



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

February 17, 2021
1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this 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 December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Education Funding Requests
- B. House Fund Manager Requests
- C. Protective Vests (update)
- D. Gym Shoes (update)
- E. Flashlights (update)
- F. Fans (update)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Trustee Officer Positions 2021

- B. Cameras
- C. Water / Coolers

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Department: Village Clerk

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**Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
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Item: Minutes

Department: Fire

Minutes

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FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX BOARD

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

December 9, 2020

Board Members

in Attendance: James Stempien
Andrew Larson
Marty Moran
Rob Losik
Kevin Flynn
Mike Schubert

Absent: Ross Chapman

Guests: Erin Mclean
Keith Moens
Ron Fraider
Dave Roberts

Jim Stempien called the fourth quarter 2020 meeting held via Zoom to order at 9:17 A.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 31, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Chief Larson made a motion to approve; seconded by Jim Stempien; all voted in favor; motion carried.

To accommodate guests, an item of New Business was considered prior to opening Old Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Flashlights - Erin McLean brought a request to the Board for the purchase of Pelican 1920 penlight for each member to carry on them. It is a small penlight that is about 5 ½ inches long and takes 2 AAA batteries. This is more of an EMS flashlight that can be carried in the pocket of sweatshirts or pants pocket. Patients home can be dark or dimly lit and responders are having difficulties seeing. The penlight is one of the brightest and has 2 modes; high and low. On low, it is 22 lumens, most penlights on low is 8 or 11 lumens. On high it is 224 lumens and can run for 2 hours, most penlights on

high are 100 lumens. FF McLean received several quotes and lowest quote for Air One at \$2,185 for 100 penlights. FF McLean suggested to buy an additional 20 penlights for future hires (total of 120).

Marty Moran suggested getting a few samples or purchasing a few to test the penlight prior to purchasing in bulk.

Marty Moran made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$200. FF McLean to oversee getting demo flashlights beginning with the 1920 and any other model she can get with Air One or her chosen vendor and FF McLean would spearhead project and get paramedics to test the penlight; it was seconded by Mike Schubert. Roll was called:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marty Moran reports that the current fund balance as of December 4, 2020 is \$488,349. No outstanding purchases. Jim Stempien made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Kevin Flynn; all voted in favor; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Education Fund Requests** - Division Chief Roberts is requesting pre-approval for a not approved class through the National Fire Protection Association. The class is for training to become a certified fire protection specialist. It is an online class which meets Covid protocols and precautions. It is a CFPS designation. The class consists of forty-one 1-hour online modules to prepare you to take the CFPS exam. The cost of all access to modules is \$1,045. The exam cost is \$350 so total will be \$1,395, well below the allocated education funds this year.

There was a discussion if this is self-paced, if course is complete in 2020 or 2021, part of job description and if there is a possibility of this being covered under the training program? The course is self-paced, would start in 2020 but don't know if will be completed by end of year, this falls in the category of Division Chief Robert's job description. Division Chief Roberts has not broached Chief Larson yet to see if this is covered under training budget. Reimbursement requests are when the course starts.

Marty Moran is happy to support this request but would like to see if funding is available in training budget first. Jim Stempien stated that if training division supports education program and funds are not available from the fire department budget, then FFITB would typically be interested in supporting and approving the

request. Roberts will make the request to Chief Larson and can discuss further if not granted through the fire department.

2. **Flashlights** – We had approved funds to do a split purchase with the fire department budget to purchase new flashlights for department vehicles. Told by BC Wood and Mark Piscitiello that lights are in and coordinating with BC Hanselman on install. They are very happy with the purchase and thanks the fire department and FFITB for support.
3. **Ballistic Vests** – There has been on-going discussions regarding purchasing vests. Rob Losik stated that we are seeing trends that are more violent in the past. Rob found a new company that offers better options called Safe Life. Rob compared it to the Point Blank vest and it is almost identical and comparable. Safe Life vests are stab resistant. Safe Life also sent data that it will stop edge weapons. This vest will stop more types of ammunition than Point Blank. Most vests are 3A but Safe Life vests are 3A+. They will catch a few different types of rounds that are hollow point. Safe Life vests are at the same price point as other vests. Sizing are different on Safe Life vests. Rep says that he needs height and weight (M/F), they will be able to produce a vest without taking measurements. The Safe Life vests has front and back sleeves for trauma plates. Level 3A will stop hand guns, level 3A+ will stop hand guns with armor defeating capabilities. Level 4 will stop rifle rounds. These vests have slots where you can place plates in the vest to convert to Level 4. This will not take the place as level 4 armor on engines. Rob suggests 6 sets of plates at \$200/plates, expiration of plates is longer than vests. Also, would like to purchase expandable side pieces (for weight loss/gain) so vests can grow and shrink. The cost for each vest is around \$550. Vests have a 5-year shelf life.

Chief Larson stated that this is concerning to have to put employees in bullet proof vests. Chief Larson wants to make sure that we have the right equipment to keep employees safe. Chief Larson supports the purchase of a Safe Life vest for each riding position which includes the reserve apparatus.

4 on each engine x 5 = 20
4 on each ladder tower x 2 = 8
2 on each ambulance x 6 = 12
2 on each squad x 3 = 6
1 on each battalion x 1 = 1

Total of 47 vests. Does not include anyone in administrative staff.

Chief Larson made a motion to purchase 50 Safe Life vests, one for each riding position across the department in the amount of \$27,500 at \$550 per vest. Jim Stempien seconds the motion with the details of the purchase to be worked out by Fire Administration with the help of Rob Losik.

There was discussion if a poll was taken to find out if every member would wear the vest and if there is going to be a policy placed regarding wearing a vest. Chief said there will be a policy in place forthcoming. Chief Larson reached out to all MABAS Division 1 fire departments and the only department that provides a custom fit best is Wheeling and Wheeling is less than half the size of ours. Chief Larson cannot commit that there will be funds moving forward for replacement vests.

Marty Moran amends the motion to \$30,000 to allow purchasing of plates and additional items, seconded by Jim Stempien. Rob Losik is required to get bids due to cost being over \$25,000. Rob Losik will get bids for 50 vests and 100 vests to compare savings. Roll was called:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

4. **Door Wedges** – Update from Oates that the project went well and appreciates the support from FFITB. Delivered to each member who requested one and he set up training division with a few to use at department wide trainings.
5. **Rain Coats** – Previous meeting, ENG Wachal presented on behalf of T House to find a raincoat for inclement weather. Previous funds approved in the amount of \$9,500 was contingent upon approval from the safety committee and a couple other parties. This did not pass the safety committee. Deputy Chief Fraider stated that there was discussion during the original safety committee meeting addressing concerns on when it would be worn and what types of calls it would be worn. He shared that he was uncomfortable with the information provided at the meeting and requested more information as it was followed up. They had a safety committee meeting on Monday and this issue did not come up. This item is dropped.
6. **Fitness Equipment - Treadmills** at Station 1 and Station 2 were checked out and are being serviced by ABT. Invoices should be sent to Treasurer Marty Moran for payment. These are pre-approved and total cost is between \$500 and \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Flashlights** – Covered earlier with FF McLean.
2. **Health & Fitness** – FF Sigler was unable to attend to discuss.

3. **Gym Shoes** - Each year we discuss supporting our members health and fitness by funding each member a pair of gym shoes from High N Tri. They are local, and we like to support local businesses. Historically the shop discounts our shoes. We approve \$13,000 every year and we normally spend around \$10,000 - \$11,000.

Marty Moran made a motion to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$13,000 for the purchase of one pair of gym shoes for all Department personnel. K. Flynn seconded. Roll was called with:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Ross Chapman will lead the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Kitchen Supplies** – 1 year ago, we started pilot program to replace kitchen equipment when it breaks down. Years ago, it was \$1,000 per station. Now it is a la carte as needed. House funds manager is limited to \$50 per item. If more funds are needed, they can request it from the board. Marty Moran stated that the program is going well. There has been cost saving since the program started. Roll was called to keep this program going forward:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Marty Moran motioned that Station 1 would like to replace 2 crock pots in the amount of \$140. Seconded by J. Stempien. Roll was called with:

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

Nays: None

Ayes 6; Nays 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Stempien to Adjourn, seconded by Chief Larson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.



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2/17/2021

Item: Treasurer's Report

Department: Fire

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Treasurer's Report

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Report

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX FUND

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

Revenues:	
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax	151,399
Interest	1,981
Other Income	0

Expenses:	(91,427)
Prepaid Expense:	-

As of 12/31/2020	<u><u>\$ 487,058</u></u>
(Cash Available)	
(UNAUDITED)	

Revenues:	
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax	-
Interest	-
Other Income	-

Expenses:	(6,721)
Prepaid Expense:	-

As of 12/31/2020	<u><u>\$ 480,337</u></u>
(Cash Available)	
(UNAUDITED)	