



– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –
MINUTES

Date: September 24th, 2024

Location: EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

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

Called to Order: 07:36

Old Business:

None

Financial: Casey gives the financial report.

Checking Account: \$ 66,778.56

Outstanding Funds: - \$ 33,805.12

Remaining Balance: \$ 32,973.44

Motion to accept the financials: Passes 5-0

Old Business:

- Treasure Casey provides a short history of the knife sharpening service we've had over many years and how there have been multiple issues with resolving billing discrepancies. There have been many attempts to contact Cozzini and get this resolved with no headway or return follow ups. Treasure Casey requested we pay a final balance of \$1,324.00 and terminate services with them. Motion carries 5-0. Muno will send a letter and enclose a check with the above payment notifying the company that we will no longer be doing any business with them.

New Business:

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

- SCBA cylinder carts for stations 2, 3, and 4. Edwards states that there will be enough cylinders in circulation that spares will be allocated to firehouses without compressors. These carts are approximately \$675 each and will hold the spare bottles at the firehouses.

- Casey makes a motion for funds not to exceed \$2100 for SCBA cylinder carts for stations 2, 3, and 4.
- 2nd Smrha
- No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Casey presents to the board for the following:

- Kitchen and bathroom stipend for various supplies for Station 3 including towels, Dutch oven, and utensils.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen and bath supplies for Station 3.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Casey presents to the board on behalf of Daugherty for the following:

- New drones, spare batteries, memory cards and protective cases to fully outfit the drone team. The current battery life is approximately 15 minutes of flight time. Daugherty would like each member to have a spare battery so they can fly the drone back to their location, swap out the battery, and continue the operation.
 - Smrha makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$6000 for drone equipment.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board the following.

- Cold weather gear for the dive team and Marine 21. Bazan states that during long training events or emergency calls the team members are exposed to freezing conditions. They are required to stand on the ice and line-tend other divers. These suits are warm enough to protect members during these operations. Bazan would like 13 suits for the divers and an additional 3 for Marine 21 for a total of 16 suits. Discussion ensues on if each member needs a suit or if they can be shared. The suits cost roughly \$500 each. The board suggests buying half of the suits now to see if they're used regularly and needed for each member. There would be a variety of sizes so all members can be protected from the elements during extended training or emergency responses.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$4500 half of the proposed amount of suits totaling 8 in various sizes.
 - 2nd Muno
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Ceriale presents to the board the following:

- Kitchen supplies for Station 4 not to exceed \$500.

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

Motion passes 5-0

Ceriale presents to the board the following:

- New mattresses for Station 4. The new bed frames with storage are very high off the floor. With the current mattresses the overall height is problematic. Ceriale would like a shorter mattress that will fit better with the new beds. He mentions that they are memory foam mattresses and only \$127 each.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for 3 new mattresses for Station 4.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Ceriale presents to the board for the following:

- Custom kitchen table for Station 4. The tables that have been built for Stations 1 and 3 have been incredible and well received by all. Ceriale has reached out to the companies that built the two tables and has deduced that the cost for Station 4's table will be roughly \$5000 and will take 2-3 months to build, deliver, and fully cure.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$5000 for a new kitchen table for Station 4.
 - 2nd Casey
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

Muno presents to the board the following:

- AED for Marine 21. Muno explains that an AED should be kept on Marine 21 in the event of a cardiac arrest while out on the lake. He explains that Ken Palmer will assist in the maintenance of the unit and it will be identical to the other units that are distributed in public buildings across the city.
 - Edwards makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$2000 for an AED for Marine 21.
 - 2nd Davis
 - No discussion

Motion passes 5-0

- Arreguin TL-9 Stabilization pads removed from agenda
- McElfresh therapy guns removed from agenda

Casey presents to the board the following:

- Cold water recovery tub for Station 3. 8 members stationed at the firehouse have requested a cold water tub to be used after working out and fire calls.

- Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a cold water recovery tub for Station 3.
- 2nd Edwards
- No discussion

Motion Passes 3-2

Casey presents to the board the following:

- 3 new recliners for Station 3. There is a couch that is getting old and showing signs of wear. Casey would like to replace that couch with 3 new recliners. Edwards adds that Station 2 also needs some new recliners and it would be nice to combine the order to achieve the most economical price from the vendor. Edwards would like 4 recliners to be added to the proposal to be placed at Station 2.
- Davis makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$7500 for 7 recliners (3 for Station 3 and 4 for Station 2)
- 2nd Muno
- No discussion

Motion Passes 5-0

Meeting Adjourned: 08:49

Next EFFTb meeting: Tuesday, December 17th 2024.

EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0730 HRS

Make all submissions to EFFTb Secretary D. Smrha by: Tuesday, December 10th 2024 at 0900.