



Village of Downers Grove

Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board (2%) – Agenda

Table 1 - Detailed information on this Board or Commission meeting.

Meeting Location	Downers Grove Fire Department Station 102
Meeting Address	5420 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
Meeting Date	August 17, 2026 at 08:00 AM

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Public Comments.

Approval of Minutes.

- July 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report.

- July 2026 General Fund

Old Business.

- A. Outstanding Purchases
- B. Outstanding Projects
 - 1. EMS SIM Lab Update
 - 2. Radio Holsters
 - 3. Gym Storage Racks

New Business.

- A. General Fund Requests
- B. Station Fund Requests
- C. 2027 Budget

Public Comments.

Good of the Fund.

Adjournment.

Posted August 7th, 2026 by Ben Brown, Fund Secretary



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Call to Order.

805hrs by S. Markowski

Board Present.

Lt. Meister, Lt. S. Markowski, FF/PM Bonsonto, Brown

Board Absent.

Chief Spinazola, Lt. Kinney, FF/PM Kairis

Guests Present

Deputy Chief's Pekelder, McGivney, FF/PM Heumann & Nowak

Public Comments.

There were none.

Approval of Minutes.

Motion to Approve the May 18, 2026 minutes as corrected Motion by S. Markowski and Seconded by Meister. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

June 15, 2026 minutes as presented.

Motion by S. Markowski and Seconded by Meister. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Treasurer's Report.

- June Fund Balance: \$374,160.24
- Total Bills: \$14,456.76
- Account Interest: \$89.13
- Widows Fund: \$50,000
- Ending Balance: \$409,792.61

Motion by Meister, Second by S. Markowski

All in Favor. Motion Carries

Old Business.

- A. Station Exercise Equipment –
 - a. Rogue PO for racks has been created and being forwarded to Rogue to order.
- B. Radio Holsters – Holsters are in production.
- C. Chain Saws – ordered through AirOne
- D. EMS SIM Lab – RFP has not been put out yet, due to the admin working with the village on possible financial support for the project.
- E. Tower 102 Sign is almost complete and will be arriving soon.
- F. Badge Case & Nameplates – name plates received, badges are on order.

New Business.

A. General Fund Requests –

1. Exercise equipment requests tabled due to no chiefs signature.
2. Nectar Bed NTE \$600. Motion by Meister, Second by S. Markowski. All in favor. Motion Carried.
3. Station 102 Elevated Bed Frames Request – Discussion was held on a total and if they work with sleep number beds. 12 total frames and plywood if need be NTE \$6500.
 - a. Brown makes the motion to approve, Second by Meister. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

B. Purchase Requests – multiple requests received, but not signed by chief, tabled until next meeting.

1. Admin – None
2. Station 101 – None
3. Station 102 – None
4. Station 103 – None
5. Station 105 – None

C. Bylaw Amendment –

1. Proposed 2% By Law addition

Purpose:

To establish a transparent, informative, and standardized review process for significant financial expenditures using the 2% fund. This ensures all department members are fully informed, dispels misinformation, and provides a clear justification for major projects.

"Any proposed purchase or project utilizing Foreign Fire Insurance funds that totals \$100,000 or more shall require a formal presentation. The member(s) sponsoring the request must submit a comprehensive proposal packet".

This packet must include:

- Itemized pricing and cost estimates.
- A factual, detailed multi-media presentation.
- Relevant supporting documentation establishing the project's necessity.

To ensure maximum reach and transparency, the sponsors must present this information to the membership across three separate shift training sessions. This process allows sponsors to directly communicate the project's operational necessity ('the why and need') and address membership questions.

Motion by Brown, Second by Meister to amend the bylaws. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Good of the Fund.

- A. Threshold for ordering has been increased to \$7,000, up from \$1,000 for 3 bids.
- B. Discussion for a cycle for Cancer Screens was held.

Public Comments.

- A. None

Next Meeting.

- August 17, 2026 | 8AM

Adjournment.

A. Motion to Adjourn at 0837 by Meister, Seconded by Markowski.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.