

## FFIT MEETING MINUTES

Called to order by Matt Randall 18:30 November 5th, 2019

Attendance:

Present: Kevin Hickey, Brian Hoogervorst, Bryan Duesing, Matt Randall, Joe Smulevitz

Absent: Chief Reeder, Scott French

Meeting minutes from October read and accepted by Duesing, Smulevitz

Treasurer report read.

Board discussion:

Elections are coming up and per the by-laws we are to have the election in January. To date we have 8 nominations for all 6 positions. Secretary Randall asked the board if they would like to do a paper ballot to all members on FFIT letter head to be collected and counted at the January meeting. A second suggestion was to put out a survey Monkey to obtain votes from the membership. The results would be printed and counted at the January meeting. The membership came to a consensus that we would use Survey Monkey to collect votes from the membership. Secretary Randall will have that accomplished by the December meeting so it can be approved for distribution to the membership two weeks before the January meeting.

Old Business:

- MFI medical Scales have been received and installed at each station.
- Omni ProGear Petzl ASAP lock arrester have been placed in service and training was put out on Target Solutions.
- REI Petzl carabineers were distributed, we are short 16 sets, they will be ordered.
- Kitchen knives were distributed to each station.

- Power systems premium hanging club mats have been delivered and are in service.
- 35' unidirectional display port to HDMI was installed at station 48, needs to be installed at 49 but has been delivered.

#### New Business:

- Captain Randall proposed to purchase 10 Pro Bars to replace all the 3 piece pinned bars on all the reserve apparatus. These bars do not have the same design and mechanical advantage as the Pro Bar and are not as effective when used to force doors. This purchase will make all apparatus forcible entry bars identical. Three quotes were given but it was noted that they are sale prices that may change. It was suggested by Secretary Randall that we make the motion to spend up to \$2,500 and at time of purchase find the best price. Motion by Smulevitz/Duesing. Vote 5-0 purchase approved.
- DC Klotz proposed to pay for \$23,210 for the purchase and installation of a repeater system which will allow the FD to operate our own Radio channel and increase signal power to have better communication throughout the village. A request was made in the past for \$70,000 and was voted on by the board and did not pass. The Village budgeted \$139,500 for the repeater system and was told that the FFIT agreed to pay for half the cost. Since then the Chiefs worked with the company to get the cost reduced to \$46,420. DC Klotz stated that the village expects the board to pay for half as they were told the FFIT board agreed to. The question was raised by Secretary Randall, "Who said that the FFIT would pay half? I know that it was never discussed or voted on by this board." No one on the board or the Deputy Chief could answer that question. There was discussion on how the repeater works and how it is installed and why the price tag went from \$139,500 to \$46,420. Those questions were answered by DC Klotz. Randall asked if the village understands that the FFIT board will not be responsible for any additional costs that may arise and will not be responsible for any cost of maintenance needed to keep the system running properly. DC Klotz stated, that was understood. With no other questions a motion was made

by Randall/Duesing to spend the \$23,210 for purchase and installation of the repeater system. A roll call vote was made. Randall, yes - Duesing, yes – Smulevitz, yes – Hickey, yes – Hoogervorst, yes. With a vote of 5-0 the purchase was approved.

Public comment:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 19:21 hours. Duesing/Smulevitz