

**HANOVER PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOREIGN FIRE TAX COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Station 15, 6850 Barrington Road
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

**Monday, March 2, 2026
8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 08:02 by Chairperson Justin McWilliams

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Justin McWilliams, Ariel Barraza, Richard Cruise, Rosa Gonzalez, Chief
Eric Fors

ABSENT: Ethan Gibbons, Peter Rossberg

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Nicholson, Matt Baran, Jodi Hefer

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Chief Fors and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez to accept the agenda.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS

NONE

4. TOWNHALL SESSION

Persons wishing to address the public body must register prior to the Call to Order. Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes.

NONE

5. TREASURER REPORT

a. Dated 2-25-2026

Chairperson McWilliams presented the 2-25-2026 Treasurer report; current account balance of \$244,992.31.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Chairperson McWilliams.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025.

Chief Fors noted change to December 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Section 7(a) remove verbiage "has been added to the Capital Projects budget for FY 2027-2028".

Motion by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Cruise to accept the change in the December 15, 2025, minutes.

Motion by Chief Fors and seconded by Trustee Cruise to approve the minutes as amended from the December 15, 2025, meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Company Patches – Trustee Cruise is in process of getting quotes for Tower 15 patch. Question asked about an E16 patch – Chief Fors stated that a patch can be created for any vehicle that the company would like.
- b. Training Facility – No updates from Chief Fors. FF/PM Matt Baran addressed the Board regarding the possibility of building a Special Operation training facility in order to have the ability to train FD members internally as opposed to sending members to outside training classes. Chief Fors indicated that all possible options for a Hanover Park training facility are being researched.
- c. St. 15 Display – Members from the Board will reach out to Don Voss to request his design ideas and cost estimates for the display.
- d. Host Testing Company – No status updates. Hose testing is scheduled to being in April.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. H6 Radio Straps – Trustee Gonzalez proposed giving new employees a "Welcome Pack" consisting of radio straps, gear bags and other helpful items/tools to get them started. The committee asked for a suggest list of items and pricing to be presented at the next regular scheduled meeting.

b. Election Process – all positions of the current Foreign Fire Insurance Board are up for election in 2026. Election Committee was established: Chairperson McWilliams, Secretary Barraza and Trustee Cruise. The committee is tasked with overseeing all aspects of the 2026 Foreign Fire Insurance Board election. The Election Committee will also document the process to benefit future board elections.

Additional topics - Chief Fors thanked the Board for their work in the past year and made suggestion for future Foreign Fire Insurance Board Projects:

1. Educational Allotments for company members to attend training, classes, seminars, etc. on their own. The Board would set an amount and a time frame for use, that would be given to each member when they register for an educational opportunity outside of what the Training Division has designated in their budget.
2. Cancer Screenings for department members. Research needed for best practices and recommended companies/organizations that conduct the screenings.

Trustee Gonzalez also suggested adding new Carhart jackets to members to the list of possible new projects. Coordination with BC Chmielak will be needed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Cruise to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 08:54

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 1, 2026