



FOREIGN FIRE TAX BOARD

JUNE 17, 2026 AT 8:30 AM

FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
1475 N HICKS ROAD
PALATINE, IL 60067-5339
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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

8:30 AM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PRESENTATIONS**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
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 - B. ROBOT VACUUM REQUEST
 - C. COFFEE SELECTION REQUEST
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ROLL OUT OF NEW BYLAWS
 - B. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS
 - C. STATION HOUSE FUNDS REQUEST
 - D. KITCHEN AID STAND MIXER REQUEST

E. SEEK THERMAL IMAGER REQUEST

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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MARCH 18, 2026 AT 8:30 AM

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

8:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Abbinanti called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT :	FFTB Member Joseph Duer, FFTB Member Dale Abbinanti, FFTB Member Robert Loverher FFTB Member Nick Jacquette, FFTB Member Kohl Stueber, Fire Chief Scott Mackeben
ABSENT :	FFTB Member Adam Rothenberg
ARRIVED :	

Also present: Lt. Shane Koneman, FF Matt Webb

III. PRESENTATIONS

- Lt. Shane Koneman presented his request for Fire Explorer Post BSA Support
- FF Matt Webb Presented his request for Oura Rings and Robot Vacuums

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Foreign Fire Tax Board — December 10, 2025

Minutes from December 10, 2025 were completed in CivicPlus by Joe Duer.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Loverher
SECONDER:	FF Jacquette
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report provided by Treasurer Kohl Steuber

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Duer
SECONDER:	FF Jacquette
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

- A. STARTING BALANCE
\$405,062.30
- B. SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
-\$22,895
- C. OUTSTANDING APPROVED ITEMS
-\$97,821.35
- D. OTHER ITEMS
\$20,000 (School Support Remaining)
- E. CURRENT BALANCE
\$383,481.12

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2026 CAFETERIA PLAN

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Loverher
SECONDER:	FF Steuber
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

- President Abbinanti announced that the 2026 Cafeteria Plan is closed at a total cost of \$27,000.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 DEPARTMENT COMPOSITE REQUEST

A request for the FFTB to cover the cost of a new department composite photo was submitted by Sarah McKillop in the amount of \$4,500. The last one we did was in 2022. This time we would go with a more professional company, JLT Photography. Everyone would have a digital department photo and then a composite to be hung in the lobby of 82. He would come to Station 82 over the course of 4 days. Tentatively looking at late August/Early September.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Stueber
SECONDER:	FF Loverher
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

B. KITCHEN TABLE REQUEST

A request was submitted by Capt. Adam Walsh in the amount of \$26,500.00 to purchase new custom kitchen tables for each of the 5 stations. These tables would be 8ft x 4ft and include station-specific pride graphics and take 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Chief Mackeben
SECONDER:	FF Jacqueline
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

C. HONOR GUARD BAG PIPE EQUIPMENT REQUEST

A request was submitted by Jeb Kaiser in the amount of \$909.95, requesting the FFTB cover the cost of a replacement bagpipe bag and to purchase a new practice chanter, in order to best serve the department post retirement by continuing to play bagpipes at FD memorials and functions. Not to exceed \$950.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Jacqueline
SECONDER:	FF Stueber
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

D. OURA RING REQUEST

Tabled to the next meeting pending policy change and membership interest poll

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Abbinanti
SECONDER:	FF Stueber
AYES:	None
NAYS:	All

E. ROBOT VACCUM REQUEST

Tabled to the next meeting pending a membership poll

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Stueber
SECONDER:	FF Loverher
AYES:	None
NAYS:	All

F. ARS RESCUE STRAP REQUEST

A request was submitted by FF Russ Hammer requesting 100 ARS Rescue Straps, one for each member, at a total cost of \$10, 500. Uses are many but include TRT, rescue of civilians and firefighters. Each strap is rated for over 1100lbs. Can be used to lift and drag. RIT training has shown that this device has been very useful in the most stressful and strenuous points in rescues. Interest has been shown by dozens of our members in this strap for personal gear. If FFTB could make the initial purchase, Haberdashery can add it to the list of gear that everyone is given and guys would be required to turn them back in upon separation. As/if straps wear out, small tools could handle the periodic cost to replace as needed.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Abbinanti
SECONDER:	FF Stueber
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

G. PALATINE FIRE EXPLORER POST BSA ANNUAL FEES

Lt. Shane Koeneman submitted a request for the FFTB to cover the annual cost of the BSA fees for the PFD Explorer Program, in the amount of \$1,600.00 annually. The Palatine Fire Explorers are asking for a reoccurring payment for post fees through the BSA (Boy Scouts of America) for the post, lead advisors, and Explorers in good standing passed their first year. BSA holds the insurance for the post and the Explorers need to pay a fee for the post, and each Explorer and Lead Advisor has a registration fee. This cost is roughly \$1500-1600 a year. The Explorers have found

revenue streams with a pancake breakfast and 3 different grants. This revenue goes for replacement gear, masks, uniforms (replacement), and helps offset some of the costs for the IFSI trip. The BSA fees are about 1/3rd of the revenue we receive. Our request would be a standing yearly reoccurring cost. In addition to our revenue streams, the department has set aside OT costs for meetings. We have recently added 3 members, expanding the post to 15 members with a waiting list. Each new explorer costs \$500 to outfit including SCBA, turnout gear, boots, and uniforms. The items we buy are in good condition. We were awarded a grant to pay in full for these new members. As the posts continue to grow and our original Explorers are close to aging out, the BSA fees will limit our ability to keep the current size.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Jacquette
SECONDER:	FF Loverher
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

H. KITCHEN SUPPLY REQUEST

A request was submitted by FF Jeremy Roman for the FFTB to supplement the Kitchen Supply Budget in order to replace serving bowls, knife holders, and Hex Clad pans, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Stueber
SECONDER:	FF Jacquette
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

I. FITNESS EQUIPMENT SERVICE REQUEST

FF Kohlman Steuber submitted a request for fitness equipment maintenance and servicing in the amount of \$1,500.00.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Loverher
SECONDER:	FF Jacquette
AYES:	All
NAYES:	None

J. FITNESS ECHO BIKE REQUEST

A request was submitted by Kohlman Steuber for the FFTB to purchase Echo Bikes for each of the 5 stations in the amount of \$5,000.00. The plan would be to keep the Pelotons and replace the old lifefitness bikes with Echo Bikes

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Jacquette
SECONDER:	FF Stueber
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

K. STATION 82 BAYFLOOR SPEAKER REQUEST

A request was submitted by Joe Duer requesting a Bluetooth speaker for the bayfloor at Station 82 in the amount of \$400.00.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Jaquette
SECONDER:	FF Loverher
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

L. RIDGID SHOP VACUUM REQUEST

Kamil Ochal submitted a request to purchase Rigid Shop Vacuum Cleaners, one for each station, in the amount of \$1,269.75.

- Approved by Voice Vote

RESULT:	MOTION BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	FF Loverher
SECONDER:	FF Jacquette
AYES:	All
NAYS:	None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing Submitted.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Abbinanti adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joseph Duer

FFTB Secretary

Foreign Fire Tax Board Request Form

Please complete this form in its entirety, electronically, and send to email group "FTB" along with any quotes or supporting documentation.

Step 1)

Name: Joseph Beallis Date: 03/29/26

Request: Station House funds

Item Detail: *Include a breakdown of costs for multiple items, shipping costs, potential discounts or other funding sources, and whether costs are actual or approximate, etc. If attaching a quote, simply "see attached quote" is enough.*

To fund each stations house fund. I am requesting for up to \$17,000 in total. Up to \$4500 for 85, Up to \$3500 for 82, 83, 84, and up to \$2000 for 81.

Justification: *Explain the use and/or benefit this purchase would provide for our department or membership in general to justify the use of Foreign Fire Tax Board funding:*

To supply the on duty crews with spices, condiments, and other miscellaneous kitchen supplies that are common needs.

Foreign Fire Tax Board Request Form

Please complete this form in its entirety, electronically, and send to email group TFR@... along with any quotes or supporting documentation.

Step 1)

Name:	Joseph Bealls
Date:	03/20/20
Request:	Station House funds
Item Detail:	<p>include a breakdown of costs for materials, labor, and other potential items... To fund each station's house fund, I am requesting for up to \$17,000 in total. Up to \$4500 for 88, up to \$3500 for 82, 83, 84 and up to \$2000 for 81.</p>
Justification:	<p>Explain the need and/or benefit the purchase would provide for our department... To supply the on duty crews with spicer, condiments, and other miscellaneous kitchen supplies that are common needs.</p>

Total Amount Requested:

\$ \$ 17.00

I will attend the next FFTB meeting to present this request for consideration (optional).

Yes No

To ensure that requests meet the operational and administrative goals of the fire department, and that funds are not already allocated or available through a separate funding source, some requests require approval from the head of an area of responsibility and the fire department administration.

Step 2) Has the head of the area of the responsibility approved this request?

Yes No N/A

Name:

Step 3) Has the FD administration approved this request?

Yes No N/A

Name:

Scott Mackalen
with Financial Controls + Tracking

*** Please complete ALL 3 STEPS prior to submitting. ***

If you have questions or concerns about a potential request, seek out any member of the FFTB Board.

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Total Amount Requested:

I will attend the next TTB meeting to present this request for consideration (optional)

Yes No

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Step 2) Has the head of the area of the responsibility approved the request?

Yes No

Name:

Step 3) Has the fire administration approved this request?

Yes No WA

Name:

Scott Martin

With financial control + funding

If you have questions or concerns about a particular request, please contact your member. Thank you for your input.

Foreign Fire Tax Board Request Form

Please complete this form in its entirety, electronically, and send to email group "FFTB" along with any quotes or supporting documentation.

Step 1)

Name: Joseph Beallis Date: 03/29/26

Request: Kitchen-aid Stand mixers

Item Detail: *Include a breakdown of costs for multiple items, shipping costs, potential discounts or other funding sources, and whether costs are actual or approximate, etc. If attaching a quote, simply "see attached quote" is enough.*

1 kitchen-aid stand mixer for each station, 5 in total.

Currently each unit is on sale for \$499.99, Regularly \$699.99

\$2500 in total if on sale, \$3500 if not.

<https://www.kitchenaid.com/countertop-appliances/stand-mixers/bowl-lift-stand-mixers/p.7-quart-bowl-lift-stand-mixer-with-redesigned-premium-touchpoints.KSM70SNDXBM.html>

Justification: *Explain the use and/or benefit this purchase would provide for our department or membership in general to justify the use of Foreign Fire Tax Board funding:*

To aid in cooking.

Total Amount Requested:

\$ \$ 3,500.00

I will attend the next FFTB meeting to present this request for consideration (optional).

Yes

No

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Step 2) Has the head of the area of the responsibility approved this request?

Yes

No

N/A

Name: Jeremy Roman

Step 3) Has the FD administration approved this request?

Yes

No

N/A

Name:

Scott Mackeben

***** Please complete ALL 3 STEPS prior to submitting. *****

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\$ 3,500.00

Total Amount Requested:

I will attend the next FTB meeting to present this request for consideration (optional)

Yes No

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Yes No N/A

Step 2) Has the head of the area of the responsibility approved this request?

Name: Jeremy Roman

Yes No N/A

Step 3) Has the FO administration approved this request?

Name: Scott Mackelton

If you have questions, or comments about a portion of request, email our way manager at the FTB Dept. *** Please complete ALL 3 STEPS prior to submitting ***

Foreign Fire Tax Board Request Form

Please complete this form in its entirety, electronically, and send to email group "FTB" along with any quotes or supporting documentation.

Step 1)

Name: Jeff Hallahan Date: 05/19/26

Request: 20 New Seek FirePro 300 Thermal Imagers

Item Detail: *Include a breakdown of costs for multiple items, shipping costs, potential discounts or other funding sources, and whether costs are actual or approximate, etc. If attaching a quote, simply "see attached quote" is enough.*

See attached quote

Justification: *Explain the use and/or benefit this purchase would provide for our department or membership in general to justify the use of Foreign Fire Tax Board funding:*

When we purchased our first round of thermal imagers for each riding position, we did so because we knew it would increase the safety for our members and also allow us to be more efficient on the fireground searching for both victims and fire location.

The current cameras have begun reaching their end of life and Seek will no longer perform any repairs or maintenance to the units. As a result, we currently have multiple riding positions with their cameras out of service, lowering that safety and efficiency.

This purchase would return us back to the operational level we agreed we needed when making the first purchase of the original cameras, and keep the equipment standardized between all non officer riding positions.

Total Amount Requested:

\$ \$ 21,980.00

I will attend the next FFTB meeting to present this request for consideration (optional).


Yes No

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Step 2) Has the head of the area of the responsibility approved this request? Yes No N/A

Name: Jeff Hallahan 

Step 3) Has the FD administration approved this request? Yes No N/A

Name: Anthony Lavacchi 

*** Please complete ALL 3 STEPS prior to submitting. ***

If you have questions or concerns about a potential request, seek out any member of the FFTB Board.



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 Email: airone@aoe.net

QUOTATION

Prices valid for 7 days only due to daily tariff increases.

Date	Quote #
4/16/2026	51976

Sold To
PALATINE FIRE DEPT 1475 N. HICKS ROAD PALATINE, IL 60067

Ship To
PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT Attn: Jeff Hallahan 1475 N. HICKS ROAD PALATINE, IL 60067

PLEASE DO NOT PAY OFF OF THIS QUOTE. A FINAL INVOICE WILL BE SENT ONCE ORDER IS COMPLETE.	Quoted By	P.O. No.	Terms	Salesman
			Net 45	JD

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Amount
FQ-AAAX	SEEK THERMAL FIREPRO 300 FAST FRAME TIC	20	1,299.00	25,980.00
TRADE-IN	TRADE-IN EXISTING EQUIPMENT (20 CURRENTLY IN USE TICs)		-4,000.00	-4,000.00
RT4-4505	GEAR KEEPER: SEEK FIREPRO 300 RETRACTOR - NO CHARGE	20	0.00	0.00
SHIPPING & HANDLING	SHIPPING & HANDLING CHARGES WILL BE ADDED AS APPLICABLE			

Shipping and delivery charges are added when invoiced unless otherwise noted. At present, all quoted shipping/lead times are non-binding estimates only.
3% PROCESSING FEE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS OVER \$500
Effective Jan 1, 2021, all returns after 30 days of delivery will incur a 20% restocking fee. Items ordered in connection with natural disasters, pandemic or like situations cannot be returned and orders for such items cannot be cancelled after 10 days of Seller's receipt.

Subtotal	\$21,980.00
Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
DO NOT PAY- INVOICE TO FOLLOW	
Total	\$21,980.00