



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
August 21, 2019
9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes - 5/9/19

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Education reimbursement requests
- B. Roof prop
- C. Assignment board project

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Emergency Medical Service
- B. Training
- C. TV
- D. Item replacement
- E. Patio furniture
- F. Kitchen supplies
- G. Grill cover

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes - 5/9/19

Department: Fire

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FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX BOARD

Minutes of Meeting
1150 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
May 9, 2019

Board Members

in Attendance: James Stempien
Andrew Larson
Rob Losik
Kevin Flynn
Ross Chapman
Martin Moran
Michael Schubert

Guest: Lt. Michael Perkovich

Jim Stempien called the second quarter 2019 meeting to order at 9:13 A.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Andrew Larson made a motion to approve; seconded by Ross Chapman; all voted in favor; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marty Moran reported that the fund's current balance is \$414,812. The money approved for new air packs has not been spent yet. Lt. Curt Hanselman anticipates they will be paid for this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Education reimbursement – Div. Chief Dwayne Wood took a one-day EBT class which cost \$60. It was not on the preapproved list.

Jon Grossmann attended a one-day fire investigation conference in Addison which cost \$90.

Marty Moran made a motion to approve the requests for reimbursement for both Dwayne Wood and Jon Grossman; it was seconded by Rob Losik. Roll was called with:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 7; Nays 0

Motion carried.

2. **FDIC** – Mary Moran felt this year’s conference was outstanding; he attended both seminars and classes. Dave Roberts attended some hot classes, and Scott Vasicek took some classes on fitness and nutrition. Both Marty and Mike Schubert felt the location of the hotel was very convenient. Marty feels we should educate our personnel about all the good information available at the conference.
3. **Air packs** – covered in Treasurer’s report.
4. **Bags – turnout and travel** - Biljana ordered the bags from Darley. They were on back order and are due in any day now. They will then go out for embroidery. The Board discussed not simply providing the bags to all personnel, but asking the membership to respond in writing if they want and will use the bags.
5. **Station assignment boards** – Chris Rymut told the Board this project is still pending.
6. **Power stair chair** - Rick Manthy informed the Board that the power stair chair approved at the February 11, 2019 is here but not in service yet. The old cots were turned in for credit. Rick doesn’t know yet at which station the chair will be placed. At this point EMS only plans to purchase just this one chair; no other units are planned yet.
7. **Internet service for stations** – Biljana handling.
8. **Basement storage area** – Jim Stempien said that Rob Losik will look into storage for Foreign Fire purchases in the basement of Station 2. A new cabinet, preferably one with shelves, is needed. Rob indicated that a member of the Board will need a key for that area.
9. **Digitizing logo** – Rob Losik reported that Under Armor is currently digitizing our logo. It will probably be ready in the next two weeks. This would be for purchases with our logo but for off-duty wear – and paid for by individuals.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Hose testing company** – Lt. Mike Perkovich made a presentation regarding the possibility of hiring a company to perform hose testing.

Mike went to several different companies looking at pricing and options. He spoke with personnel at Mt. Prospect and Palatine Fire Departments.

Mike feels the service benefits everyone. It takes the responsibility away from our personnel, freeing them up for other duties, including training. With increased call volume and additional training, it’s hard to find adequate time to do hose testing. We currently test in April and September. During the testing period, our rigs are all over the place; with a testing service everything would be done at once at one location. The company Mike recommends is FireCatt. He felt they had several advantages. They bar code everything – right on the hose. They inspect and replace gaskets and lubricate everything. Seven to ten days after testing they send a CD with all the information, identified by station and rig. Other companies don’t lubricate or replace gaskets. Our personnel would have to be there with the testers to replace any hose that does fail.

FireCatt, based in Michigan, would test at our training tower, beginning with the rack hose (which we would have to get to the tower ourselves). They would need a 300' x 100' space. They would test once a year; in three days everything would be done at the tower. Mike would sit down with them and work out the logistics. We would have to have everything ready during those three days. It would require planning to make sure all the rigs are available – a challenge but doable. The rigs would only have to be out of service for a few hours. FireCatt does hotel packs, too, but we would bring those up to the tower and repack them ourselves.

NFPA recommends using 300 psi, and producing that stresses our engines to perform the test. FireCatt has their own equipment to test; they do 300 feet at a time. Mike Schubert said that testing at 300 psi can also pose an injury risk for our personnel. We have had two recent injuries related to hose; one person was off for eight weeks.

Ross Chapman asked if Mike saw any disadvantages. Mike said the only disadvantage is the cost. It would run \$9,900 for one year (33 cents a foot). We could bring the cost down a little with a three-year contract (29 cents a foot). We have 30,000 feet of hose, but that figure should go down as we will be taking 2000 feet off soon. \$8,100 was the price quoted by Hose Testing Specialties (27 cents a foot), but they don't do any bar coding or lubrication or gasket replacement. They don't repair hose on site. If a length fails, we would have to take it out of service.

Mike felt that FireCatt is the most efficient of the companies he looked into. Everything is computerized. The opportunities for human error are reduced. We would have no leaking, no loose coupling; they would handle everything. This would also help with ISO - we wouldn't have to compile data. We would have everything we need from the testing company.

Chief Larson said there is no money allocated in the Fire Department budget this year, so the Department would not be able to help fund this project. But he said he would be willing to consider splitting the cost in future years.

Mike said we would begin this year – 2019 – even though some hose has already been tested. This way everything would be bar coded.

Jim Stempien made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$12,000 for FireCatt to perform hose testing for one year, with the understanding that in future years the Board would consider sharing the cost with the Department. Mike Schubert seconded and roll was called with:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 7; Nays 0

Motion carried.

The project will be coordinated by our hose testing officer, Lt. Mike Perkovich.

2. **Technical Rescue Specialist team** – Team Leader Lt. Mark Retel has a list of needs/wants. It has been decided that he will go through the Department first and come back to the Board at the next meeting if he is still in need of equipment.

3. **Training (roof prop)** – Training Division Chief Dwayne Wood has asked the Board to contribute to the purchase of a roof prop or materials to build one. There are two firefighters who would be willing to work on the project with Dwayne. The Training Division would cover their time if the Board would pay for the materials. Firefighter Alex Gabrielsen is the project manager. Dwayne wants to get the prop in service, so the work would be done (at the Training Academy) in June.

Ross Chapman made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,000 for a roof prop. It was seconded by Marty Moran, and roll was called with:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 7; Nays 0

Motion carried.

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There being no further business brought before the Board, Jim Stempien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 A.M.; Kevin Flynn seconded; all voted in favor; motion carried.



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