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Meeting of the Foreign Fire Tax Board

Date – 04-21-2017

Location – Park Ridge Fire Department Station 36
1000 N. Greenwood Ave. Park Ridge, IL

Meeting called to order at

Roll call: 09:07AM

Board members present – Schneider, Jarka, Smaha, Herling, Piltaver,
Board members present by phone – N/A
Board members not present – Sorensen, Woodford, Schneider left at 9:30am, Herling left at 10:30am
Other Staff present – Decker, Lisowski

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of 1-20-2017 minutes.
- No issues with prior minutes.
- Vote taken to approve 1-20-2017 minutes, Smaha motions, Schneider second, all in favor 5-0. Motion carries.

Aldermen or citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

- None Present

Discussion Items

- Treasurers report
 - o Current funds are at \$54,697.10. This amount does not include the \$27,400 that will be deducted for the new workout equipment.
 - o Monthly fees/ regular occurring fees continue to be paid including Chicago Tribune yearly fee - \$77.94, Wow cable for both stations monthly fee - \$601.57, yearly knife sharpening for both stations - \$288.00 total.
 - o Kitchen supplies purchased - \$1020.00, Lights and diving equipment purchased, items purchased for two new members from equipment list, three day room chairs purchased.
 - o Motion to accept treasurers report by Herling, Piltaver second. All in favor 5-0, motion carries.
- Internal elections
 - o Herling to chairman nominated by Jarka, Smaha seconds. Herling accepts, All in favor, 5-0.



Our Mission IS TO LIMIT THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THROUGH PLANNING, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.

- Schneider to remain treasurer nominated by Jarka, Smaha seconds. Schnieder accepts, All in favor, 5-0.
- Piltaver to remain secretary nominated by Smaha, Jarka seconds. Piltaver accepts, All in favor 5-0.

Action Items

- Video Conferencing system
 - Discussion on uses for video conferencing systems. Often, stations need to meet for training or meetings. This low cost option can remedy some of that by offering easy meeting access and keeping vehicle on their respected side of town.
 - Asking to allot \$3000 for two Google Chromebox systems. One larger system for station 36 that can be for up to 20 people and one smaller system for station 35 that can conference up to 8 people.
 - City agrees to put in half of the cost.
 - If this system is to be used, it would require dedicated internet using the City's T1 internet line.
 - Purchase of system on hold until found if we can use T1 line. Fund will be allotted however if use is granted.
 - Vote taken to allot \$1500 toward two Google Chromeboxes, Herling motions, Smaha second, all in favor 5-0, vote carries.
- Exercise equipment
 - Bosu ball
 - Current balance workout balls are well used and need updating.
 - Asking for \$200 total for two, one for each station.
 - Vote taken to approve \$200 for two Bosu balls, motion made by Piltaver, Second by Herling, all in favor 5-0, vote carries.
 - Patio Furniture
 - Discussion on patio furniture. Current picnic tables are worn and uncomfortable.
 - Discussion on where patio furniture would be put during the winter and who's responsibility it would be to do so.
 - B/C Sankey contacted to confirm location.
 - In past, discussion was had to just replace picnic tables. Current discussion is to have patio furniture.
 - Allocate \$2000 to purchase patio furniture for each station pending there is a location to store it and if the members wish to have it.
 - Vote taken, vote passes 4-0 (Schnieder no long at meeting)
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Boots going to \$100 from city, increase in allotment from FFT to \$100 as well to make boot purchases \$200 total as some boots are over the \$160 total.

- Boot mobile will be arriving in May. FFT allotment can be up to \$4800 with \$100 allotment per employee.
 - Secondary discussion had on creating a new firefighter allowance list for fire gear/ station accessories.
 - Current list is redundant as many items are provided by the department now.
 - Some member have concerns that items they have are broken. PPE committee will be conducting yearly inspection next month and members can have items replaced.
 - Discussion that list is not needed at this time. Items being that are broken will be replaced.
 - If a list is to be created in the future it will need to be in the next fiscal year.
 - Discussion on allowance list tabled until further information can be gathered.
- Vote taken to approve increase in boot allowance to \$100 from \$80. Vote taken, vote passes 4-0.
- Mattress pads
 - Not enough info on what is needed or how much prices are.
 - Vote taken to purchase new mattress pads, 0-4, vote does not pass.
- Spice fund
 - Members state that chief had stated in the past that useable goods should only be for coffee as all members and guest can have access.
 - Coffee used for all not just firefighters.
 - Vote taken, vote does not pass – 0-4
- At this time, Chairman Herling could no longer attend. No further voting on items can be had at this time due to not having a quorum.
 - A special meeting will be created in May or June as a continuance of this meeting when members are available.

New Business* – These items cannot be voted on due to not being on the agenda prior to the meeting.*

- Bylaws had housekeep done by Smaha. Per state statue, title of our board is The Foreign Fire Insurance Board and we collect a 2% tax from businesses that buy insurance from outside Illinois. Fonts also changed to be uniform throughout entire document.
- Suggestion for next meeting to purchase building tools. Table saw, chop saw, nailer, drill and impact, circular saw, pancake compressor and bit set.
 - This would be for building and ground as well as helping training division with creation of training props.
 - Training division of department has been researching purchase of these tools.
 - Per conversions prior to meeting, B/C Sankey wishes to know where these will be stored.

- Need to get three quotes on all items.

Adjournment –

Motion made to adjourn by Piltaver, second by Smaha, vote taken to adjourn, 3-0 vote passes. Meeting adjourned at 10:29am.

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