



Plainfield

Foreign Fire Tax Board

August 17, 2010

Ryan Johnson
President

Rytis Juzolenas
Vice President

John Economos
Secretary

Steve Hawkinson
Treasurer

Nick Cagle

John Eichelberger

Doug Mullen

Meeting called to order at 0832 by Ryan Johnson. Ryan Johnson – present, Rytis Juzolenas – present, John Economos – present, Steve Hawkinson – present, Nick Cagle – present, Doug Mullen – present, Cheree Lewis – present for Chief, Chief John Eichelberger – absent.

April 22, 2010 meeting minutes were read. Steve Hawkinson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, subject to any corrections. Juzolenas seconded, all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Johnson – Some of the Legislature has changed with regarding the board. The members of the board need to go online to fill out a form. Johnson stated that he will get the form from Mark Reynolds, and pass it along to the members. What this form basically states the members can sit on the board.

On a side note we can't actually approve any purchases yet since we don't have any money or budget.

Discussion was held whether or not if purchases have to go in front of the membership. It was decided that large purchases be brought up to the membership, IE the union meetings and the Monday night Business meetings, and if certain members don't like what the board purchases then those individuals can run for office.

Juzolenas - asked if Cheree could have the floor. Cheree asked the board if the copy of current bylaws were the only copy. The Board agreed and they were adopted on April 22, 2010. Cheree advised that the Board have one master copy for the Secretary to have at all times to answer any questions. Cheree spoke with the auditors, and she advised the Foreign Fire Board falls under the "umbrella" of the district. For example the Commission and any other boards that get formed, but the Board of Trustees is at the top for making all decisions. The Board is entitled to use the tax exempt and the tax ID #. Cheree noted that she spoke with Steve at First Midwest in Plainfield regarding our account, and he stated we can't open an account without any money. Cheree recommended that we open the account at First Midwest so that she can monitor the account online, and that's where all the other accounts are at. Discussion was held. Johnson asked if the account was interest bearing, and can the money be rolled over year to year. Cheree stated that it is interest bearing, and the monies can be rolled over from year to year.

Hawkinson made the motion to have the Foreign Fire Board account at First Midwest Bank. Cagle Seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Cheree advised the Board that we need to have a posted agenda at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. The Agenda can be posted on the front door downstairs for public viewing, and on the districts web site.

Cheree will advise the Board once the money has arrived which should be sometime in November.

Economos – never called upon, nothing to report.

Hawkinson – we are \$800.00 in the hole.

Old Business

Johnson brought up the terms of office, and when the election was. Economos stated that the election was held in March. Johnson stated every March the Board will have a new election.

Discussion was held on a dollar amount set aside per station. Dollar amount was not set.

Discussion was held that the money is being used to replace broken or used items, and not purchasing new items for brand new stations. The Board agreed to replace beds, recliners, Entertainment equipment, Kitchen utensils, and some of the new workout equipment for Station 2.

Discussion was held about the group e-mailing system for the membership. This option is through Microsoft Outlook which each board member has access to this option, and should set it up at their respected station. If you need help setting up Microsoft Outlook for your email please contact Jim Melaniphy. Johnson stated that he will contact Jim to look into adding a contact for all the members through the web base e-mail.

Economos asked about the igniter for Station 3 grill, and if it was still under warranty. The Board had asked what happened to the new grill. The igniter was replaced, and was under warranty. Hawkinson stated the grill has a 5 year warranty.

New Business

Hawkinson brought up the idea that we create an item check sheet for the stations when it comes time to replacing items. He also mentioned about having a coffee delivery service. Discussion was held. This topic was a good idea, and Steve will have more info by next meeting.

Juzolenas suggested we make a condiment list for the stations. Discussion was held. Cheree brought up that the items can be locked up at the new HQ, and can be monitored/inventoried just like the ambulance inventory is. The Board agreed to make up a condiment list of what we would like to

purchase. Johnson asked if Juzolenas and Mullen could bring in their lists from other departments, and we can compare them by next meeting. Johnson tabled this topic till next month.

Julolenas brought up possible membership to the Illinois Professional Firefighter Association. Discussion was held, and the Board agreed that the topic should be addressed to the Pension Board.

Economos made the suggestion that when we look into replacing, and or buying new beds for the stations that we go with Temper-Pedic. The beds have a 20 year warranty, and are extremely comfortable. Discussion was held. Economos will talk to Back to Bed in Plainfield, and will have more info at the next meeting.

*Chief would like to purchase a new Thermal Imagine Camera for 1919, and make it a budget expense. The tower has been without a TIC for 6 months, and needs one. Discussion was held. The board agreed to make the TIC a budget item for next year. *

Rescue 42's was discussed, and the Board agreed to wait on this item.

0945 Doug Mullen left the meeting.

Hawkinson wanted to discuss items that we would use the money for: Magazine Subscriptions, Newspapers, possibly more weights for the stations since St 3 has a lot. Discussion was held. Johnson will get with Andy, and get an inventory of the free weights of all stations. Once that is done then the Board will equally distribute the free weights.

Can the Board look into pre-pipe water lines for the coffee machines, and to possibly split the cost between the district. Steve also asked if the Board could look into another warmer/maker for St 1. Cheree noted that she will talk to Carlson Brothers to see if they can run the water line for the stations.

Discussion was held on future meeting dates, and the dates are as follows: September 22, October 19th, November 18th, and December 15th 2010.

Johnson asked if the Board would be interested in a Pre-Cor stretching machine for the stations. Discussion was held. Johnson will talk to the membership to see if they are interested, and will have more info next meeting.

Johnson motion to adjourn the meeting at 0955, and was seconded by Nick Cagle.

Next Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by

John Economos