



**Ester Volunteer Fire Department**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Nov 18, 2024

- 1) **Call to Order** – 1803 hours. Members present: Syrielyn Tong, Karyn Holder, Carol Meyer, Sarah Albers, Ritchie Musick, Bill Rockwell and Eli Sonafrank present. Greg Kahoe also present
- 2) **Introduction of personnel**
- 3) **Public Comments** - none
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** – Oct. Meeting – approved by unanimous consent
- 5) **Approval of agenda** – approved by unanimous consent
- 6) **Reports/Recap of the year**
  - A. Treasurer's report – see report. Chief Conner explained that the retained earnings account is used for paying bills before the budget money comes through, and also if items need to be purchased that aren't in the budget. The Board accounts are for the Board. We'll be getting bunkers, pagers and chainsaw chaps through a VFA grant, and hydraulic tools through a DOT grant. Pre-approved spending – the only items purchased w/o pre-approval are some EMS supplies, all else is approved by the Chief.
  - B. Fire Chief's Report – see report. Chief Conner also clarified the following:
    1. Due to the increase in minimum wages, we will probably change work schedules over the next few years.
    2. The annexation issue – currently the Parks Highway belongs to CGFR and we want to formally annex the highway corridor for legal reasons.
    3. Trail EMS trains a couple of times per month
    4. The Deraco Ave. tank is above ground but not locked, Oboe Court was not locked when someone poured #4 diesel fuel several years ago, costing us a lot of money to clean it and use it.
- 6) **Committee reports**
  - A. Solar – tabled for now
  - B. Fundraising – LottoAlaska – There are 85 non-profits currently receiving money during the year. The gaming permit still needs to be gotten from the State. Carol agreed to get the permit.
- 6) **Old Business** - none

- 7) **New Business** – we need to get current pictures of all board members for the wall. Mimi is working on a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and is looking for pictures, history, etc. Mark Simpson may have some pictures.
- 8) **Adjournment** – at 1913 hours. Next meeting: January 13, 2025