



– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –
MINUTES

Date: June 23rd, 2025

Location: EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

Board Members Present: Casey, W. Davis, Holthaus, Muno (designee for Polep), Edwards(Google Meet), Smrha (Google Meet)

Called to Order: 08:10

Financial: Casey gives the financial report.

Checking Account: \$ 187,923.17
Outstanding Funds: - \$ 70,925.82

Remaining Balance: \$ 116,997.35

Motion to accept the financials: Passes 5-0

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Hicks presents to the board for the following:

Various Power Tools for Station 4 for small repairs and maintenance of station and equipment.

- Holthaus makes a motion for funds not to exceed \$500 for tools.
- 2nd Edwards
- Casey makes a point that the city has done a great job of stepping up and purchasing items such as these recently, so the board can also step up and do our part.

Motion passes 5-0

J. Roche presents to the board for the following:

- Floodlights with batteries and chargers for fire investigations. They have been using lights from our trucks, but it makes to have their own so they do not always have to use the trucks equipment.

- Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$900 for lights, batteries and chargers.
- 2nd Davis

Motion passes 5-0

Yee presents to the board the following on behalf on Grizely:

- Various educational items, fire prevention items and equipment for the department open house. These are items that make our department look good and improves public relations.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$3300 for these items.
 - 2nd Casey
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Gatewood presents to the board for the following:

- 10 Seek Pro 300 thermal imagers. 7 would go on frontline rigs for the officers and 3 would be in reserve status. He is planning on trading in 8 of our old cameras for \$200 each. It is time to start replacing some of our old ones, and many of our current ones are breaking frequently.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$12000 for 10 new thermal imagers.
 - 2nd Casey
 - No discussion

Motion Passes 5-0

Gatewood presents to the board for the following:

- 2 Bullard Thermal imagers for Battalion 21 and either RIT or safety chief. Discussion follows on the uses of the camera and Gatewood gives an alternate proposal for 2 larger Seek cameras instead. Board agrees that if the Bullard camera is accepted as the top of line and the battalion chiefs want it, that is what we should focus on. Board agrees that at this time having two of these cameras is not necessary, but that can be revisited at a later date if desired.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$9000 for a Bullard thermal imager.
 - 2nd Edwards

Motion passes 5-0.

Davis presents to the board for the following:

- Commerical dishwashers for all 5 stations and headquarters. We do a number on our current dishwashers and these will be more appropriate for how much we use them. Wash time is approximately two minutes. All house captains and facilities have signed off on having them.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$22000 for commercial dishwashers.
 - 2nd Edwards

- No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Davis presents to the board for the following:

- 6 kitchen chairs with warranties for station 3. Current chairs break a lot, new ones will be more heavy duty.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$1400 for kitchen chairs for Station 3.
 - 2nd Casey
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Hagglund presents to the board the following:

- New trap bar for Station 3. Old one is broken.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a new trap bar.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 5-0

Ceriale is not present but board feels like it can vote on smaller submitted proposals:

- Kitchen supplies for Station 4.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies for Station 4.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion Passes 5-0

- 3 mattress toppers for Station 4.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for mattress toppers for Station 4.
 - 2nd Casey
 - No discussion

Motion passed 5-0

Recliners for Station 4. No one present to propose. Board does not feel comfortable voting on bigger ticket items without someone present to provide more information.

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

- 36 new chairs for the training room at HQ. Polep wants the training room improved and updated. He wants to board the cover half the cost of the chairs and the fire department and police department will split the cost of the other half.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$3500 for chairs for the training room.
 - 2nd Edwards
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Muno presents to the board the following:

- Kitchen supplies for headquarters.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies for headquarters.
 - 2nd Edwards
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Olsen is not present but board feels comfortable voting on submission.

- Kettlebells with stand for Station 3.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kettlebells and stand for Station 3.
 - 2nd Edwards
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Sound system for the workout room at Station 1. Old one no longer functions and they would like a new one.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$1500 for a new sound system for Station 1 workout room.
 - 2nd Smrha
 - No discussion

Motion passes 4-1

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- An industrial ice machine with extended warranty for the basement for Station 1. Old one no longer works.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$3200 for a new icemaker for Station 1.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- A second washing machine for Station 1. He says crew would like a separate machine to wash uniforms so they do not have to use the same washer that washes station towels, etc.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$1700 for a second washing machine with a warranty.
 - No second.
 - Discussion follows. Board does not feel like having a second washing machine is necessary, other stations wash towels and uniforms in the same machine. Extractor can be used to wash towels if desired. Bazan states there is mold in current washer, Casey says that is not acceptable and if

Bazan wants to just replace current washer that would be justified, but having two is not necessary. Holthaus states that if the current machine has mold, then that cost should be put on the city and is not the responsibility of the board. Bazan agrees to table proposal for now and will work with city and staff for a solution to current washing machine issue.

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Kitchen supplies for Station 1.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies for Station 1.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 09:22

Next EFFTb meeting: Monday, September 22nd, 2025, Shift 2

EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0800 HRS

**Make all submissions via Formstack to EFFTb Secretary Holthaus by: 0900,
Monday, September 15th, 2025**