



– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –
MINUTES

Date: December 15th, 2025

Location: EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

Board Members Present: Casey, W. Davis, Holthaus, Polep, Smrha, Ceriale, Edwards

Called to Order: 08:06

Financial: Casey gives the financial report.

Checking Account: \$ 328,480.61
Outstanding Funds: - \$ 31,060.67

Remaining Balance: \$ 297,419.94

Motion to accept the financials: Passes 6-0

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Gatewood presents to the board for the following:

- Eight thermal imaging cameras. These will be for Stations 2 and 3 to finish up the purchase of new ones for each station.
 - Smrha makes a motion for funds not to exceed \$10000 for TICs.
 - 2nd Casey

Motion passes 5-0

Gatewood presents to the board for the following:

- Battery powered rams for Truck 22 & 23.
- Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$30000 for rams.
- 2nd Holthaus
- Discussion follows, CTA is already gifting department one to be placed on Squad 21.
- Motion is amended to have item tabled for now.

Motion passes 5-0

Daugherty presents to the board for the following:

- Video transmitter for thermal drone to be placed on Battalion 21. Battalion chief will now be able to see exactly what the drone operator is seeing from up to a mile away.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$2000 for transmitter.
 - 2nd Casey

Motion passes 5-0

Edwards presents to the board for the following on behalf of Zaremba:

- Kitchen supplies for station 2.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion Passes 5-0

Edwards presents to the board for the following on behalf of Grish:

- Vacuum for station 2.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a new vacuum.
 - 2nd Casey

Motion passes 5-0.

Casey presents to the board for the following:

- Power washer for the bay floor at station 3.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a power washer.
 - 2nd Smrha

Motion passes 5-0

Seale presents to the board for the following:

- An Exo 8 area monitor. This monitors for multiple gases and provides cloud based real time information to authorized users. Malloy says that we hopefully can start moving our monitors to this brand through attrition of old monitors.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$12500 for Exo 8 monitor.
 - 2nd Holthaus

Motion passes 7-0

Malloy presents to the board the following on behalf of Morel:

- New rescue boards for PWCs. Old ones have been in service for quite a while and we are due to get new ones.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$6000 for dry erase board.

- 2nd Casey

Motion passes 7-0

Malloy presents to the board the following on behalf of Koopman:

- Hazmat Communications unit. These will make communications much easier when a suit is on. This would purchase six units for personnel. Casey speaks to how important a purchase like this is because our current communications are not good. Polep likes idea but stresses that training needs to be done and policies have to be implemented when items like this are purchased.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$9000 for Hazmat comms unit.
- 2nd Davis

Motion passes 7-0

Malloy presents to the board the following on behalf of Koopman:

- Ammonia meter. Discussion follows, board is confused why we would purchase a new Drager meter when it was previously stated that we want to start moving our monitors and meters to a new brand.
 - No motion made.

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Kitchen faucet for station 1.
 - Polep denies request, says facilities needs to make this happen.

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Shop tools for station 1.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$499 for shop tools.
- 2nd Holthaus

Motion passes 7-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Workout equipment for station 1.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$200 for workout equipment.
- 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 7-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Car jump box for station 1.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$300 for a jump box.
- 2nd Davis

Motion passes 7-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Dive equipment for team members.
 - Smrha makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$499 for dive equipment.
 - 2nd Edwards

Motion passes 7-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Mounts for paratech struts on Squad 21. Compartment is getting beat up without a mount in it.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$1300 for mounts.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 6-1

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Mount for combitool on Squad 21.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for mount.
 - 2nd Holthaus

Motion passes 6-1

Jakus presents to the board the following:

- Workbench at station 1 for TRT
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$600 for workbench.
 - 2nd Casey

Motion passes 7-0

Hicks presents to the board the following:

- Supplies for new tool room at station 4.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$2500 for tool room.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 7-0

Holthaus presents to the board the following:

- Kitchen supplies for station 5.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 7-0

Smrha presents to the board the following:

- Office supplies for station 5.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for office supplies.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 7-0

Smrha presents to the board the following:

- Gym mirrors for station 5.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$1200 for gym mirrors.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 6-1

Smrha presents to the board the following:

- Workshop items to upgrade tool room at station 5.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$10000 for workshop items, contingent on facilities approving it and possibly doing the installation themselves.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 7-0

Polep presents to the board the following on behalf of Huddleston:

- Training aids for new EMS mannequin. City bought the mannequin for \$21000 but an additional \$9000 is needed to fully utilize it.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$9000 for training aids for mannequin.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 7-0

Polep presents to the board the following:

- Interactive TV for Fire HQ conference room.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$7500 for interactive TV.
 - 2nd Smrha

Motion passes 7-0

Other Business: Discussion follows on cancer screenings which were funded last year, want to continue that this year due to such a positive reception.

Please submit items properly. The new way we are doing it is good, but please do not group things together. All items need an individual submission so it can be properly voted on.

Meeting Adjourned: 09:56

Next EFFTb meeting: Monday, March 9th, 2025, Shift 2

EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0800 HRS

Make all submissions via Formstack to EFFTb Secretary Holthaus by: Monday, March 2nd, 2025 at 0900