

FFIT MEETING MINUTES

Called to order by Scott French 18:41 hours September 4th, 2018

Attendance:

Present: Scott French, Bryan Duesing, Matt Randall, Kevin Hickey, Joe Smulevitz, Brian Hoogervorst, Chief Reeder

Absent: None

Meeting minutes from August read and accepted by Hoogervorst/Smulevitz

Treasurer report read, CD ends January 18th, 2019, Audit completed.

Board discussion:

None

Old Business:

Duffle Bags ETA two weeks.

Past purchased items being made available to new members coming off probation or those returning from leave. Scott French will make a list of items and we will vote on each of them.

Capital expenditures amendment to the bylaws, any large item over a specific price to be set by the board, would be open to vote by the entire membership. This can be done by electronic vote. Scott French will look into it and report back next month.

Tabled item

Repeater system – Question/answers

Why can't the \$400,000 surplus from the medic contract be put toward paying for the repeater system? That money will not come to fruition for some time and will be used for other projects, for example, Station 47.

We gave back 1.5 million last year in our budget, why can't we use that to fund this project? The budget is created and expenditures are part of a line item, the money is not actually in hand. Money is never actually given back it is just not spent.

What would be the time line to completion if approved? They would start right away and the completion would depend on many factors.

With this repeater system needed for safety, why wouldn't the village pay for it? The chief answered that it was originally placed in the budget for the full amount but was denied, then was requested in the second round for half with the possibility that funds would be provided by the FFIT. The association has approved \$28,000 toward the cost leaving \$42,000 needed from FFIT. The reason it was denied the first time was due to the amount money already budgeted to the FD with station 47 and other projects. Due to the importance of this system to assure better and safer communications, he thought it would be something the board would approve.

How is this repeater system intended to be used? We would run our calls on our own channel much like Calumet City and other departments in our area.

Vote was taken for \$42,000 to fund the purchase of the repeater system.

French – NO

Randall – YES

Duesing – YES

Hickey – NO

Smulevitz – NO

Hoogervorst – NO

Request for funding did not pass by vote 2 - 4

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 19:09 hours. Duesing/Hoogervorst