



**– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –**  
**MINUTES**



**Date:** June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Location:** EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

**Board Members Present:** Munoz, Edwards, Casey, W. Davis, Holthaus, Smrha

**Called to Order:** 07:38

**Financial:** Casey gives the financial report.

**Checking Account:**           \$ 151,263.34  
**Outstanding Funds:**       - \$ 28,063.30

**Remaining Balance:**       \$ 123,200.04

**Motion to accept the financials:** Passes 6-0

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Casey makes a point to remind the membership that all financials are available to anyone who wants to view them. Additionally, any previous correspondence including minutes, postings, agendas, etc. can be pulled up from the EFFTb file on the X-drive.

B. Lynch presents to the board for the following:

- Funds for a new memorial board at Station 2. This board will be used to honor and display members who have passed away. It would be a fairly small display board that is approximately 20” x 30”.
  - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a memorial display board for Station 2.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards
  - No discussion

*Motion passes 6-0*

Barlock presents to the board on behalf of Ceriale the following:

- 28” omnivore griddle with a cover and conversion kit for Station 4.

- Holtaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$400 for an Omnivore griddle, cover, and conversion kit for Station 4.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Casey
- No discussion

*Motion passes 6-0*

Bazan presents to the board the following.

- A new awning for Station 1. Bazan has contacted Evanston Awning to measure the back door of Station 1 to have an awning installed over the top of it. The awning will extend out from the building and cover the back door and most of the outdoor furniture. It will be a similar design as the awnings at Station 3 and Station 5. Evanston Awning will obtain all of the proper building permits and perform the required work.
  - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$6,850 for an awning for Station 1.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Munro
  - No discussion

*Motion passes 6-0*

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- New beds for Station 1. Bazan is asking for 6 beds for the station. Five will be used in the floater bunks and one will be used in the Shift Chief's office/bunk. These beds are made with drawer storage under the mattress as opposed to a traditional bed frame. Any firefighter who is stationed there will be able to strip their bedding and store it inside a drawer instead of in the locker room. Casey contacts Capt. Barlock to see if Station 4 might also need this type of bed due to the limited amount of storage space at the firehouse. Barlock stated he would like 3 beds for Station 4.
  - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$15,000 for a total of nine beds (three for Station four and six for Station one)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Munro

*Motion passes 6-0*

Gatewood presents to the board the following:

- Workout equipment for Station 5. Gatewood and Palomares are looking for a few replacement items including new dumbbells, medicine balls, kettlebells, and a box jump.
  - Smrha makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$1725 for the new workout equipment.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards
  - No discussion

*Motion passes 6-0*

Edwards presents to the board for the following:

- New lockers for Station 2. The current lockers are made of plywood and are starting to show a lot of wear and tear. Edwards would like to buy new ones that will be made of higher quality materials for many years of use. Muno adds that a metal locker will definitely stand up to heavy use better than a wooden one.
  - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$29,000 for new lockers for Station 2.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Davis
  - No discussion

*Motion passes 6-0*

Smrha presents to the board the following:

- Miscellaneous wall mounts for hanging mops, brooms and yard tools for Station 5
- Kitchen Supplies for Station 5
- A Milwaukee trimmer and M18 batteries for Station 5
- A new surround sound receiver and sound bar for Station 5.
- All four bullet points listed above are not to exceed \$500 each.
  - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$2000 for the 4 items listed above (\$500 each x 4) for Station 5.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Holthaus
  - No discussion

*Motion passes 6-0*

Malloy presents to the board the following:

- Swift water rescue equipment for each member of the dive team. Malloy explains that many of the other teams within MABAS division 3 have swift water teams as part of their dive response. The Skokie/Evanston Canal is considered swift water and any emergency in the canal should be considered a swift water event. Members of the dive team have requested the training and would also like to be qualified for state-wide swift water deployments. If approved, this gear would help ensure that Evanston will have a more qualified Dive team moving forward.
  - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$24,070 for swift water rescue gear for all members of the Dive Team.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Muno
  - No discussion

*Motion Passes 3-2 (Smrha Abstains from vote)*

**Other Business:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 08:53

**Next EFFTb meeting:** Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0730 HRS**

**Make all submissions to EFFTb Secretary D. Smrha by:** Tuesday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.