



Ester Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Directors Meeting

March 10, 2025

I. **Call to Order** – 1804 hours. Members present: Syrilyn Tong, Karyn Holder, Carol Meyer, Sarah Albers, Ritchie Musick, Bill Rockwell and Eli Sonafrank present. Chief Conner and Mimi Hill also present.

II. **Public Comments** - none

III. **Approval of Minutes** – Jan. Meeting – A motion to accept was made by Carol, seconded by Ritchie. All approved.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer's report – see report. Additional comments:

1. Mimi gave a recap of the differences between the Mt. McKinley (Board) accounts. ST said that the Investment Account may be restricted. Karyn will check with ex-president Cam Wolford on that.
2. Chief Conner said that he'd like to build up the Retained Earnings account to \$250,000.
3. Mimi gave a recap of the grants that she's working on
 - a. VFA grant - \$10,000 received. To be used for a pair of bunkers, 3 helmets and 3 chainsaw chaps.
 - b. Code Blue – Application for a \$10,000 grant for a snowmachine. Due March 31.

B. Fire Chief's Report – see report. Additional comments:

1. The new Recruiting and Retention Committee will possibly be creating a pamphlet
2. The pump in T54 is down but 2 of the firefighters with mechanical experience may be able to fix it.
3. There will be another Borough meeting on the new subdivision in May that Station 51 will host
4. A preliminary lease agreement was sent out from the Borough to the area fire departments. Steese VFD is sending theirs to an attorney for review. EFVD will add their name to any potential changes/negotiations
5. The Deraco site, which is next to the proposed new subdivision, was identified to be potentially included in the subdivision funding
6. Chief Conner handed out a draft mission statement for EVFD, and encouraged the Board to come up with one as well, since both are quite old.

C. Committee reports

1. Solar – nothing new to report. There is currently no committee on this.
2. Fundraising – LottoAlaska – Carol has been looking at this, and believes that we should try to get in on it. The gaming permit still needs to be gotten from the State.

V. **Old Business** - none

VI. **New Business** – New mission statement. Karyn handed out a couple of sample mission statements. We are to look them over for the next meeting and comment on them.

VII. **Adjournment** – at 1824 hours.