



Hampshire Fire Protection District Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board

Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2024 09:00 Hours

Attendance: E. Larson, J. DePauw, M. Serrano, D. Ramirez, and T. Herrmann

Absent: C. Best, J. Morgan, S. McBride, and T. Ribandt

Employees Present: L. Black, A. Muehleman, M. Dalby, B. Bloomberg, and B. Marlowe

-Meeting was called to order at 09:05 hours.

-Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes were sent out for review from the previous meeting.

-Treasurer Report: E. Larson supplied the financial report for the current year. As of this meeting, the Board had a total of \$22,412.03 with four items approved and awaiting purchase. Those three items total \$10,345.00.

Old Business:

- 4a. Uniform Rain Coats:** The board is still looking into if they can purchase the coats in sections rather than all at once.
- 4b. Station Logos:** All of the station logos have been purchased.
- 4c. Forcible Entry Prop:** The prop has been paid for and was being manufactured.
- 4d. Coffee:** All of the requested coffee has been purchased.
- 4e. Station 2 Patio Furniture:** There has still been no decision made on what kind of patio furniture to purchase.
- 4f. Leg Extension Machine:** D/C Larson has not yet purchased the leg extension machine for Station 1.
- 4g. Station 1 Recliners:** D/C Larson has not yet purchased the new recliners for Station 1.

4h. IO Trainer: M. Serrano brought the IO training prop back to the group. It is just a trainer for the humoral head IO. He requested to purchase 1 for \$522.00. D. Ramirez made a motion to purchase one. M. Serrano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4i. Cable Weight Machine: D/C Larson has not purchased yet and is waiting until they figure out the sauna stuff.

4j. Sauna: The sauna is on hold currently until an agreeable location can be found.

New Business:

5a. Station 2 Weighted Vest: M. Mikolajski proposed a weighted vest be purchased for Station 2 for \$130.00. D. Ramirez made a motion to purchase the vest. The motion was seconded by M. Serrano and all were in favor.

5b. Station 2 Mixing Supplies: M. Mikolajski proposed wooden spoons as well as some mixing bowls for Station 2. Combined, it would cost around \$45.00. A motion was made by D. Ramirez. The motion was seconded by J. DePauw and all were in favor.

5c. Infant Mannequin: M. Serrano proposed an infant training mannequin. The cost is \$2,400.00. A motion was made by J. DePauw to purchase. The motion was seconded by D. Ramirez and all were in favor.

5d. Hose Testing: M. Serrano proposed hiring FireCat to come and test our fire hose next year. We would have them test the hose and our people would re-bed the hose keeping costs down. The cost for a three-year contract would be \$3,150 the first year, \$3,330 the second year, and \$3,570 the third year. If a three-year contract was not signed, the cost would be an additional \$300 each year. There was discussion had on both the pros and cons. The biggest issue was the cost. M. Serrano made a motion to hire them for a three-year contract. J. DePauw seconded the motion but D. Ramirez would vote against it. The motion did not pass.

5e. Backpack Blower: D. Ramirez proposed purchasing two Echo backpack blowers for a total cost of \$758.00. The blowers would be for each station and replaces the battery-operated blowers which are not as efficient. A motion was made by M. Serrano to purchase two. The motion was seconded by J. DePauw and all were in favor.

5f. Storage Shed: D. Ramirez proposed purchasing a storage shed that would actually be placed in the mezzanine of Station 2 to store his turnout gear and uniforms. There were some negative comments regarding the looks of the shed.

D. Ramirez made a motion to purchase the shed, not to exceed \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by J. DePauw and all were in favor.

5g. Riding Mower: D. Ramirez proposed a riding mower for Station 2. He argues that this will save time and make the yard look nicer. Chief Herrmann had concerns regarding the safety of using the mower in certain parts of the property. He also expressed concern about who would maintain the mower. D. Ramirez ensured Chief that the mower would be properly maintained. He also ensured that no person would use the mower unless administration was comfortable with them driving it and no one is to use it on the back hill. A motion was made by D. Ramirez. The motion was seconded by M. Serrano and all were in favor.

Adjournment: A motion was made by J. DePauw to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by M. Serrano and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 09:40.

Next Meeting : **October 21, 2024, 18:00**