



– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –
MINUTES

Date: March 24th, 2025

Location: EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

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

Called to Order: 08:00

Board Positions Established:

President: Edwards

Vice President: Smrha

Treasurer: Casey

Secretary: Holthaus

Trustees: W. Davis and Joe Ceriale

All members express their gratitude to Chief Muno for his many years serving the board.

Financial: Casey gives the financial report.

Checking Account: \$ 234,400.80

Outstanding Funds: - \$ 77,244.82

Remaining Balance: \$ 157,155.98

Motion to accept the financials: Passes 6-0

Annual report summary reviewed by the board and will be forwarded to city officials.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Kamarchevakul presents to the board for the following:

- Lucas device. This device has proven to work on any patient in Cardiac Arrest. It can be utilized for moving a patient in tight spaces, on extrication calls, or on Marine 21. The new Lucas device would be placed on A24 and utilized during a call back or when A24 is needed for special events. Additionally, there may be

use for it on Marine 21 during the weekends when the boat is staffed. W. Davis suggests putting the new Lucas device on a frontline ambulance and moving one of the existing devices to A24. Unfortunately, there is no warranty offered for the device. Additionally, ALS-360 does not include any Lucas devices in the contract.

- Casey makes a motion for funds not to exceed \$20,000 for one Lucas device.
- 2nd Davis
- No discussion

Motion passes 6-0

Gobat presents to the board for the following:

- A new table for Station 2. The current table has warped and the epoxy coating is scratched and damaged. The new table will measure 42” by 120” and is made of Walnut. The total price includes delivery and is tax exempt.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$7000 for a new kitchen table for Station 2.
 - 2nd Smrha

Motion passes 6-0

Moon presents to the board the following:

- Leg extension curl machine for workout room at Station 1. Moon states that this will help with overall leg strength and flexibility. He ensures that the machine will fit in the fitness room at Station 1.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$350 for a leg extension curl machine for Station 1.
 - 2nd Holthaus
 - No discussion

Motion passes 6-0

Ceriale presents to the board on behalf of Bevins for the following.

- A new bench, slant-board, TIB bar, and hanging abdominal straps for Station 4. These four items are used for strength training and will enhance flexibility and mobility.
 - Smrha makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$1000 for workout equipment for Station 4.
 - 2nd Holthaus
 - No discussion

Motion Passes 6-0

Ceriale presents to the board for the following:

- Shop vacuum for Station 4.
 - Polep states that the city will pay for the new vacuum for Station 4.

Motion removed.

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

- New workbench and shop tools for Station 2. The tools and bench at the firehouse are over 25 years old. The new bench will be on casters and will be able to roll around the firehouse. Mitchell is also requesting a bench top grinder for cleaning and maintaining tools.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$5000 for workbench and tools for Station 2.
 - 2nd Ceriale
 - No discussion

Motion passes 6-0

Smrha presents to the board for the following:

- Kitchen supplies for Station 5.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies for Station 5.
 - 2nd Ceriale
 - No discussion

Motion passes 6-0

Holthaus presents to the board the following:

- 2 cordless vacuums for Station 5.
 - Holthaus states that current vacuum is no longer working properly. One vacuum with charger will placed on the first floor and the other on the second floor.
 - Chief Polep states the city will pay for one of the vacuums for Station 5.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocated funds not to exceed \$300 for a second vacuum for Station 5.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 6-0

Smrha presents to the board the following:

- Streaming channels for Station 5. Currently there is content and shows that are not provided by Comcast. Smrha states that firefighters are logging into Netflix, Hulu, etc utilizing their personal accounts. Smrha is requesting funds to subscribe to a few different channels. Board discusses possible problems associated with streaming channels. Smrha states that all subscriptions will be managed by the house captain, who will ultimately be held responsible. The board states that the motion is contingent upon the following: all channels are tax exempt, billed annually, and the motion is only for one year and will need to be re-voted on before extending.
 - Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$1000 for streaming channels for Station 5.
 - 2nd Ceriale
 - No discussion

Motion Passes 6-0

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 09:10

Next EFFTb meeting: Monday, June 23rd 2025.

EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0800 HRS

Make all submissions to EFFTb Secretary Holthaus by: Saturday, June 14th, 2025.