



Northfield Foreign Fire Insurance Board  
Meeting Minutes

2/4/26 8AM Station 29 Classroom

**Board Members present:** Berkowsky, D. Shine, Clement, Huebner, Graham, Knudson, M. Shine.

**Other members and public present:** A. Glowacki, Burke, Philbin, Schipfer, Rikje, Orth. Via teams-McCloskey

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Clement at 8:02AM

**Roll Call:** In Person-Berkowsky D. Shine, Graham, Clement, Huebner, Via teams-Knudson, M. Shine

**Public Comment:** Orth-Thanks what you guys do and keep up the good work.

**Treasurer Report:** Current balance \$109,238.96

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Huebner Motion. D. Shine Second.

**Old Business:** None

**Action Items:**

**A.** Discussion only-Turnout Gear. D/C Burke is looking for help with purchasing turnout gear. If the village would purchase a set amount of sets. Wondering if FFIB would help with purchasing additional sets? Decided to wait for the final draft of the new budget, updated quotes and amount needed.

**B.** Discussion only-UTV purchase to better enhance fire rescue operations. Discussion about the need for UTV and how to potentially fund it. No further action taken.

**C.** Workout shoes. Purchase one pair of workout shoes every other year via amazon. Clement will provide assistance to admin for purchasing. Motion made by Clement, 2nd by Graham not to exceed \$8500. Roll-call vote/Motion passed unanimously.

**D.** Peloton subscription payment. Would like to have recurring payment for peloton subscription with FFIB funds. Motion made by Clement, 2nd by D. Shine not to exceed \$600. Roll call vote/Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Carhartt Men's Rain Defender Heavyweight Quarter Zip Sweatshirt.** One sweatshirt per member. Sweatshirt to have dept. logo name, rank and logo on the back. Clement will work with today's uniform for purchasing. Motion made by Clement, 2nd by M. Shine not to exceed \$5000. Roll call vote/Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Air purifiers.** 3 air purifiers to be purchased. 2 for the bunkrooms and 1 for the day room. Motion made by Graham, 2nd by Huebner not to exceed \$1500. Roll call/Motion passed unanimously

**G. Day room chairs.** Purchase 6 day room chairs. Previous chairs purchased by the fire rescue association. Motion made by Clement, 2nd by Huebner not to exceed \$8000. Roll call/Motion passed unanimously

**H. Kitchen supplies.** Funds to purchase items needed in the kitchen. Motion made by Clement, 2nd by D. Shine not to exceed \$500. Roll call/Motion passed unanimously

**I. Uniform shoes.** Purchase one pair of uniform shoes per member for 2026. \$200 per person, if you go over the amount you would pay the difference with today's uniforms. 3 styles to choose from-pull on, zip up boot or gym shoe. Clement will work with today's uniforms for purchasing. Amazon usage is permitted as needed, provided it is approved by Clement and Chief Berkowsky. Motion made by D. Shine, 2nd by Graham not to exceed \$11,000. Roll call/Motion passed unanimously

**J. Photos, display cases, memorabilia.** Project around the firehouse to frame and hang pictures and showcase historical items from the past. Johnson has been in discussion with Fire Chief Berkowsky about the project and future plans. Motion made by Huebner, 2nd by Knudson not to exceed \$8500. Roll call/motion passed unanimously

**K. Kitchen table.** Custom kitchen table presented for the kitchen. Discussion about having separate tables, one for Fire Rescue and one for Public Works. Decided to table the table and discuss it at a future meeting.

**L. Fire gear cleaning and inspection.** Redline is a company that provides onsite gear cleaning, inspection and repairs. Discussion about having a company come out is a good concept but we need to complete internal fire gear audit/inspection first before having a company do this. Discussion about what options Redline can provide. Item was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

**Pending Purchases:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjournment:** Clement made a motion to adjourn the meeting/2nd by Huebner.

Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50AM.

Tyler Graham,  
Secretary  
Northfield Foreign Fire Insurance Board