

Minutes
CITY OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR MEETING
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD
TUESDAY, July 6, 2021
8:00 PM
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 189 WOODCREST

A Regular Meeting of the City of Highland Foreign Fire Insurance Board was held at 8:00 PM, Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The meeting was held at the Senior Center located at 189 Woodcrest. The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

A. **Call to Order: 8:20 PM**

Present: Steve Clayton, Adam Knebel, Josh Suever, Logan VonHatten, Parker Nungesser, Chris Nikonovich, Brian Wilson.

B. **Approval of Minutes** – January 5, 2021 meeting. Motion by Nungesser to accept minutes as presented – Seconded by Suever. Unanimous approval by voice vote.

C. **Financial Report:**

The financial spreadsheet provided by the Finance Department was reviewed.

- As of July 6, 2021, the account balance on hand was \$32,574.88

D. **Election of Officers:** The terms of Parker Nungesser and Jason Bergkoetter expired on April 30, 2021. Nominations and election was held during the business meeting of the fire department association, immediately prior to the Foreign Fire Board Meeting. Four persons were nominated for the two vacancies, as follows: Jason Bergkoetter, Chris Nikonovich, Parker Nungesser, and Dan Newman. Voting by secret ballot was held. Results of that voting are as follows: Nikonovich, 17 votes. Nungesser, 9 votes. Newman, 6 votes. Bergkoetter, 3 votes. With this result, Nikonovich and Nungesser were elected to this Board for a term of three years, expiring on April 30, 2024.

E. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Status – Proposed Four gas analyzer purchased tabled in January.

No additional information was brought forward on this topic but it was requested to table the item until the next meeting of the Foreign Fire Board (FFB)

2. Status – Pricing for graphics update for unit #1550.

Pricing was obtained to re-wrap the Ford Explorer, currently numbered 1550. The existing graphics are peeling and cracking due to constant exposure to the weather since it is not garaged. The price is as follows: \$500 to remove existing graphics. \$3,000 to install new wrap and graphics. Motion made by Nikonovich – Seconded by VonHatten to accept this pricing and proceed with the project. Unanimous approval by voice vote.

3. Discuss Light Bar/Additional Lights for 1591

This item is being handled through the fire department budget and is being removed from consideration from the FFB.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss Water bubbler for Boat Ramp Area

VonHatten proposed the purchase and installation of a water bubbler to prevent freezing of Silver Lake at the boat ramp off of Silver Lake Road, near our boathouse. In December 2019, a truck left the roadway on Interstate 70 and drove into Silver Lake. A small diesel fuel and motor oil occurred on the lake from this incident. In order to protect the drinking water supply for Highland, booms and absorbent pads had to be deployed to contain and remove these fluids. This required the use of our boat. The water in front of the launch ramp had frozen over, making boat launch difficult. The ice broke as the boat was launched, but minor damage was done to the boat and trailer during this effort. In order to prevent this from occurring in the future, this bubbler was proposed to keep ice from forming in cold weather. Motion to purchase this bubbler for a cost not to exceed \$750 made by Nikonovich – Seconded by VonHatten. Unanimous approval by voice vote.

2. Discuss purchase of Carabiners

VonHatten proposed consideration to purchase Carabiners to assist with the use of ice rescue equipment and ropes during ice rescue operations. Pricing was obtained for non-locking Carabiners. Discussion included the thought of possibly purchasing automatic locking Carabiners for safety reasons. Since locking devices were not priced, this item was tabled until the next meeting of the FFB.

3. Discuss possible reimbursement to Association for items purchased previously.

Two previous expenditures approved for purchase by the FFB were inadvertently paid by the Volunteer Firefighter's Association. As such, the Association is requesting reimbursement for the following items.

- Various hand tools for the fire station in order to make repairs on trucks and equipment in the amount of \$691.17.
- Cordless Tripod lights and associated extra batteries in the amount of \$762.65
- Total reimbursement requested from FFB account to Volunteer Association is: \$1,453.82

4. Open discussion was held regarding equipment needs and purchase recommendations.

- Discussion was held regarding the need for the purchase of additional batteries for our portable scene lighting. Item was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of pricing information.
- Proposal was made to purchase lineman cutters and new webbing straps for all personnel to carry in their turnout gear for emergency use. Motion made by Clayton – Seconded by VonHatten to authorize the purchase of these items for a price not to exceed \$500. Unanimous approval by voice vote.
- Proposal was made to authorize the upgrade of Class A dress uniforms for Barr, T. Knebel, and Tallman. All have been promoted since these uniforms were issued, therefore the uniforms need to be updated to reflect those promotions. Motion by Nikonovich – Seconded by A. Knebel to authorize up to \$150 per uniform to be upgrade to reflect current rank. Unanimous voice vote approval.
- Discussion was held on consideration to purchase a second battery operated extrication tool. No specifics or pricing was offered at this time so this item is being tabled until the next meeting of the FFB.

G. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Clayton – Seconded by Nikonovich. Approved by unanimous voice vote at 9:02 PM.

October 5, 2021 will be the next regularly scheduled foreign fire board meeting at 8:00 PM.

J. Brian Wilson, Chairman

Foreign Fire Insurance Board