

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

For Meeting Held on 08 April 2005

Meeting called to order at 0736 hrs.

2% Board Members in attendance: Chief Ruscetti, Lt. Gilbert, Lt. Pajak, PM Mowery

Members Absent: PM Paul

Guests: D/C Tutko, PM Tasso

Approval of last meeting minutes: Motion to accept by PM Mowery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt. Pajak

Treasurer Report: The board has been working with Rita Trainor on purchasing language for the board to adopt as part of standard operating guidelines. The board had a few minor wording changes, but those were corrected and the board feels comfortable with the language. Lt. Pajak made a motion to accept this language to the 2% rules, PM Mowery 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

PM Mowery has been working on a new vote sheet for use. He brought it for the Fire Chief to look at. Chief Ruscetti liked the vote and thought it would work, but had a comment that a warranty line should be added. PM Mowery will add that at the bottom of the sheet to indicate any warranty or extended warranty with the purchased items. Once it is complete, he will try to work with someone to get it placed on the intranet page.

Recommendations and updates to the 2005 – 2006 budget. The budget table with itemizations will be coming out within the month.

There were no noted problems with the transition from Medic Paul to Lt. Pajak as treasurer. Lt. Pajak stated he will be updating the signature cards for the bank.

Old Business: PM Mowery will be working on completing orders for stickers for each vehicle at each station for tools and equipment marking.

Widow's Fund had \$20,000 added to that fund to bring the total deposited dollars to \$25,000. This is where we should be for this fiscal year, however due to the delays in transferring funds, the board elected to hold off moving money into this fund until the money was received from the village. \$5,000 more will be placed into this fund after May 2005. (\$83 in interest has been gained on this fund account.)

Lt. Pajak stated that this year Station #2 will be getting the replacement treadmill. Next year station #3 will be replaced. Station #5 has just purchased a used/refurbished treadmill to compliment the one in use at that station already. PM Mowery inquired about the electric for these units, especially at station #2. Lt. Pajak will be looking into this to try to come up with a solution. Lt. Pajak also stated that the back money owed (that was outside this year's budget) was agreed at a past meeting to be spent on the stair mills as long as

the voting from the membership supported that purchase. PM Mowery stated that it did pass with a close vote. The board moved to make these purchases.

New Business: Discussion on the voting for the two board members up for election the first week in May. PM Mowery is waiting for the dates to come up to close out the nominations. April 22 is the final date for nominations to be in via e-mail to PM Mowery. Current nominations are Lt. Gilbert for station #2, and PM Brainard for station #3.

Budget and step mill items were discussed in their entirety earlier in this meeting.

Station #5 had a vote sheet and appropriate paperwork given to Lt. Pajak for a new CD stereo for the apparatus floor workout area not to exceed \$200. Also, station #5 is waiting for a vote approval for new weights for the apparatus floor workout area not to exceed \$300.

Station #2 has a vote sheet turned in with appropriate paperwork for \$250 for pelican flashlights for each member at that station. Also, webbing for same at \$144.

PM Mowery asked PM Tasso to talk about the escape belts that he put a request to the board in for. Pm Tasso discussed some of the aspects of this device and some of the options, and costs involved. Lt. Gilbert asked what the voting had been so far, and PM Mowery stated it was pretty close to even but a few more to the "No". He also stated that many members stated that they were voting "no" because they didn't really know what the device was or the benefit to it. Others had stated that they were a "yes" if only those who specifically asked for the devices received them, and not just purchasing 73 devices. Lt. Gilbert asked that PM Tasso get more information and possibly a demonstration for the membership so they could get a better understanding of what he was asking for.

Good of the 2% Fund: PM Mowery will e-mail the station #3 personnel regarding the deck project (\$800 purchase).

Next Meeting: TBA

Motion to adjourn made by Lt. Gilbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt. Pajak.

Meeting adjourned at 0843 hrs.