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Board of Directors Meeting

May 10, 2021 Meeting Location: EVFD Station

Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order at 1808 hours.
 - A. Members Present: Syrilyn Tong, Nannette Rouleau, Barbara O'Donnell, Lorri Heneveld and Dan Waldroup.
 - B. Members Absent: Dan Weatherly and George Rainey.
 - C. Quorum met? Yes.
 - D. Public Present: None
- 2. Public Comment: None.
- 3. Approval of April Minutes no changes; approved by unanimous consent
- 4. Reports:
 - A. Treasurer's Report: Current reports were reviewed
 - 1) Credit Card Statements: Rouleau reviewed the credit card transactions for the last month.
 - B. **Fire Chief's Report:** See attached. Executive session called to discuss a matter. Community garage sale to be held July 10, 2021. Chief showed off the new duty shirts. Board members inquired about getting EVFD polo shirts to wear at functions.

5. Old Business:

- **A.** Email votes for the record Vote for \$30,000 for matching grant for the purchase of a Chevy 2500 pickup. Weatherly, Waldroup, O'Donnell, Heneveld, Tong and Rainey voted to approve. Motion passes.
- **B.** Tong gave an update on the opening of the new Operations #2 account this is nearly done. A hurdle was encountered re: 2 person check signing. Heneveld motioned to review potential background checks for signers, Tong seconded. Motion tabled until we have the entire board to discuss options.
- C. Financial transactions oversight training conducted by Rouleau
- **D.** Chief's evaluation was reviewed by the board and there was nothing to add. Incentives (pay increase or other) was discussed, but was not going to be specifically added to the evaluation. Waldroup motioned to accept the evaluation, Heneveld seconded; all approved.
- E. Flagpole plaque project: Waldroup to begin work on installing the new plaques
- F. Bylaws review/update
 - 1) Board member residency requirements discussion as to whether a board member should be an Ester area person. SVFD states any FNSB resident. CGFR states they must be a CGFR area person. Several community members have been queried as to their stance those contacted stated that as long as the majority of the board was in the EVFD area that was ok, provided that an EVFD area person wasn't available. Also, what about business owners' stake? Tong to write up a proposed bylaws change.
 - 2) Article VI Officers we began discussing this section and are to begin with board term limits next month.

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6. New Business

- **A.** Rouleau requested that all board members respond via email for any voting by email, so that all can see any comments.
- 7. Adjournment at 2008 hours.