



THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7:00 A.M.

At Fire Station 1, 4353 Wolf Rd., Western Springs, Illinois 60558

FINAL

1. **Call to order** – 0705
2. **Rollcall**
 - a. Present
 1. Chief Brian Scott
 2. FF/PM Andrew Lesch
 3. FF. Matthew Kelly
 4. Lt. Paula Tomczyk
 5. FF. Mike Darcy
 6. Capt. Kevin Gay
 - b. Not Present
 1. FF. Jeremy Wold
3. **Approval of minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting held on February 7, 2025 was made and seconded by B. Scott and P. Tomczyk. **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Public comment.**
 - a. None.
5. **Treasurer's Report.**
 - a. Paula Tomczyk presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - i. Jackets purchased for \$855.
 - ii. Two large speakers purchased for \$343.
 - iii. Cabinets provided from the Village.
 - iv. Mattresses to be purchased.
 - b. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded by m. Kelly and M. Darcy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Old Business

No.	Title	Not to exceed	Status	Notes
1	Mattresses	\$6,000	Approved. Not purchased yet.	Update – Mattresses to be ordered soon
2	Winter jackets	\$9,000	Purchased.	Most jackets have been distributed. K. Gay to order five additional jackets for existing members and to have some in reserve for new members. Currently 2 small jackets in reserve.
3	File cabinet	\$170	Village provided	A locking filing cabinet was found in the Village inventory and installed in the day room for the fire department use.
4	Bluetooth speakers	\$2,000	Purchased	K. Gay proposed the purchase of a large and a medium size blue tooth speaker for the station usage. The large speaker to include a microphone. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded by K. Gay and M. Kelly. Motion passed unanimously

1. New Business.

No.	Title	Cost	Status	Notes
1	Radio Receiver	Unknown	Tabled	Kostal asked for better speakers in Station 1 to hear LTACC communications. Discussion held about the proper antennae to use and other solutions to the communication issues.
2	Airpacks/bottles	\$5K each	Tabled	Chief Scott discussed the possibility to purchase new packs and air bottles ahead of the next fire academy class. The Board

				discussed purchase two or three packs/bottles, the Association purchasing some and the Village purchasing some. Packs come with two bottles, so some bottles could be used as spares at Station 2. The existing packs and bottles were purchased in 2019 and have enough life left that their replacement is not an immediate need.
3	Elections	None	Tabled	The Village rules for the Board were discussed. Elections will be held each year per the rules. The Board discussed changing the rules so that some roles were two years following the model of the Association.
4	Picnic Table	Est. \$1,000	Tabled	Paula Tomczyk suggested replacing the old wooden picnic table at Station 1 with a new metal table. More investigation is needed.

2. Other Matters

- a. The next Board meeting is TBD.

3. Adjournment.

- a. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded by Chief Scott and M. Darcy. **Motion passed unanimously at 0730.**

Matthew Kelly
Secretary