt Hanselman had a discussion with Jim Stempien about mask bags. There are many different styles in varying conditions being used. Adam Sielig showed Curt a mask bag made by Enviro and sold by Air One which has easy Velcro closings, multiple attachment rings and does not have a soft lining which can hold water – water just rolls off this new bag. The bag also has a little extra space which could be used in the future for voice emitters. The bags would be purchased from Air One (only vendor selling it) and would be embroidered with badge numbers.

Ross Chapman made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000 to purchase 120 mask bags (one for all current personnel; one for each of the 10 next hires, and three spares). It was seconded by Marty Moran. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

4. Patio equipment – Stu Kuhn reports that the umbrellas at Stations 3 and 4 are not in good condition.

Jim Stempien made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500 for new umbrellas for Stations 3 and 4. Ken Koeppen seconded. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Stu Kuhn will handle the purchases.

5. Cooking equipment – the item in question has been repaired; no need for the Board to discuss or take action.

6. Gloves – The Board discussed the age (most are probably 10 years old) and condition of the Department's current rope gloves. Ross Chapman, who is on the TRS team, will research and choose a replacement glove. This will be a one-time purchase.

Ross Chapman made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000 for the purchase of new rope gloves for all personnel. Marty Moran seconded. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

7. **Education** – covered in Old Business, No. 1 above.
8. **Fitness equipment** – covered in Old Business, No. 2 above.
9. **Flashlights** – tabled for now (Ryan Glendenning has not provided details yet).
10. **Wi-Fi** – Jim Stempien has been asked by several people if the Board will be approving service for the coming year. Following discussion, Jim made a motion to approve \$1,000 per station for Wi-Fi coverage through Comcast for the coming year. It was seconded by Rob Losik. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

11. **Ballistic vests** – Rob Losik has done a lot of research on the different options available in ballistic vests, and has discussed them with Tom Vazanno of our uniform vendor, JG Uniforms. The best choice would be the Point Blank 3A rated vests. Rob pointed out that they do not stop knives; they are not puncture resistant. However, they will deflect a slicing motion. Of the three types of vests researched, one is very heavy - basically a plate carrier vest; another is overly expensive at about \$900 because of its very light weight; and the third is what Rob has come down to – the Point Blank vest which is just a little heavier than the \$900 vest but much lighter than the plate carrier style. At this point, Point Blank has said demos are not available. The Skokie Fire Department uses the vests and may give us a half dozen on which the warranty has expired, just to wear in the station and determine the comfort level. Chief Koeppen mentioned that the Department is purchasing 10 sets of rescue task force gear – helmets and vests – but these are the heavier plate-carrying style.

Rob Losik made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 for the purchase of ballistic vests for all personnel. Mike Schubert seconded. Roll was called with:

Ayes: K. Koeppen, M. Schubert, M. Moran, J. Stempien, R. Chapman, R. Losik

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Chief Koeppen and Rob Losik will work together on the details of this purchase.

12. **Fitness shoes** – the Board briefly discussed and decided against expanding the annual athletic shoe purchase to include other options, e.g., water shoes.

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There being no further business brought before the Board, Jim Stempien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 A.M.; Marty Moran seconded; all voted in favor; motion carried.