

Foreign Fire Insurance Board

City of Crystal Lake
100 W. Woodstock St.
Crystal Lake, Il. 60014



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Minutes for
July 12, 2017
6:30 P.M.
Room P105

I. Call to Order

Chair Forsberg called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

1. Chair Forsberg
 2. Vice Chair Angelo
 3. Secretary Geyman
 4. Trustee Rosner
 5. Trustee Seyl
 6. Trustee Chief DeRaedt
 7. Amanda Gundlach
 8. John Ryan
 9. Brian Tamason
 10. Ramon Vega
 11. Curt Walker
 12. Guest Bob Pickrell (City Attorney)
 13. Guest Joan Holub (Stenographer)
 14. Guest George Koczvara (City Financial Director)
- Members arriving late via polycom due to calls at 6:52 p.m.

1. Adam Bucheger (PC3)
2. Palmer Pace (PC3)
3. Dane Szatkowski (PC3)
4. John Volenec (PC3)
5. Matthew Klug (PC4)
6. Martin Pireh (PC4)
7. Brian Kauke (PC4)
8. Mike Aiello (PC4)

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that the agenda under line XI should be moved to line V.

Chair Forsberg made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and was seconded by Trustee Rosner. Six Yea's to zero Nay's. The agenda was adopted.

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IV. Public Commentary

1. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that he acknowledges in his opinion that there is a shut down and lack of communication between the FFIB and the City of Crystal Lake. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that he had spoken with union representatives Dan Williams and Tim Kerley since the last FFIB meeting on March 01, 2017. In an the effort to come to common ground to resolve the lack of communication between the FFIB and the City of Crystal Lake and how to come to common ground on how to spend the monies through the FFIB.
2. Bob Pickrell referenced his comments from the March 01, 2017 FFIB meeting that the FFIB is a subsidiary of the City of Crystal Lake and has no legal right to hire an attorney. The City of Crystal Lake is responsible for providing legal counsel if needed. Bob Pickrell then stated that his position and reasoning for being at the July 12, 2017 meeting was that he was to protect the City of Crystal Lake as the hired legal counsel for the City of Crystal Lake. Pickrell stated that if an attorney were hired there would be consequences.
3. Secretary Geyman asked Pickrell to clarify what he meant by stating that there would be consequences.
4. Bob Pickrell then stated that if the FFIB hired an attorney for legal counsel that the City of Crystal Lake would not be responsible for any accrued fees from the hired counsel. Pickrell stated the person or persons who hired the attorney would be held personally responsible for the debt accrued.
5. Secretary Geyman further asked Pickrell to clarify what he meant by consequences?
6. Pickrell denied any further explanation.
7. John Ryan asked who had hired the stenographer.
8. George Koczwarra stated that the City of Crystal Lake hired the stenographer. Koczwarra stated it was to accurately record the content of the FFIB meeting.
9. John Ryan asked why the FFIB was not allowed to hire an attorney.
10. Pickrell reemphasized that the FFIB is a subsidiary and has no legal independent authority to hire an attorney. Pickrell stated that he could not tell the FFIB what they can spend the FFIB funds on but that he would advise what may happen if the FFIB chooses to spend funds to hire an attorney.

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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1. Adoption of the FFIB minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting.
2. Chair Forsberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017 FFIB meeting. Trustee Rosner seconded the motion.
3. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that his opinion was that the minutes did not accurately reflect the content of the meeting from his memory and his notes.
4. Chair Forsberg and Vice Chair Angelo asked Trustee Chief DeRaedt to clarify his statement.
5. Trustee Chief DeRaedt presented the copy of his version of the amended minutes from the January 10, 2017 to the members of the FFIB.
6. Chair Forsberg asked Secretary Geyman what his objection was to the amendments of the minutes.
7. Secretary Geyman stated that there was additional wording added to emphasize city code and state statute. Geyman stated that the amendments did not accurately reflect what was actually said but seemed to be added to support one side of the discussion.
8. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that there was grammatical errors and errors in sentence structure and that the additions in wording were based on his memory and his notes of the meeting.
9. Vice Chair Angelo, agreed grammar needed to be corrected on the original version brought to the January 10, 2017 meeting. Vice Chair Angelo then stated that he believed Secretary Geyman took very thorough notes and that if the changes are based upon memory and notes taken by Trustee Chief DeRaedt that the minutes presented by Secretary Geyman should stand with the correction of grammar.
10. Chair Forsberg asked for clarification on procedure on how to proceed with his original motion to accept the March 01, 2017 minutes.
11. Pickrell stated that the FFIB must act on the original motion.
12. Chair Forsberg amended his motion and made a motion to table the January 10, 2017 minutes and for Secretary Geyman to correct the grammar and resubmit the minutes at the next FFIB meeting. Trustee Seyl seconded the motion. Six Yea's and zero Nay's. Motion passed.
13. Adoption of the FFIB minutes from the March 01, 2017 meeting.
14. Chair Forsberg made a motion to approve the March 01, 2017 minutes. Trustee Rosner seconded the motion.
15. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that he had not received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting with time to review them.
16. Five Yea's and Trustee Chief DeRaedt Nay. Motion passed 5 to 1.

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- VI. Report of Officers
None.
- VII. Report of Standing/Special Committees
None.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 1. Treasurer Brian Marino to present the current budget for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.
 2. Treasurer Marino was not present at the meeting to present the FFIB budget.
 3. Koczwar presented the budget for the City of Crystal Lake and provided printed copies to the FFIB.
 4. The budget showed a balance of \$151,239.55 with an available budget of \$65,876.95.
 5. Chair Forsberg made a motion to accept the budget as presented by Koczwar. Trustee Chief DeRaedt seconded the motion. Six Yea's and zero Nay's. Motion passed.
- IX. Bills
None.
- X. Correspondence
None.
- XI. Old Business
None
- XII. New Business
 1. Forsberg to present information and to have the board vote to authorize and retain Ryan Hagerty from Asher, Gittler & D'Alba, Ltd. to represent the Board's interests at an hourly rate of \$250 an hour.
 2. Vice Chair Angelo made a motion to table the proposal until the September 06, 2017 FFIB meeting to allow him time to further educate himself. Trustee Chief DeRaedt seconded the motion.
 3. Chair Forsberg stated that the FFIB serves two purposes. The FFIB is supposed to receive money and to spend money. Chair Forsberg stated that the City of Crystal Lake is preventing the FFIB from accomplishing either action.
 4. Trustee Rosner stated that he also would like to further educate himself on the proposal before proceeding with a vote.
 5. Secretary Geyman stated to Pickrell and Koczwar that the current situation is his opinion is multifaceted and that the current situation of relations and communication between the City of Crystal Lake and the

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FFIB is due to past practices. Geyman stated that the current city policy was created and passed during the current discussions in an open meeting that no one on the FFIB except for Trustee Chief DeRaedt was aware of taking place. The city had previously denied proposals that were brought to the FFIB, voted on, and approved with the only explanation being that the City of Crystal Lake did not think the expenditures were appropriate. The current city code was validated by Pickrell during the January FFIB meeting as not being retroactive and therefore creating a situation where there are still approved expenditures not being accounted for in the budget.

6. John Ryan commented that the lack of communication has been long standing between the City of Crystal Lake and the FFIB.
7. Aiello stated that the FFIB needs to seek guidance through an attorney to further educate himself or herself and move forward with the finances.
8. Chair Forsberg stated that he was the one who had contacted the attorney and that the attorney had a history of working with other FFIB entities.
9. John Ryan stated that other FFIB's have hired attorneys so the precedence has already been made and that if it were illegal, as Pickrell and Koczwarra had stated previously why then would they have been able to do so.
10. Klug stated that the FFIB needs to seek legal counsel immediately.
11. Vice Chair Angelo made a motion to acquire the services of Ryan Hagerty at \$250.00 an hour. Trustee Rosner seconded the motion.
12. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated that he wanted it on record that he vehemently opposes the FFIB from spending funds illegally. Trustee Chief DeRaedt then stated that he is vehemently opposed to the FFIB spending funds that they are not authorized to spend.
13. Pickrell stated to make clarification what side of the representation the proposed attorney had represented involving the FFIB.
14. Five Yea's and Trustee Chief DeRaedt nay. Motion passed 5 to 1.

XIII. Other Business

1. Trustee Seyl questioned Trustee Chief DeRaedt what the progress currently was in regards to the dispatching system.
2. Trustee Chief DeRaedt stated the city is currently working with the current vendor to resolve the current issues and that when the current vendor is unable to correct the problems then the city will seek other vendors.

XIV. Closing

None.

XV. Announcement of Next Meeting

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1. The next meeting will be on 09/06/2017 at 6:30PM in P105-P106 at 100 West Woodstock Street Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Forsberg at 7:44 p.m. Trustee Rosner seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed.