

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD MINUTES FROM THE MAY 4TH, 2018 MEETING

Meeting called to order at 0829hrs by Chairman Kuntzman. The following trustees were in attendance: Chairman Kuntzman, Treasurer Prokop, Trustee Spejcher, Trustee Janus, Trustee Ketcham and Secretary Lopez. Vice Chairman Emody was not in attendance.

Previous Minutes:

The previous minutes (from February 02, 2018) were distributed by Chairman Kuntzman prior to this meeting for all trustees to review. There was no further discussion. A motion was made and seconded (Ketcham/Spejcher) to approve previous minutes as submitted. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Secretary Lopez will submit the approved minutes to Debbie Butler for posting on the district's website.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Prokop reported that there was \$48,727.38 in the FFIB checking account. This was as of 03/31/18, he explained that he had not yet received the bank statement for the month of April. Also, the total does not reflect the previously approved payment to Comcast. Once that bill has been paid, the remaining balance in the account should be \$43,127.38.
- A motion was made and seconded (Kuntzman/Ketcham) to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Chairman Kuntzman's proposal to pay for the Comcast cable and internet bill was discussed. Treasurer Prokop brought up the need to update the cable service to the new X1 platform. Also, the cable box in the kitchen at Station 23 was no longer working. Chairman Kuntzman stated that the account was in FF/PM Manion's name and he would follow up with him.

New Business:

- Secretary Lopez's sponsored proposal (Lt. McClimon) to have the FFIB pay for the upcoming years Active 911 subscription was discussed. Discussion ensued regarding how much the members relied on the Active 911 app, especially when the MDT's are not working properly. The proposal was for the purchase of 72 subscriptions at \$15 for each Active 911 app. A motion was made (Kuntzman/Ketcham) to allocate \$1,080 to pay for the Active 911 service. The motion passed unanimously.
- Vice Chairman Emody's sponsored proposal (FF/PM Lind) to have the knife sharpening service paid for by the FFIB was discussed. It was made known that the previous service agreement had actually lapsed and the company continued to provide their services. Trustee Janus asked if there was a way to have the knives dropped off on a set date and time; FF/PM Lind to be notified of this request. It was further discussed to increase the service contract timeframe from one year to two years. A motion was made (Kuntzman/Spejcher) to allocate \$576 (\$288/year) for a two-year service agreement with Maestranzi knife sharpening service. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Ketcham's sponsored proposal (FF/PM Takoy) to have the FFIB pay for SCBA pack identifiers was discussed. Trustee Janus stated seeing these being utilized by a neighboring department during our monthly training event. Said they were very helpful in helping to identify fire company's during heavy smoke and limited light conditions. He further shared how the average price for the identifiers was around \$70/each and the price proposed by FF/PM Takoy of \$39/each was a very reasonable price by comparison. It was further discussed how these would be distributed amongst the various SCBA packs and fire apparatus. It was agreed that FF/PM Takoy would be in charge of making the order and deciding how many to purchase and how to allocate them, if approved. A motion was made (Kuntzman/Ketcham) to allocate \$1,500 for the purchase of the SCBA pack identifiers. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Janus' proposal to renew the Aladtec program was discussed. Chairman Kuntzman asked about the future of the program and how it would be used. The question arose as to whom the lead administrator was going to be, given the recent resignation of Deputy Chief Kaderabek. Trustee Ketcham asked why the District was not agreeing to pay for the program and if they would consider paying for it in the future. Trustee Janus stated that the Aladtec program was not budgeted for in the current budget year and that budgeting for it the following year was a possibility, pending one more year use and feedback results. Chairman Kuntzman again reiterated the need for a lead administrator for the Aladtec program. Particularly in order to ensure that it is utilized in a manner that coincides with what labor/administration previously agreed to. He further recommended that the overseer be someone that is already tasked with scheduling, i.e. a battalion chief. Trustee Janus asked Lt. McClimon (present for the meeting) if he would be interested in being the lead administrator for the Aladtec program, with the understanding that a battalion chief would be the ultimate overseer. Lt. McClimon agreed, determination of which battalion chief would be the overseer remained pending. A motion was made

(Prokop/Ketcham) to allocate \$3,300 for the continuation cost of the Aladtec program from May 5th, 2018 to May 5th, 2019. The motion passed unanimously, with Chairman Kuntzman abstaining.

- Trustee Ketcham's proposal for Oakley duffel bags was postponed at Trustee Ketcham's request.
- Trustee Spejcher's proposal for the purchase of footwear for each member was discussed. Trustee Spejcher shared how expensive duty boots had become and that it required the use of a large portion of the members yearly uniform allowance. Trustee Ketcham shared his concern that this should not be an every two-year purchase, citing the previous FFIB purchase of boots exactly two years ago. Trustee Prokop stated the issue was that duty boots are becoming increasingly expensive and that the \$500 yearly uniform allowance agreed upon in the current CBA was inadequate and antiquated. A motion was made (Prokop/Lopez) to allocate \$300 for each line personnel (36), chief (4) and fire prevention personnel (2); for a total of \$12,600. The motion passed unanimously with Trustee Janus and Trustee Ketcham abstaining.
- Trustee Janus brought up a class action lawsuit that was won, pertaining to the Vitamix blenders previously purchased by the FFIB. The lawsuit claimed that the blade assembly would deteriorate/come apart, introducing metal fragments to whatever was to be consumed by the consumer. He states that the Vitamix corporation was offering either a new blade set or a \$70 gift card towards the purchase of accessories for the Vitamix blender, as part of the class action settlement. After researching the accessories available for the Vitamix blender, he recommended we opt for a new blade set; all members in attendance agreed. Trustee Janus will submit for the new blade set.

Announcements:

Remind those making a proposal that they need to be valid and substantial. Whenever possible a picture, brief statement and three quotes should be included in the proposal.

Adjournment:

Motion was made (Prokop/Spejcher) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 0910hrs.