

WEST CHICAGO
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD

Minutes from meeting on:
Wednesday, December 16th, 2015

West Chicago FPD Station 6
200 Fremont St.
West Chicago IL, 60185

Members present: Chief Pat Tanner, A/C Tim Leidig, FF Greg Zudis, B/C Wade Johnson, FF Brian Jankowski, FF Michael Myers.

Members not present: Erik Therkildsen, Tim Latas.

Guests: Jason Day, Jeff Buccola, Lou Carre.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting temporarily unavailable.

Correspondence:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report temporarily unavailable. Zudis reported that a check from the Illinois Municipal League in the amount of \$45,579.00 came in. Per Erik Therkildsen, a balance of 107,227.08 was current including this most recent check.

Old Business:

Badges

Lou Carre reported that the badges were in and that they would be passed out to all members. Cost of the badges was \$11,564.00. Local 3970 agreed to pay \$2,500.00 towards this cost. Final cost to the Board would be \$9,064.00. Roll call vote to approve the purchase of badges in the amount of \$9,064.00 was taken. All approve, motion passes.

*Note: Board agreed to purchase badges for P.S.I however, they would be responsible for the cost of new ones if their employees lost them or had them stolen.

Books

It was determined that even though the purchase was approved, the order for the books was never placed. Board would look into who will make the purchase.

New Business:

Elections.

Elections for Zudis and Therkildsen's position, completion of Latas' term.
Since there were no names written on any of the ballots, the incumbents remained in their respective positions.

Executive Board members.

B. Jankowski made a motion to keep current members on the Executive Board. Myers second, all approve.

Proposals.

Treadmill for station 5.

It was found that the treadmill at station 5 was inoperable. Proposal read and reviewed by the Board. It was determined that the cost to repair the treadmill would be very close to the cost of purchasing a new one. L. Carre suggested using a company to handle repairs and maintenance in the future. T. Leidig suggested that the District handle the cost of maintaining this type of equipment. Chief Tanner agreed. Leidig also stated that he would look into finding a company that handles these types of maintenance duties and would let Carre know. A roll call vote taken to approve the purchase of a new treadmill in the amount of \$4578.30. All members approve, motion passes.

Structural Fire Fighting Gloves.

J. Buccola stated that there is a need for the members to have a second pair of gloves. It was found that members were reluctant to wash their gloves due to the fact that they didn't have a pair to move into while the washed pair was drying. Having a second pair would rectify this. L. Carre stated that after research online and speaking to members that have used them, *Dragon Fire Alpha X* was the best pair available. Amongst companies available to buy from, W.S. Darley had the best price. Carre also stated that he would pick up the gloves so that there would

be no shipping charge. A roll call vote was taken to approve the purchase the gloves in the amount of \$2975.00. All members approved, motion passes.

Axes.

Ryan Kral submitted a request for an 8lb. flat head axe in the amount of \$218.00 and a 6lb. pick head axe in the amount of \$205.00 for Tower ladder 6. The proposal was read and reviewed by the Board. After discussion, Jankowski made a motion to purchase both axes in the amount of \$458.00. Motion was second by Myers. All approve, motion passes.

Meeting dates.

Board agreed to keep meeting dates on every 6th Wednesday-Gold shift. W. Johnson will post all 2016 meeting dates at each station and put them on the department calendar within Outlook.

B. Expenditures

-None reported.

Public Comment:

L. Carre spoke about the need for the members to have a second hood to that they would wash their primary hood more frequently. It was found that infrequent hood washing was also linked to different types of cancer as well. In addition to the hoods, Buccola also requested that each hood be embroidered as well to help individuals keep track of the hoods. Both stated that they would have proposals for the next meeting.

J. Day spoke about the financial need for members who attend FDIC and their hotel costs. Day stated that the cost would be for 2-3 days and that it would be dependent upon the funds available within the Training Division budget as well. Day also spoke about the possibility for the FFIB cover costs for training classes. The Board stated how this subject was brought up a few years ago, but that no final procedure was ever developed. Day stated that he would contact other FFIB and have a suggestion/proposal for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by M. Myers at 10:00. Second by Chief Tanner. All approve, motion carries.

Next meeting: 8/12/15