



– Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board –
MINUTES



Date: September 22nd, 2025

Location: EFD HQ – 909 Lake Street

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

Called to Order: 08:06

Financial: Casey gives the financial report.

Checking Account: \$ 66,711.61
Outstanding Funds: - \$ 16,008.59

Remaining Balance: \$ 50,703.02

Motion to accept the financials: Passes 5-0

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Bazan presents to the board for the following:

- Mounts for new speakers for sound system at station 1.
 - Casey makes a motion for funds not to exceed \$150 for speaker mounts.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board for the following:

- Storage bins for Dive 21. City already purchased two bins, but would like to add two more for additional storage.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$1000 for storage boxes.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board for the following:

- New barbell for workout room at station 1.

- Holthaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$350 for new barbell.
- 2nd Casey

Motion passes 5-0

Bazan presents to the board for the following:

- Four new recliners at station 1. No warranty is offered due to the history of how the fire department uses and abuses the recliners.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$6000 for 4 new recliners.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion Passes 5-0

Malloy presents to the board for the following:

- PPE for new surface water team members. We have ten new members on this team and want to outfit them so they are ready to go.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$11000 surface water PPE.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 5-0.

Malloy presents to the board for the following:

- PPE for new TRT team members. We have eleven new members of this team and want to outfit them so they are ready to go.
 - Casey makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$9000 for TRT PPE.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 5-0

Malloy presents to the board for the following:

- Underwater sonar for Marine 21. This will supplement what we currently have and several members speak very highly of this tool.
 - Davis makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$2500 for underwater sonar.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 5-0

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

- Dry erase board for HQ. This will show staffing, schedules and other organizational items for HQ
 - Ceriale makes a motion to the board to allocate funds not to exceed \$1500 for dry erase board.
 - 2nd Davis

Motion passes 5-0

McElfresh presents to the board the following:

- Theraguns and Theracanes for all stations. Two theraguns for stations 1, 2, and 3. One theracane for each station. Many members will no longer have to bring in their own personal one.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$2000 for Theraguns and Theracanes.
 - 2nd Holthaus

Motion passes 5-0

Casey presents to the board the following on behalf of Olsen:

- Kettlebell rack for station 3 so kettlebells are not laying on the ground.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a kettlebell rack.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 5-0

Davis presents to the board the following:

- Kitchen supplies for station 3.
 - Holthaus makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for kitchen supplies.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 5-0

Casey makes a request to the board:

- Since station 3 will be under construction and perishable food items will be lost during construction, Casey would like \$500 to be split amongst the three shifts at station to replace some of these items. Casey did not submit a proposal but is asking the board to consider voting on this so that funds are available when personnel can return to station 3.
 - Casey makes a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 to help station 3 replenish lost food items.
 - 2nd Ceriale

Motion passes 5-0

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 08:52

Next EFFTb meeting: Monday, December 15th, 2025, Shift 2

EFD HQ – 909 Lake – 0800 HRS

Make all submissions via Formstack to EFFTb Secretary Holthaus by: Monday, December 8th, 2025 at 0900