

DOWNERS GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE (2%) BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 23 January 2020
Meeting Time: 0800 hrs.
Meeting Location: 5420 Main St., Downers Grove, IL (Fire Station #102)

Meeting called to order at 0815 hrs.

2% Board Members in attendance: Chief Pindelski, Lt. Mowery, PM Kinney, PM Nowak, PM Kairis

2% Board Members absent: PM S. Markowski, PM Meister

Guests: D/C Tasso, D/C Spinazola, B/C (TSO) Werner, Lt. Cipra

Approval Of Meeting Minutes: There was no November meeting, and the last meeting held was 24 October 2019. A motion to approve the meeting minutes from 24 October 2019 was made by PM Kairis, 2nd by PM Nowak. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: December beginning checkbook balance: \$195,504.85

Ending checkbook balance: \$179,544.26

Widow Fund: (CD1) \$25,054.15; (CD2) \$27,051.05; Total: \$52,145.24

PM Nowak advised he would like to roll over the CD accounts into a new 1 year CD both at \$25,000 and place remaining balance into the general fund. He advised this was never meant to "make" money, but to keep money available if needed. Lt. Mowery asked if these CD's would be staggered so they are available somewhere around 6 months apart. PM Nowak advised he could do that. A motion was made to make widow fund two CD's off set over time each to be in the amount of \$25,000 by PM Kinney. 2nd by Nowak. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the treasurer report by PM Nowak, 2nd by Lt. Mowery. Motion passed.

A discussion was held on the annual 2% income, which was reported to be up about \$20,000 from last year.

Old Business: Discussion on status of 2% board elections. PM Kairis advised he put out the notice and received no nominations or other interest. A discussion was held about the lack of interest. Two points were brought up. Some may feel the board is operating well at this point, the other is that we have a lot of younger members who may feel intimidated to get involved. The board will try to foster more interest over the next election period.

New Business: No requests for purchase from general fund, no requests for station purchase.

Positions within the board are up for election.

PM Kinney made a motion to have PM Meister as Board President, 2nd by PM Kairis. Motion passed.

PM Kinney made a motion to have PM Nowak as Treasurer, 2nd by Lt. Mowery. Motion passed.

PM Kairis made a motion to have Lt. Mowery as Secretary, 2nd by PM Kinney. Motion passed.

Good of the 2% Fund: Chief Pindelski asked about Board policies. He would like to get them together in light of the issue with Lt. Schultz death and looking for information on applicability. Lt. Mowery advised we did find that policy and will work with the other members to see what we have currently and start building policies going forward. PM Kairis advised PM S. Markowski is on light duty and may be able to spend some time finding them.

Chief Pindelski would like to have legal look at this policy to make sure there are no issues going forward.

50/50 Split for replacement items was discussed PM Kinney. D/C Tasso was at the meeting and advised he will work with PM Kinney to forecast for 2021 budget.

D/C Tasso advised he purchased 2 new beds for station #102 to replace "very worn" beds that were moved when bed bug treatment was being performed. He advised he did not feel comfortable having members continue to use these beds. He has had some complaints regarding the style, but they are new and good quality.

Lt. Mowery added that it is almost impossible to make everyone happy as some will like a harder bed, some a softer and so on. Going forward the reason we did not purchase any more new beds was due to members stating they did not like the sleep number beds. Due to time, further discussion on the sleep number research was not brought up, however he added as a last note that this would be a "can of worms" to open if we start another replacement bed program.

PM Kinney talked about the drumseat chairs purchased for station #101. D/C Tasso asked if the members liked them. PM Kinney advised that initially the chairs were stiff and once broken in were much more comfortable. Going forward he would like to work with administration on purchasing station chairs at a 50/50 agreement.

Meeting schedule going forward (0800 hrs. at Station #102):

February 20, 2020

March 26, 2020

April 23, 2020

Next Meeting: February 20, 2020 at Fire Station #102 (5420 Main St., Downers Grove, IL.)

Motion to adjourn made by PM Kinney, 2nd by PM Kairis. Motion passed by vote.

Meeting adjourned at 0900 hrs.