

DOWNERS GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE (2%) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

For Meeting Held on 26 August 2021

Meeting called to order at 0802 hrs.

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

Members Absent: PM Kinney, PM Nowak

Guests: D/C Pekelder, D/C Tasso, PM Hoff, PM Calungcaguin

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as presented by PM Meister, 2nd by PM Kairis. No discussion, motion approved by unanimous vote.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u>	Beginning Balance:	\$249,048.19
	Ending Balance:	\$235,056.77
	Widows Fund Balance:	\$53,400.81

Treasurer Nowak was not available for this meeting and the report was presented by PM Meister. The above balances were relayed to the board. A motion was made to accept the treasurer report as presented by PM Kairis, 2nd by Lt. Mowery. No discussion, motion approved by unanimous vote.

A note was made by Treasurer Nowak that the CD percentage we receive from the widow fund are horrible. He would like to roll them into a 1 year term simply for ease. All seemed to be agreeable to this suggestion and a motion was made by PM S. Markowski, and 2nd by PM Meister. No discussion, motion approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business: A request for information on the possible purchase of a roof prop. for the training tower was requested last meeting. No new information was given to the board by PM Kinney. All Steel Co. wants engineered details of the tower. He will report more on this at the next meeting.

6 tape measures are purchased and in. Waiting to be labeled and then will be put in service on the TRT bags.

TRT Belts have been purchased and are in. PM Meister will be putting them in service for the TRT.

A discussion was held on the 343 badge retirement program. Bob Spickerman has offered to make the shadow box for the badge, etc. Lt. Mowery called Lt. Cummings to clarify the program is okay to move forward and what money needs to be appropriated for this project. Badge was ordered after the last meeting and will most likely take around 6 weeks to make. A motion by PM Meister for the board to encumber \$300 for Bob to produce the shadow box for

the 9-11 tribute was made and 2nd by S. Markowski. No discussion, and motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion on the gear bags that have been delivered for testing. We are currently testing 5 different styles of bags. PM O'Leary is working on a google survey for the bags.

Gear dryers are in and operational at each station.

Station #101 replacement television is in and hooked up. It is working correctly and PM Meister advised we have the extended warranty for this unit.

Weight equipment for Station #103 needs to be resubmitted. No one has copies of the request that was previously denied by retired Chief Pindelski due to improper paperwork.

A discussion was held on the request for Station #103 kitchen chairs. PM Meister advised that Costco has a difficult tax exempt program where if you have tax exemption you cannot order on line and must come pick up in person. PM Meister is not driving to Costco. PM Meister recommend Station #103 re-submit for the chairs from a different vendor (not Costco) due to logistics. The board agrees and will advise Station #103 to pursue a different option.

New Business: General Fund Requests:

PM Hoff advised that we are low on squad stickers. We need to order some new ones and need large and small size. Lt. Mowery will check if any other stations need stickers and place an order.

Administration requested 2 large 42" fans for the bay floor for station #102 at a total cost of \$1,018.87 for both. They advised this is the only station that does not have bay floor (floor) fans. A discussion was held that the other stations purchased from station funds. The discussion progressed to have the board purchase enough additional fans so that each station has 2 floor fans with the exception of station #102 which will get 3 due to the size of the bay floor. A motion to purchase fans up to a cost NTE \$3000 was made by Lt. Mowery and 2nd by PM Meister. No further discussion, and motion approved by unanimous vote.

Lt. Gilbert requested an economy pop up pool for Haz Mat decon for a not to exceed (NTE) cost of \$735. This request will be tabled until further information can be obtained by Chief Spinazola.

Lt. Gilbert requested a rupture repair kit small for replacement on each of the front-line enignes. This request will also be tabled until further information can be obtained by Chief Spinazola.

D/C Tasso asked about the large purchases specifically at this time regarding mattress replacement. Some discussion on the emergency replacement after the station inspections and noted the condition of some of the mattresses. Lt. Mowery advised that this was somewhat due to the fact that so many did not like

the sleep number beds and would rather sleep on old mattresses than get them replaced by sleep numbers. When we had the previous replacement plan the sleep number was the bed most voted for and the board was not going to change the style of bed in the middle of the replacement program. Most of the board was in favor of working with the administration on getting new regular mattresses on a plan over several years. At this time D/C Tasso has \$9,000 in the mattress fund, if we do a split cost we can spend \$18,000. The problem is R.F.P. for over \$7,000. These then must be bid out. A motion to split the cost of replacement mattresses with administration by Lt. Mowery and 2nd by PM Kairis.

PM Hoff asked about the amount of money left in special operations. PM Kairis is not at this meeting but will have the amount at the next meeting.

Good of the 2% Fund: Chief Spinazola advised that the village at the direction of the new council is pushing hard for transparency. Many boards are being required to do live streams of the meetings. The village did not feel it necessary for the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners and/or the Foreign Fire Tax Board would be necessary. PM Meister reminded everyone that this is an open meeting and we are subject to the open meetings act, so anyone who wishes can attend if they would like. Chief Spinazola advised this was information only and no action by the board would be necessary, it is just to remind us of how government is under increased scrutiny.

Chief Spinazola asked that the meetings not conflict with the DuComm meetings, but otherwise is open. The board requested to make a few months meeting dates so they can be scheduled. The board decided on September 23, October 28, and Tuesday November 16.

Next Meeting: 23 September 2021

Motion to adjourn made by PM Meister, 2nd by Lt. Mowery. No discussion, and motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 0844 hrs.