

HUNTLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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| Committee / Meeting: | Foreign Fire Minutes – Approved |
| Date: | 01/26/2024 |
| Location: | Station 1 Training Room |
| Attendees: | P. Gordon / S. Ravagnie / C. Jagels / P. Ortiz |

Meeting opened at 8:04am.

Absent: Floyel, Schulien, Brennen Jacobs

Guests:

Alex Vucha

Public Comments

Alex Vucha was willing to answer questions regarding a previous submittal involving him.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$98,774.58. Jagels motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Chief Ravagnie. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2023 Meeting

Chief Ravagnie motioned to approve the minutes from December 8, 2023, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Old Business

Independent contract hiring of Alex Vucha – Gitzke & Ortiz

Keep on delayed status

This would help us be more proactive in documenting our history and training. He would be really good for our social media presence as well. The original plan was Foreign Fire would pay from November 15, 2023 - May 1, 2024 in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a trial. After May 1, 2024, Foreign Fire and the District would split the cost for the entire year, paying \$10,000.00 each. There were concerns and discussion on if Alex would be an employee or independent contractor and what his duties would include. We want clarification on what he can and can't do. We don't know if he can work as a fire investigator. Foreign Fire cannot pay him as an employee, so we are going to wait to approve until the attorney reviews the contract. Lt. Gitzke will investigate this further.

Station recliners for 2 and 3 – Gonia – ordered and awaiting a confirmed ship date.

Bricks for Station 1 – order to be coordinated by P Ortiz and R Arquette

Costco funds for 2024 – approved at the same amount as there was surplus from 2023

New Business

Nominations for board president & secretary / treasurer

Motion was made by Chief Ravagnie to maintain Gordon as board president for 2024, seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Motion was made by Chief Ravagnie to maintain Jagels as board secretary / treasurer for 2024, seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rogue Echo Bike V3.0 – submitted by R Arquette. Motion was made by Gordon to approve the purchase of 5 total bikes as submitted with a second from P Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed with majority vote, one nay by Chief Ravagnie.

Miscellaneous Items

It was inquired and discussed to move old recliners to training tower to be used as props within the structure. Chief Ravagnie agreed and approved requesting it be coordinated with Training Division.

Adjournment

P Ortiz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Ravagnie. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 8:27am.

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| Committee / Meeting: | Foreign Fire Minutes – APPROVED |
| Date: | 04/26/2024 |
| Location: | Station 1 Training Room |
| Attendees: | P Gordon / S Ravagnie / C Jagels / P. Ortiz / M. Schulien / Brennen Jacobs |

Meeting opened at 8:01am.

Absent: Floyel

Guests:

D/C Wagner

Public Comments

None

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$94,512.75. Jagels motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2024 Meeting

Ortiz motioned to approve the minutes from January 26, 2024, seconded by Chief Ravagnie. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Old Business

Independent contract hiring of Alex Vucha – Gitzke & Ortiz

Schulien motioned to approve the \$10,000 seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

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New Business

Blackstone Griddles – submitted by Koelper. Motion was made by Schulien to purchase 1 grill for each station not to exceed \$297.00 each, with shift personnel to be responsible for the cost of propane and accessories. Seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Hotel Reimbursement Rate Increase – submitted by Koelper. Motion was made by Schulien to keep the funds set at \$5,000.00 and board could discuss increasing the amount should the need arise. Seconded by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rigid Jobsite Blower – submitted by King. Motion made by Jacobs to purchase 1 blower with battery as spec'd for each station to be placed in service on the primary fire apparatus. Seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rigid Jobsite Radio – submitted by King. Motion made by Jacobs to purchase 1 radio with adapter as spec'd for each station. Seconded by Schulien. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Stand Down Week – submitted by Floyel. Discussion by board to have a special meeting to discuss once additional information could be obtained. **UPDATE** – special meeting occurred on May 10, 2024. Motion to deny by Ortiz with second by Schulien. All in favor say nay and the motioned was carried.

Guardian Angel Wearable Light – submitted by Williams. Motion to deny by Ortiz with second by Jagels. All in favor say nay and the motion was carried.

2024 Family Holiday Events – submitted by Chief Ravagnie. Motion to approve funds not to exceed \$4,000.00 for Halloween and Christmas department family events was made by Schulien and seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Contract with Vucha – submitted by Chief Ravagnie. Motion to approve \$8,400.00 as equally sharing the cost with the district for June 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2025 made by Jagels with second by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Miscellaneous Items

None

Adjournment

Ortiz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 9:14am.

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| Committee / Meeting: | Foreign Fire Minutes – APPROVED |
| Date: | 07/26/2024 |
| Location: | Station 1 Training Room |
| Attendees: | P Gordon / S Ravagnie / C Jagels / P Ortiz / M Schulien / Brennen Jacobs |

Meeting opened at 8:02am.

Absent: Floyel

Guests:

D/C Wagner

Public Comments

None

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$71,997.75. Ortiz motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2024 Meeting

Jagels motioned to approve the minutes from April 26, 2024, seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Old Business

Independent contract hiring of Alex Vucha – Gitzke & Ortiz

Schulien motioned to approve the \$10,000 seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

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Blackstone Griddles – submitted by Koelper. Motion was made by Schulien to purchase 1 grill for each station not to exceed \$297.00 each, with shift personnel to be responsible for the cost of propane and accessories. Seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Hotel Reimbursement Rate Increase – submitted by Koelper. Motion was made by Schulien to keep the funds set at \$5,000.00 and board could discuss increasing the amount should the need arise. Seconded by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rigid Jobsite Blower – submitted by King. Motion made by Jacobs to purchase 1 blower with battery as spec'd for each station to be placed in service on the primary fire apparatus. Seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Rigid Jobsite Radio – submitted by King. Motion made by Jacobs to purchase 1 radio with adapter as spec'd for each station. Seconded by Schulien. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Stand Down Week – submitted by Floyel. Discussion by board to have a special meeting to discuss once additional information could be obtained. **UPDATE** – special meeting occurred on May 10, 2024. Motion to deny by Ortiz with second by Schulien. All in favor say nay and the motioned was carried. Additional discussions by the board occurred with agreement being made that Gordon, Floyel and Director of Training Madsen could coordinate with Irene Kok.

2024 Family Holiday Events – submitted by Chief Ravagnie. Motion to approve funds not to exceed \$4,000.00 for Halloween and Christmas department family events was made by Schulien and seconded by Ortiz. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

Contract with Vucha – submitted by Chief Ravagnie. Motion to approve \$8,400.00 as equally sharing the cost with the district for June 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2025 made by Jagels with second by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motioned was passed.

New Business

Hotel reimbursement for Brad Knudson met guidelines with funds to cover and reimbursement was provided.

Miscellaneous Items

None

Adjournment

Ortiz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 8:12am.

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| Committee / Meeting: | Foreign Fire Minutes – APPROVED |
| Date: | 10/25/2024 |
| Location: | Station 1 Training Room |
| Attendees: | P Gordon / D/C Wagner / C Jagels / M Schulien / Brennen Jacobs |

Meeting opened at 8:05am.

Absent: Ravagnie, Floyel, Ortiz

Guests:

None

Public Comments

None

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$68,901.15. Schulien motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jagels. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2024 Meeting

Jagels motioned to approve the minutes from July 26, 2024, seconded by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reception of Foreign Fire Fee from Illinois Municipal League: Annual check in the amount of \$105,676.84 was received and deposited into account.

Sound system for department events – submitted by Buschbacher. Motion to approve \$3,568.92 for a permanently mounted sound system at station 1 for the purpose of: promotions, oaths of office, department / family events was made by Schulien and seconded by D/C Wagner. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

DocaPole cleaning pole – submitted by Schulien. Motion to approve \$649.95 to purchase cleaning equipment for station apparatus areas, without the use of department scissor lift, was made by D/C Wagner and seconded by Jacobs. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

2025 AI's Training Day – submitted by Koelper. Motion to approve funds to not exceed \$10,000 was made by Jacobs and seconded by Schulien for the purpose of annual AI's Training Day event. Funds will cover costs associated with speaker fees and travel, food, and hotels. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

CPSE professional development – submitted by D/C Wagner. Motion to approve funds to not exceed \$12,000 until November 30, 2025, was made by Gordon and seconded by Jacobs. Funds will cover costs of designation fees associated with the program for eligible individuals upon acceptance. All in favor say aye and the motion was passed.

Miscellaneous Items

None

Adjournment

Jagels made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schulien. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 8:46am.