



– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –
MINUTES

Date: March 13th, 2024

Location: EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

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

Called to Order: 07:45

Financial: Casey gives the financial report.

Checking Account: \$ 214,740.98
Outstanding Funds: - \$ 38,334.92

Remaining Balance: \$ 176,406.06

Motion to accept the financials: Passes 5-0

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Roeder presents to the board on behalf of Muno for the following:

- One single use electrical car fire blanket. This blanket can be used on all types of car fires but are particularly useful with modern all-electric vehicles. They have a 10 year shelf life and have proven to be extremely effective, according to a handful of local departments.
 - Casey makes a motion for funds not to exceed \$1600 for one electrical fire blanket
 - 2nd Smrha
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Wagner presents to the board for the following:

- Two new TVs with mounts and other accessories for station five. One TV will be the same model that was recently purchased for the day room at Station 1. The second is a 42 inch TV for the kitchen area at the firehouse. It will be mounted next to the CAD screen in the kitchen.

- Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$3200 for 2 TV's and accessories for Station 5.
- 2nd Casey

Motion passes 5-0

Smrha presents to the board the following:

- Gear lockers for Station 5. The current gear lockers at station 5 are 20 inches wide. Smrha explains that the 24 inch lockers are best for permanent members at a station. This allows them to easily store their second set of gear and any auxiliary equipment. Smrha states that all the materials from the current lockers can be reused to save on cost. All that would be needed are new back mounting plates and the helmet and boot shelves.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$3500 for gear lockers for Station 5.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Smrha presents to the board the following.

- Stairmaster and cable crossover machine for station five. Smrha states that the current stairmaster is approximately 15 years old and the gears are starting to slip when you're walking on it. Smrha would like a new stairmaster similar to the one at station four. In addition, he is requesting funds for a new cable crossover machine. Casey asks what is wrong with the current machine. Smrha states that it does not have a lateral pull down or seated row feature. Board discusses the option to possibly see if there are attachments for the old model and is hesitant to have two cable crossover machines at one firehouse.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$13,500 for a stairmaster and cable crossover machine.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion fails 5-0

- Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$5400 for a stairmaster for Station 5.
- 2nd Davis
- No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Lindstrom presents to the board the following on behalf of Seale:

- Suits and gear bags for the HazMat team. With the addition of new team members, additional level A suits, flash suits, and gear bags are needed. The suits and carrying bags will be embroidered with the Department logo and team member's name.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$2000 for suits and bags for HazMat team members.

- 2nd Edwards

Motion passes 5-0

Lindstrom presents to the board the following:

- Dahlgren Secon Solution for Hazmat incidents. This is a product that comes with three different parts that can be mixed together to form a decontamination solution that has been proven effective for military and fire department use. It comes with a 10 year shelf life and a mobile application that can be pulled up on a phone and guide users through the process. The main function is neutralizing harmful chemicals. The main advantage is the size and ease of the system.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$6500 for Dahlgren Solution.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board for the following:

- 4 recliners for Station 1. The current recliners are old and have been at the station being heavily used for at least eight years. The new ones will be made by La-Z-Boy and include delivery and any set up costs.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$5400 for recliners for Station 1.
 - 2nd Smrha
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Mini fridge for Station 1. Bazan states that this will be a designated fridge for all station condiments. It will not only be more convenient for the crew but also help keep the station more organized. Currently, members at the station have to walk out of the kitchen and out to the bay floor to put items away. The new fridge would be located in the day room next to the coffee maker and be used exclusively for community condiments.
 - Smrha makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$150 for a mini fridge for Station 1.
 - 2nd Holthaus
 - No discussion

Motion passes 3-2

Bazan requests to remove the following from the agenda:

- Fan for Station 1
- Vacuum for Station 1
- Gazebo for Station 1

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- \$500 for miscellaneous kitchen supplies such as utensils, pans, and Tupperware for Station 1.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies for Station 1,
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion Passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Table for Station 1. The kitchen table that was purchased for Station 3 looks amazing and is built tough using quality materials. Bazan is asking for similar funds, but will reach out to other vendors to see what else is available before making the final decision.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$6000 for a new kitchen table for Station 1.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion Passes 4-1

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- Workout equipment for Station 1. There are a few items needed for the workout room at the Station. Items that have been damaged or worn out need to be replaced to keep everything working properly.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$400 for workout equipment.
 - 2nd Smrha
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board the following:

- New TV for the Shift Chief's office at Station 1. The current TV was repurposed from the apparatus floor at the firehouse. The color saturation is completely blue. Bazan is requesting funds for a similar size TV for the Shift Chief's office.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$350 for a TV for the Shift Chief's office at Station 1.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

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

- New benches for the front of Station 2. Firefighter Cascarano has worked with other members at the station to enhance the front of the fire house with a new seating area made of stone slabs. Edwards would like two new composite benches for the firehouse. The composite benches are made of a material that holds up

extremely well to the elements and does not warp, bow, rot, or fade with direct sunlight.

- Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$4000 for bench seats for Station 2.
- 2nd Casey
- No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Casey presents to the board the following:

- Gear dryer for Station 3. The gear dryer for the station would be capable of drying eight sets of gear. Currently, members need to hang their gear after being washed and then use a fan to speed up the drying process. Often, it can take 2 to 3 days for gear to fully dry. Casey explains that the new drying system would dry firefighter gear in approximately three hours. This type of system has been used by other departments and performs well. Smrha states that expensive gear dryers are not necessary and the need for fast drying is not that critical, especially with almost all members having two sets of gear.
 - Edwards makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$11,500 for a gear drying system for Station 3.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 4-1

Casey presents to the board the following:

- New Grill for Station 3. The current grill is over five years old and needs to be replaced. Casey reminds board members that stations often use the grill two times a day, seven days a week. These grills are covered by both the grill cover and a canopy. However, due to the amount that they are used they tend to wear out fairly fast. Edwards adds that the current grill at station two is in bad shape and needs to be replaced within the year. Casey suggests amending the proposal to include two grills purchased for a cost not to exceed \$7400. One grill would be for Station 2 and the other would be for Station 3.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$7400 for 2 grills for Station 2 and Station 3.
 - 2nd Holthaus
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Casey presents to the board the following:

- New workout equipment for Station 3. Some of the current equipment is getting old and showing dangerous signs of wear. Casey is looking to replace some of the old weight plates and bars. In addition, he would like a plate rack that will hold and organize all the various plate weights.
 - Smrha makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$2800 for workout equipment for Station 3.
 - 2nd Davis

- No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 09:05

Next EFFTb meeting: Thursday, June 20th 2024.

EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0730 HRS

Make all submissions to EFFTb Secretary D. Smrha by: Thursday, May 23rd, 2024.