

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

For Meeting Held on 16 July 2020

Meeting called to order at 0800 hrs.

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

Members Absent: *None*

Guests: TSO Werner, D/C Tasso, Lt. McGivney, Lt. Cipra

<u>Treasurer Report:</u>	Checking Account Beginning:	\$173,463.47
	Checking Account Ending:	\$171,159.42
	Widows Fund CD 1:	\$ 25,000.00
	Widows Fund CD 2:	\$ 26,805.43
	Total Widows Fund:	\$ 51,805.43

A motion was made by PM Nowak to approve the treasurer report as read, Lt. Mowery 2nd. Motion passed by vote.

Old Business: Chief Pindelski asked to table the discussion on the widows fund due to information he needed. The board will keep this on the agenda for next month.

Station #105 chair purchase update. PM Meister will get information on the quote and try to get these purchased.

The scanner for the history project was discussed. This item is tabled until the next meeting since this scanner is being replaced under warranty and a better unit that does more of what we need is being considered. Follow up in August.

B/C Television in bunk room has been installed.

Ongoing Woodway treadmill issue discussed. Information has been received and a price change to \$8,500 cost. There was discussion on if we needed to revisit the initial request, PM S. Marksowski advised since this was budgeted by line item, it was not necessary. A motion was made to purchase the refurbished Woodway treadmill as listed with warranty by PM S. Markowski, 2nd by PM Meister. No further discussion. Motion passed by vote.

New Business: New turbo UV sanitizer pulled from the budget request due to purchasing through administrative funds.

PM Nowak asked to purchase entry cards for fire station #102 in lieu of the fobs. He is asking for one card for each member with a cost not to exceed (NTE) \$425. A motion was made by Lt. Mowery, and 2nd by PM Kinney. Motion passed by vote.

Lt. Mowery placed a request for radio straps for the members requesting from H6 tactical with a cost NTE \$3000. A motion to purchase was made by PM Kairis and 2nd by PM Nowak. Motion passed by vote.

PM Jagger put in a request for the general fund for 4 yoga mats and 2 blocks for each station from fitness budget. Total cost NTE \$650. PM Meister made a motion for a cost NTE \$700 for aforementioned items, 2nd by PM Kairis. Motion passed by vote.

PM Hoff put in a request for a 14 foot raft kit to replace aluminum boat currently stored at station #101. The request is for a cost NTE \$4,500. A motion to purchase was made by Lt. Mowery, 2nd by PM Kinney. Motion passed. *A note on this purchase, the Fire Chief was very appreciative of this purchase and thanked the remainder of the board for "very appropriate use of the 2% funds".*

Lt. Mowery placed a request for tools for apparatus from the small tool members. A request for 2 pump cans and 2 haligan bar replacement items. The 2 pump cans were requested at \$675 total. PM S. Markowski requested we bump the NTE cost to \$700. PM Nowak made a motion to approve the purchase 2 replacement pump cans at a cost NTE \$700. 2nd by Lt. Mowery. Motion passed by vote.

A motion to approve 2 haligan bars at a cost NTE \$500 was made by Lt. Mowery, 2nd by PM Kinney. Motion passed by vote.

Station #101:

A request was made by PM Jagger for black out drapes, replacement plates, and a curtain rod all at a cost NTE \$250. A motion was made to purchase these items by PM Nowak, 2nd by PM Kairis. Motion passed by vote.

A request was made for a Dyson Vacuum Cleaner that is battery powered and has a recharger station to hang the unit for a cost NTE \$400. A Motion to purchase as requested made by PM Meister, 2nd by PM Kinney. Motion passed by vote.

Lt. Mowery had requested a Dewalt gas pressure washer NTE \$700. A motion to purchase as requested was made by PM Nowak, 2nd by PM Kairis. Motion passed by vote.

Lt. Mowery requested a Large bay floor HD fan (similar to station #105 and #103 currently in use) at a cost NTE \$375. A motion to purchase as listed made by Lt. Mowery, 2nd by PM Nowak. Motion passed by vote.

Lt. Mowery requested a replacement rolling pin for the current wooden one that is heavily cracked. French Kitchen rolling pin NTE \$30. A motion was made to purchase as requested by PM Meister, 2nd by Kairis. Motion passed by vote.

PM Pingel requested a suuvi water food cooker for a cost NTE \$300. PM Meister made a motion to purchase as requested, 2nd by Kinney. Motion passed by vote.

PM Pingel requested an accessory for the suuvi water food cooker at a cost NTE \$75. A motion to purchase as requested was made by PM Nowak, 2nd by PM S. Markowski. Motion passed by vote.

Station #102:

No requests placed to the board.

Station #103:

Lt. N. Gilbert requested a Milwaukee tool chest on wheels NTE \$925. *Chief Pindelski advised there are other tool chests out there that are very good quality for a better price.* PM Meister made a motion to purchase the Milwaukee tool chest for NTE \$925, 2nd by PM Kairis. Discussion on motion included all board members allowing for the purchase of a similar tool chest for \$925 or less if Lt. Gilbert would like to do this. Motion passed by vote.

Lt. N. Gilbert requested a soft pack cooler NTE \$110. Motion to purchase by PM Kinney, 2nd by PM Nowak. Motion Passed by vote.

PM Otake requested a Sony Bluetooth stereo system with polk audio speakers. Price NTE \$500. This will replace old and worn system at station #103. Motion to purchase by PM Meister, 2nd by PM Kairis. No discussion and motion passed by vote.

Utopia kitchen towels request for 3 12 pack bundles of kitchen towels NTE \$100. PM Meister made a motion to purchase, Lt. Mowery 2nd. Motion passed by vote.

A request was made for a Mode St. Swagger Tool used for R.I.T. Chief Pindelski is not in favor of this purchase and denied further action. Request denied.

A Rouge Echo dog sled was requested for station #103. This is the same model purchased for station #101 last year. Lt. Mowery made a motion to purchase at a cost NTE \$400, and 2nd by PM S. Markowski. Motion passed by vote.

A pair of black bumper plates for above sled requested at a cost NTE \$175. A short discussion was held because the Chief was concerned about the amount of weights being placed in the stations. It was explained that these weights were for the sled that was previously approved and he authorized the purchase. Lt. Mowery made a motion to purchase as requested, 2nd by PM Meister. Motion passed by vote.

Station #105

Kitchen pots and pans requested with an itemized list of items requested. Total of items NTE \$475. Motion made to purchase by PM Meister, 2nd by PM Nowak. Motion passed by vote.

Television replacement and mounting bracket requested to replace current television that is intermittently not working. Lt. Mowery asked if this should be taken from the electronics budget rather than the station fund. All agree.

Motion to purchase with a cost NTE \$800 by PM Meister, 2nd by S. Markowski. Motion passed by vote.

Steam cleaner for cleaning around station #105 requested. PM Kairis made a motion to purchase at a cost NTE \$275. 2nd by Nowak. Motion passed by vote.

A chest freezer was requested for shift food storage with a cost NTE \$300. PM Kinney made a motion to purchase, and 2nd by PM Meister. Motion passed by vote.

A pit boss pellet smoker was requested at a cost NTE \$650. PM Nowak made a motion to purchase at requested amount, and 2nd by PM Meister. Motion passed by vote.

Good of the 2% Fund: A discussion was held by PM Nowak on fitness reimbursement and what would be and not be considered. On-line fitness programs, fitness watches, and home weight equipment. Lt. Mowery said that in the past with providing due diligence with the fund assets we have expanded the reimbursement program to include fitness challenges, 10K and 5K runs, and similar items. The board has always been leery of purchasing physical items and goods that members somewhat "own". The board was in agreement that the on-line fitness would be similar to a fitness program or entry fee, but would not be comfortable purchasing physical gym equipment for members homes.

Lt. Mowery held a discussion on the on-going issue with attempting to work with the administration and their budget on getting an extractor at each fire station. He advised with the cancer initiative this promotes members washing gear at the time it needs to be washed and takes into account members health. D/C Tasso advised that station 3 is very difficult to find a solution on where to place it due to drain requirements. A bit more discussion was held at possibly replacing station #105 gear washer with an extractor, and moving the current unit to Station #103 until a better unit can be figured out. Rather than spending a bunch more of the board's time on this D/C Tasso and Lt. Mowery will begin working on a solution starting with what we can do with Station #105 and go from there. Lt. Mowery closed with reminding that at some point Station #101 extractor will need to be replaced as this unit is over 25 years old. We will update information at the next meeting.

The administrative budget is frozen. D/C Tasso would like to have 2% board consider use of funds to assist the F.D. operations. Specifically he would like to start looking at replacing beds and would like to discuss the possibility of a 50/50 split like we did last time the beds were replaced. No definitive action taken and D/C Tasso was just asking to see if the board would be receptive to this idea.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2020 (Gold Shift) @ Fire Station #102 (Budget Mtg. 09/03)

Motion to adjourn made by Lt. Mowery, 2nd by Nowak.

Meeting adjourned at 0910 hrs.