



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's
Minutes of the Meeting on June 14, 2022
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:05 pm – 7:55 pm

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Eugene Swann – Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everybody read and approve the minutes from the May 10th, meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I've read the minutes. They seem to be in order and if there is no further discussion, I would move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I browsed them, I don't have any questions, I second it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will go on to the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of May, we are looking though this, the only one that really stands out to me right now would be the Fuel, under 6820. We are at \$15,430.32. We budgeted \$20,000, so we are at 77.15%. As I spoke with you all before, with diesel is over \$5 a gallon, it's kind of hitting us hard right now but, as we spoke at previous meetings, we will adjust the budget accordingly to make sure we keep the presence up in the community.

Under Repairs and Equipment and Building, 6466, we are a little over on that, like \$436, but that's not a reoccurring. That was a/c repair and a couple of other things inside the station.

Small Motor Maintenance, we are over \$291. I believe that was just a miscode. I am going to get with the CPA and kind of go through there and see what we have in there. As of the rest of the budget, it's falling in line. For the reoccurring expenses, we are looking okay except for fuel.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, and Chief, I think with the fuel, we all understand. We are all kind of running a little over budget on fuel these days. I mean, that's something that we, there was no way to anticipate.

Chief Dockery said, on the Medical side of it, we brought in \$23,501.02, last month and that's including a \$144.59, refund to a patient.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we are somewhat exceeding our expectations in that area.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so far for the year, we are at 83.31%, for the year. If everything falls in line, we will meet our goal and then some.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any other discussion on Finance?

Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, I know we discussed before about fuel being high. I don't know what the current cost is at all the different stations but we talked before about, you know, looking around at the different stations in our District to see where the cheapest fuel is and just keeping that in mind because, the other one over there that is going to close and be the Pilot, at times it is a decent amount cheaper than the other ones. I don't know what it is currently, but if the guys can just keep that in mind to be mindful. It's all in the same area and if we can save an extra 5 or 10 cents a gallon by going to the other station, let's do that.

Chief Dockery said, most definitely.

Mr. Lindsey said, it may be equal right now, I am not sure.

Chief Dockery said, you can find a little variation between all of them but, every penny count's right now.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I had.

Mrs. Blackwell said, with that being said and no other financial comments, we will move to the Chief's Report, Chief Dockery.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of May, we responded to:

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| EMS | 88 |
| MVA | 6 |
| VEHICLE FIRE | 1 |
| GRASS FIRE | 3 |
| SERVICE/GOOD INTENT | 7 |
| DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE | 9 |
| FALSE ALARM | 4 |
| POLICE MATTER | 2 |
| TOTAL | 120 |

Chief Dockery said, a little bit of a busy month for us. As you see on there, the July 4th, event will be on July 1st, at Town Hall. I believe it starts at 6:00. I am not sure when it ends. I know they wait until dark to do fireworks. I guess after the fire works, the party is over.

Also, while I didn't have it on the agenda so I will go over it in the Chief's report. I have in front of you, Mr. Don came by or I should say Mr. Case came by and dropped off a packet for everyone to read. He unfortunately couldn't be here so, you can just read through. This is for our renewal on our, I don't know if it's Workman's Comp, no, this is just our vehicles and the buildings, the property. I am not sure when he needed it but, I think it goes in effect the end of this month.

Mr. Trascher said, if, excuse me Chief.

Chief Dockery said, yes, sir.

Mr. Trascher asked, this is for our renewal on our liability?

Chief Dockery said, our liability, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher said, on the buildings and...

Mr. Lindsey asked, what all is included in this Chief?

Chief Dockery said, this would be all the properties, all the fire stations and the burn tower, the class room, the tower and antenna and all three stations.

Mr. Lindsey said, it looks like they adjusted it up from 1.4 to 1.9?

Chief Dockery said, what part are you on?

Mr. Lindsey said, on the value, the values of the real properties increased overall from 1.4 to 1.9?

Chief Dockery asked, what sheet?

Mr. Lindsey said, first sheet.

Mr. Swann said, fourth paragraph.

Chief Dockery said, oh, okay, yes. He had to stop by here a week or two ago and we had to go to all of the buildings to, they have never increased the actual value of the buildings, so, if this station caught fire and burned completely to the ground, the amount they had insured would not cover rebuilding it. So, we adjusted all of them up by, I think, 30% and that's where we came out with on the end of it. So, he said, even with that increase it was only 18%, he did let me know that next year we really need to kind of, make a shot in the dark and budget a significant amount more just in case because he is stating that a lot of insurance companies are leaving Louisiana.

Mr. Trascher asked, when does our policy expire, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, it looks like 6/7.

Mr. Trascher asked, pardon me?

Chief Dockery said, 6/7 of 21, I mean, 22.

Mr. Trascher said, 6/7, then we have expired.

Chief Dockery said, I'm sorry, 6/27.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, with that said, then it's imperative that a decision be made on this policy so that we can either accept the renewal or get some coverage in effect.

Mr. Lindsey asked, how long has it been that we shopped for that?

Mr. Trascher said, am I correct on that?

Chief Dockery said, it's been a couple of years since we shopped. There is one gentleman up in Shreveport that does it but, that's the only other one that has ever shown interest.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, \$92,000, that seems pretty steep.

Mr. Trascher said, it's a chunk of money but when you look at the coverage that we are getting for it, that's all the, and I did notice in the letter that it is deleting the trailer but we did have insurance on that trailer when it was broken into.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I was looking at, to see what all the coverage was.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the buildings, they increased the value of the buildings. That's all the equipment too. Is this the VFIS, the VFIS insurance?

Chief Dockery said, yes, VFIS.

Mr. Trascher said, and my understanding of that is, the prices are really comparable from agent to agent.

Mr. Lindsey said, so you did drop the mobile home off?

Chief Dockery said, I did drop it off the future policy.

Mr. Lindsey said, because I see it on the list.

Chief Dockery said, it should be on the expiring list.

Mr. Trascher said, he states it in his letter. Well, with that said Chief, it seems like it's imperative that we take action on this.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir, I just received it a couple of days ago.

Mr. Trascher said, well, it's dated September 7, 2022.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I just noticed that.

Mr. Trascher said, so is it privy to this or is that a typo?

Chief Dockery said, that's a typo. We haven't gotten there yet.

Mr. Trascher said, that's why I am curious of the expiration date. Looking at the date of September.

Mrs. Blackwell said, the date on this back page says 5/31. Is that the expiration date?

Mr. Trascher said, what we are going to need to do guys...

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are going to have to open the floor.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to make a motion, I am going to make a motion to open the agenda and add our VFIS Insurance renewal and I know those letters are not correct. You may want to correct them. And add discussion or add action on our insurance renewal.

Mrs. Blackwell said, the correct letters are VFIS.

Mr. Trascher said, VFIS.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, you got it right.

Mr. Trascher said, I so move.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries, floors open, agenda is open.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Chief, you presented us this evening with the renewal and I have to see, but as I understand, our renewal is on 6/27?

Chief Dockery said, 6/27/22, is when this policy we have right now, will expire.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, this not only looks like property but also the...

Chief Dockery said, apparatus.

Mr. Lindsey said, the vehicles and everything, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, I think it's also the liability.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, the liability.

Mr. Trascher said, for the Department, the actions.

Mr. Lindsey said, when I seen that it was \$92,000 and you were saying it was for the buildings...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I took a cringe too.

Mr. Lindsey said, I was about to go into the insurance business.

Mr. Trascher said, and if I am not mistaken, was that not Mr. Waninski, his agency?

Chief Dockery said, it was not him.

Mr. Trascher said, he worked with him I think and I think we had them before. If I remember right, I am saying PMS, what are the initials?

Mrs. Blackwell said, PMI.

Mr. Trascher said, PMI, I am sorry, but PMI said, that if we canceled our contract with them that we would lose our insurance. I distinctly remember that.

Chief Dockery said, I think this is a different fellow.

Mr. Trascher said, it would be the Board's pleasure, we need to act on this prior to the 27th and that is not going to leave much time to get another quote and we would have to have another meeting.

Chief Dockery said, I would say, not to cut in but, I don't like having anything rushed. So, if any one wants to make a quote for us, it needs to be later this year or very early next year, in time.

Mr. Trascher said, what we need to do is to go ahead and take this renewal.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, it's just my thinking.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I am in agreement with you.

Mr. Trascher said, that will give you some time to seek out other providers. I do like doing business locally and this is a local company.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I mean, I am fine with this. I looked over it more and I am fine with it. I mean, I understand things are going up.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I don't think this is with PMI. This is not PMI.

Mr. Trascher said, no, this is John Case from Slidell and it's a local company. It's a lot better.

Mr. Swann said, they have been good too.

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am fine with it, we can move forward.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, with that said, I would move that we accept the renewal from Lowery, Dunham and Case, the VFIS Insurance.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody have any discussion. With no other discussion, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

PRICE QUOTES FOR RADIO SYSTEM

Chief Dockery said, alright, one other thing I have on here is, not on my list. Last month you all asked for a break down and the price quote for the radio system. So, you have that in front of you and you can look over. I have found one, one grant so far, it's the L-Gap Grant Louisiana. Right now, each Department is granted \$6,250, for use of equipment so, I will be talking to Mrs. Kristy James at the St. Tammany Parish Government to kind of find out what we need to do about it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we talked before about trying to get any kind of, to see if any of the Grant writers are around to see if we can get grants for whatever that is available out there, we need to be looking for.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's a good move. I like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, is this something we need to move forward with on these radios?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I would really like to get moving. Hurricane season is here of course, so the sooner the better.

Mr. Trascher said, this date on this purchase quote is 11/21?

Chief Dockery said, yes, that was when we originally looked at the idea.

Mr. Trascher asked, is this still valid?

Mr. Swann asked, is it still valid?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's still valid.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am good with moving forward with it as long as the price is still the same.

Mr. Trascher asked, is that a motion?

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we accept this quote as stated as long as the price is still...

Mr. Trascher said, it's still the price of \$17,716.25. Any deviation from that is null and void.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, if it comes back different then we need to revisit it.

Mr. Swann said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any other discussion? No other discussion, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Is that all Chief?

Chief Dockery said, that's all for the Chief's Report.

Mr. Trascher asked, is it? What about the Well deal you had?

Chief Dockery said, that's further down the agenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's under Old Business.

Mr. Trascher said, oh, that's further down the agenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move Old Business, Discuss Well Pump Installation, that was tabled from last year, I mean last month, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSS WELL PUMP INSTALLATION (Tabled) – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I emailed and I called the guy and had him, I asked him to make a breakdown of parts. He kind of did it and he kind of didn't do it. Look on the second page, the pump will have it's own control specific to pump with fuses and breakers. So, that will do for the surge protector. Pipe will be 2" schedule 40 pressure to inlet and to outlet, it will be 3" schedule 40 from there. All valves will be made of brass. I asked him about a hydrant, he said if we want a hydrant, if we can find one to hook it up for \$300. I am still trying to locate a hydrant. I am kind of leaning on the Town right now to see if we can get an old one that is still in good shape. Free is always better than paying some money for it.

Mr. Lindsey asked, did you talk to the Parish to see if they have any?

Chief Dockery said, well, it's not really going to be the Parish, it's just going to be the water companies themselves. I think the only Parish one is Tammany Utilities, and that's mostly on the West side.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know years ago we used to get dry hydrants from the Parish, and supplies to it. I didn't know if they have any regular hydrants.

Mr. Trascher said, Tammany Utilities also operates systems on the Western area of the Parish so I know they do operate fire hydrants. I don't know if they would have any or anything but they may.

Chief Dockery said, well the shape Tammany Utilities is in...

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, you wouldn't want it from this end.

Chief Dockery said, I hear a lot of stories at the Chief's meetings about that.

Mr. Trascher said, if I am looking at a \$50,000, quote and it's only \$300 more for a fire hydrant, I wouldn't be too worried about it. I think that would be a good investment.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's if the fire hydrant is supplied. We have to buy one.

Chief Dockery said, yes, that's supplied, we have to get a hydrant.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I was thinking that was awful cheap for a fire hydrant.

Chief Dockery said, I would jump on that in a heart beat.

Mr. Trascher said, I wouldn't have a problem with that at all.

Mr. Swann said, you might call Billy Palmisano with the City and see if he has some.

Chief Dockery said, okay. Billie?

Mr. Swann said, Billy Palmisano.

Mr. Lindsey said, are we all set with this estimate for finally getting this tank installed? Are we

confident that's is going to supply us with everything we need to get this done?

Chief Dockery said, yes, one of the original drawings we gave him, that's running the stand pipe up front and running a spot for a hydrant back here. I even asked him about maybe connecting our station to it. Well, I had a question about that, it wasn't asking about it. It was more of a question. With that big of a tank, would it run the risk of having contaminated water? He was like, yes, definitely. You would have to chlorinate it and everything. I was like, okay, never mind. We will just use it for water supply.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and then it would have to run some type of filtration system.

Chief Dockery said, yes, he said, it would have to be some type of chlorination and that's just getting out there.

Mr. Trascher said, Tammany Utilities will take it. Sorry Chief.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, I am good with moving forward with this tank project. I know we kicked it around several times.

Mr. Trascher said, I noticed on the bid here, he says it does not, we will have to put the meter in for this.

Chief Dockery said, I want to say they can come off this. It should have enough in this box to come off with. You only running a 7.5 horsepower pump.

Mr. Trascher said, it does not include a roof over the tank.

Chief Dockery said, that, we will have to come up with something ourselves. Some type of system of what we want to do.

Mr. Lindsey asked, did you get any kind of information. I can't remember what you told me last time when I asked about the UV protection.

Chief Dockery said, he wasn't sure about the UV but the tank has a three year warranty. That's when we talked about a top over it, a shed or a pull barn or something.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I think once we get this in place, if we are looking good with finances towards the end of the year, we might look at putting a cover over this to protect our investment to make sure it stays. When the sun starts baking it, it's going to cook it.

Mr. Trascher said, I agree, that's why it was part of the discussion when we asked about this, if that would include or how much it would be to do that because, I think you are right, totally, that we need to cover it.

Mr. Lindsey said, once we get it up and see how it's all set up and all, we can get somebody that wouldn't be a tank company, just a contractor or whatever just to come out and give us a bid on building something over it. A nice new structure that would keep it out of the sun and all that kind of stuff.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann asked, does this include something like a surge protector in case of lightening strike?

Chief Dockery said, that's why it is set up with it's own control , fuse box, so it will be separated. The pump will be separated from this by a fuse panel. That's where he said the surge protector would come in.

Mr. Swann said, okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion we move forward adopting this price as stated as \$51,300.

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Russel, they have a resolution here. Do you have a copy of it?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, that's it.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, I don't have a copy of it.

Mr. Trascher said, they took the liberty of preparing a resolution if it was purposed.

Mr. Lindsey asked, okay, before it was proposed.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes. I just fixed the numbers.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay. I will let you read it. Your the professional reader.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I just adjusted the numbers in it.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, this is Resolution 2022-008

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11, of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), find it in the best interest of the Board, employees, citizens and taxpayers, whereby the District, located at 37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana, wishes to enter into contract with Acadian Environmental Services, LLC, to install a 10,000 gallon storage tank and 7.5HP, 150 gallons per minuted, Grundfos submersible pump as listed below:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Commissioners wish to install a 10,000 gallon storage tank and 7.5 HP, 150 gallons per minute, Grundfos 6 inch submersible pump with piping and cement pad located at 37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana.

2. Acadian Environmental Services, LLC, will install a 14x14 - 4000psi concrete pad for the pump location.
3. Acadian Environmental Services, LLC, will install plumbing with the placement of the pump.
4. Acadian Environmental Services, LLC, will install electrical from the building to the new water pump. (Does not include meter)
5. Acadian Environmental Services, LLC, will provide additional plumbing, valves and connections for distribution to equipment.
6. The Board of Commissioner's and the Chief of Fire District No. 11, agree to the installation of the pump, well tank, and plumbing to be installed by Acadian Environmental Services, LLC.
7. The cost estimate provided by Acadian Environmental Services, LLC, is approved for the amount of \$51,300, not to exceed this amount unless approved by the Board of Commissioner's. (Estimate is attached)
8. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution, those prior resolutions and actions are superseded by this Resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, that's if it is needed (the meter). Okay, Mr. Russell moved that that resolution be adopted and I second it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Russell, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, well Jack, it went from \$44,000 to \$51,000, we better hurry up and get it done.

Mr. Lindsey said, before we move off of this topic, before we get into that situation and we need to do it anyway. Did you ever talk to the Cleco about moving this wire so we can trim all of these trees off of the building?

Chief Dockery said, twice, twice I got an email response thanking me for getting in touch with them and I am at a, if you all know anyone higher up in this area, I would be more than welcome to talk to them because...

Mr. Lindsey said, alright, I will make a phone call. Because we need to get that because it

drags on this building and it needs to be all cleared off. I don't mind going through there and cutting it but, I am not touching it with that line up in there. We need to see about getting that dealt with because not only is it doing damage to the building, we are going to need access down through there and it all needs to be cleaned up down that side. I will see if I can make a phone call and see if I can get something done with it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I would appreciate it because I emailed and I've called.

Mr. Lindsey said, I have a few contacts at Cleco so maybe we can get something done with it. Not promising anything.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it? We will move to Surplus Station 113 Trailer, Chief.

SURPLUS STATION 113 TRAILER – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, well you all have the paper to surplus. Before we get to that, I did get with Mr. Case and he did send this off. I actually had the adjuster come out today, he was available to come out today and I just need to send him a copy of the police report tomorrow. So, they came out today and took pictures of everything and asked a couple of questions so, they are moving through with the adjustment on the trailer. Now, what does that entail, I don't know what we will get for it but the claim has been made on it. So, with that being said, I don't know if we should go ahead and surplus it at this meeting.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think we should surplus it until we get our insurance settled.

Chief Dockery said, wait until we get our...

Mr. Trascher said, well, I really don't know if that would make a difference because the loss occurred while the policy was in effect. Right now the policy is going out.

Mr. Lindsey said, if for some reason they want to come back out and look at it and we got it gone...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, but if we approve this resolution to surplus it tonight, it's not going to be gone because we have to advertise it for sale and all.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's true.

Mr. Trascher said, it's going to take a while.

Chief Dockery said, I guess we can surplus it.

Mr. Trascher said, it's no problem holding off, it's just going to take a while.

Chief Dockery said, I guess we can surplus and just hold off until after insurance is complete.

Mr. Trascher said, it shouldn't take them long for them to say, the \$100 or whatever they are going to give you.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would think it's going to be several thousands of dollars. I mean, from what I seen in those pictures, we have a decent amount of damage over there.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, but by the time they depreciate it.

Mr. Lindsey said, they are going to total the trailer out.

Mr. Trascher said, something is better than nothing. I defer to the will of the Board. I don't think it's a problem because we dropped the insurance on it.

Mr. Swann said, it would be good if they did total it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, well, I would think we should get \$7,000 or \$8,000, out of it.

Chief Dockery said, if we can get at least get our...

Mr. Trascher said, if we get that I will dance in the street.

Chief Dockery said, if we can at least get back the \$2,500, we spent on it.

Mr. Trascher said, \$3,000, we paid for it. I think we paid \$3,000, for it.

Chief Dockery said, we cut a check for \$2,500, back on 6/15.

Mr. Trascher said, then that was \$500 cheaper than what Johnny told us.

Mr. Lindsey said, when they went over it, they went over repairing all the damage, right?

That's what they are doing right now is, kind of, putting it together how much it would cost to actually repair everything and it's, when I showed them today, look, it's destroyed. I went back and they broke into it another time since I came to the Board, they broke into it another time.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't have a problem, if you want, we can table this for another month.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do you have a problem with that, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, do we have a motion?

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we table this for another month.

Mr. Trascher said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, that way it will be clear if they surplus, I mean, if they total it.

Mr. Lindsey said, if the insurance doesn't give us enough, I mean, if they come back and say this is it and we think we should get more, we can get some estimates for repair and submit to the insurance for our supplemental. Not that we are going to get it repaired but...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, they may say that, guys the book value of the trailer is \$5,000, we will give you \$5,000. We will take it.

Mr. Lindsey said, we can use whatever money we can get.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, we are paying a premium for insurance so we need to collect when damage occurs.

Mr. Trascher said, use it. No problem.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if there is no other discussion on that we will move to New Business, Civil Service Board Appointment, Floyd Trascher.

NEW BUSINESS

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chairman, I think you said the Boards appointment for the Civil Service expires this month.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I did, Georgette, do you know the date that it expired?

Mrs. Rinkus said, June 29th.

Captain Anderson said, June 29th.

Mrs. Blackwell said, of this month coming?

Mrs. Rinkus said, June, June 29th.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Mr. Swann, I think there was an appointment that you would like to put forth for the Board.

Mr. Swann said, yes, I would like to recommend Charlie Fogg, for the position.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, nominate?

Mr. Swann said, nominate.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody else have any nominations?

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Fogg is not here tonight but I did speak with Mr. Fogg and he did indicate that he would be interested and would like to serve the Department in a position on the Civil Service Board. He also put in for the Board appointment. He would like to work with the District.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't have any, I don't know him one way or the other but, I would like to see about input from the guys if they have a feel on who is going to represent them.

Captain Anderson said, okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, are y'all good?

Captain Anderson said, I am the Department Rep.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are you all good with the appointment from the Board, do you all know him or anything about him?

Mr. Trascher said, actually, that's our appointment.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, well what I am saying is, Mr. Finger served for a little while and if...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, and I think we need to, if we appoint Mr. Fogg, I would like to give Mr. Finger a certificate of appreciation because he has been on for several years.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, he did indicate that he wanted to move out of the area and I think his house is for sale, for some reason, I guess they didn't bite.

Mr. Lindsey said, I was just looking for yawl's input being you had to work with him or whatever.

Chief Dockery said, I have never met the gentleman but, I mean, with Civil Service there's checks and balances in there so, it's all three that has to be in agreement with everything so, I

don't see any issue with having him.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am good with the nomination then.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, we need a motion.

Mr. Swann said, I make a motion.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chairman...

Mrs. Blackwell said, I guess we should have read this here, this is a resolution. Do we need to read it?

Mr. Trascher said, no, where is the name? We have a resolution appointing an individual in that spot but they don't have a name so what we will do is, we will have Georgette put the name of the appointee in there. In conjunction with this though, I would like to make a motion that the Department present Mr. Finger with a certificate of appreciation for his service on the Civil Service Board. Chief, could you help us with that?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I am fine with that.

Mr. Trascher said, he has been on for several years and has been there.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there a second?

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries on the certificate for Mr. Finger. Any other comment?

Chief Dockery said, I am still suffering from Saturday.

Mr. Trascher said, I am suffering from spending all this money.

Mrs. Blackwell said, let's go to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michelle Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any Public Comment?

Mr. Trascher said, we don't have any public.

Mr. Lindsey said, we have one public.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, okay, give us a public comment. Get up and introduce yourself and tell us a little about you.

Mr. Ryan Dreux said, I did that already but I will do it again.

Mr. Trascher said, you did it at the Town meeting.

Mr. Dreux said, I am Ryan Dreux, I was a fireman for 27 years, some in New Orleans, some in Slidell. I finished my career in St. George. I have three kids, a daughter and two sons. My daughter is a nurse. Seth works at the Slidell Fire Department, that's my oldest son, he part times here. My youngest son is still in college, playing ball. I have done carpenter work pretty much my whole career as a fireman as my second job, which I am still doing now since I retired from the service. I retired in 2011. Let's see, I live at the end of Pine Street Extension. I've lived there since 1990. We moved over here from New Orleans East, which is where I grew up at. I think that's pretty much it.

Mr. Trascher said, well, welcome to the Board.

Mr. Swann asked, where is St. George?

Mr. Dreux said, St. George is East Baton Rouge Parish. It's right where 12 and 10 meet. That's one of the Parish lines and it goes from I-12 to the river and then it hits Ascension Parish line. It was a brand new department.

Mrs. Blackwell said, welcome to the Board, it's nice to meet you.

Mr. Dreux said, yes ma'am, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, we don't normally spend this much money in one sitting.

Mr. Swann said, we've spent more.

Mr. Dreux said, in the current economy and everything, it's what we are here with.

Mrs. Blackwell said, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Lindsey said, just one question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, sure.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do we have an update on the gutters? Are we going to have to get a new company?

Chief Dockery said, I get an update every Wednesday of, they still don't have the color. I kind of got into a, not a heated debate, but, I spoke with the gentleman last week again about in the contract it says they would put the flashing in from the roof to the gutter. He is stating that the roof is too short.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, I mean, like I said before, we can get the flashing made up and put it on there. It's not that big of a deal.

Mr. Dreux asked, can I ask a question? What is short about the roof, are you talking about the tin?

Mr. Lindsey said, the tin stops here and the bricks stop here, so, it needs a piece of extended flashing to run off into the gutter.

Chief Dockery said, yes, when they originally built the building it wasn't meant for brick then they put the brick up and so...

Mr. Lindsey said, we had it drawing, I don't know where it went, I will have to find it, of a piece of flashing that could slide up underneath there and screw it down and come out some, it will have some bends in it for strength and then come out some and drop down into the gutter.

Mr. Dreux asked, you didn't ask about adding a piece of roof underneath?

Chief Dockery said, that's what I was thinking about.

Mr. Dreux said, because that would fit your ribs and everything.

Chief Dockery said, if I can get up there and get a drawing of the ribs, I can bring it to Lacombe and they can cut me a bunch of little pieces and we can add it out. It's just when we bidded it out, it was for that flashing. Now, maybe it was a misunderstanding but...

Mr. Trascher said, well the definition of flashing is extended metal to go to the gutter.

Mr. Lindsey said, we need to look at the proposal. I can't remember off the top of my head. I know it was a good price and it was...

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, the definition of flashing is whether it's this long or this long, is a piece. Now, our only thing is, he may have his standard size flashing. We may have to come a little more for a longer flashing but the labor to put that up should be included in that contract. We may have to pony up a little bit for a longer flashing.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, we need to look at it but, I am definitely anxious to get something moving forward.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we are still waiting for the color so I would at least like to get, I asked him, can we at least get the flashing up so I am not getting water behind the brick and that's where the original roof to flashing won't meet, well your roof is too short. Well, you took the job, you came out and looked at it and if the roof was too short then, you should have said something.

Mr. Trascher said, it didn't shrink since then. That's just my thinking on it.

Mr. Lindsey said, let's just try to get some kind of clarification or revisit, look at the...

Chief Dockery said, I can send you the contract if you want to look at it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, let me look at it. I know we read it when we approved it but I can't remember all the verbiage in it off the top of my head. That and I would definitely like to get moving on the bathroom renovations. I was kind of thinking, wait until the class is done because so many people with using these two bathrooms, and all that stuff and we go tearing one of them up. After the class is done, I would like to get moving forward with the bathroom renovations.

Chief Dockery said, I did have a question about that and we can do it on record or off record, it doesn't matter. When we do the bathroom, I know eventually, we talked about doing the whole station. Doing the whole station, doing any electrical in that wall, will that effect the work that has been done in that bathroom or can we come out on one side of the wall?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, it can come off one wall. We can always tear sheet rock off and it's no big deal.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, you know someone that does sheet rock work, don't you?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and I know someone that does carpentry work too. Get your gloves.

Mr. Trascher said, jump in there.

Mrs. Blackwell said, battle scars.

Mr. Lindsey said, but, yes, I am super anxious to get those bathrooms tore out and redone and put something nice in there. My only thought was, my thought was that we would wait

until after class because of so many people having to use the bathrooms, or whatever.

Mr. Trascher said, we may need to wait and see how the water pump and the well and all of that. Make sure we don't run into any more big expenses with that before we take another big bite. We can start getting the ground work laid and the plans for it. We need to finish up what we got started with the flashing. We need to finish up the project with the well. Get those water lines in.

Chief Dockery said, there's a lot of irons in the fire right now trying to get them done.

Mr. Trascher said, that's just my thoughts.

Mr. Lindsey said, we have been so far behind on getting stuff done around here so, this is high gear time. I don't know if you all have ever went and looked at that shower in there. It's literally, this big by that big.

Mr. Trascher said, that's so we don't hire big fireman.

Mr. Lindsey said, you have to walk in, get one side wet and back out and get back in to get the other side wet.

Chief Dockery said, you just rub soap on both sides.

Mr. Trascher said, you save water with it.

Mr. Lindsey said, it is.

Mrs. Blackwell said, get you some carpet up there and suds it up.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's ridiculous.

Mrs. Blackwell said, slide in and out, drive through.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's ridiculous and I don't think we should have let it go this long. It's our responsibility to have stuff suitable for these guys here, so, we need to do what we need to do to get it done. I agree that we need to get this stuff done, too. I am talking about getting in there myself and new gloves over here. We are going to be doing some demo ourselves. We are going to save some money on it and we are going to do some of it ourselves.

Mr. Trascher said, this is just me thinking out loud again, too. We've talked about that electric panel being over there in the closet and some other things that are really hazardous. Doesn't the meter sits right over the generator and..

Mr. Lindsey said, I am on board with you all.

Mr. Trascher said, if we are going to start cutting into the walls, we need to go ahead and look at that as part of the project.

Mr. Swann said, the panel needs to come out of then cabinets.

Chief Dockery said, the last quote I had on that was around \$8,000, for them to put a panel on the outside.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am on board with getting that electrical done. This station has been run down for a while.

Mr. Trascher said, if they open the walls, let's do it one time and weren't there some problems with the air condition ducks?

Captain Anderson said, there are no air condition ducks.

Chief Dockery said, the hallway is actually the air condition ducks. The sheet rock itself is the a/c ducks.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean when you start getting into the rock, we need to put ducking in there because those walls sweat.

Mr. Dreux asked, there's no what? No ducks?

Mr. Lindsey said, the problem is there is an upstairs.

Mr. Trascher said, there's a crawl space made in the attic.

Mr. Lindsey said, when you have an upstairs and the ceiling goes across, you can't run a duck in it so, they just built a fur down and ran the duck in there. Which, as long as you have an upstairs your going to have to have that.

Mr. Trascher said, your going to have to have the fur down but you would have a duck inside the fur down.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, they don't have that. All they have is a box that the air runs through.

Mr. Lindsey said, we can have that, redo all of that.

Captain Anderson said, in August.

Mr. Trascher said, and the wires with the air.

Mr. Lindsey said, they can build metal duck in there and insulated metal duck, make it where it's going to last and not a problem and put the sheet rock back up underneath it. That's not an issue at all.

Mr. Trascher said, that's just something, when we do the project we can do all of that and have it something that we can work with in there eventually.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I got. I know we came and looked at the bathroom and I just wanted to mention it. I haven't forgot about it.

Chief Dockery said, no, we haven't forgot either.

Mr. Trascher said, every time they shower they remember.

Mr. Lindsey said, I will demo it and like I said, I am going to pay for the plumber and I will do the labor where we don't have to... because we don't know what we are going to get into and all that stuff. We will get the department to buy the supplies. We have to have the supplies anyway/

Mr. Trascher said, yes, the materials, absolutely.

Mr. Lindsey said, I will pay the plumber to do the labor on it and I am going to get in there and bust the floor up and cut it and all of that and trench it over there. So, the cost of the department is going to be kind of minimal. We are going to put the sheet rock back. That's not going to cost the department anything.

Mr. Dreux asked, to move the drain?

Mr. Lindsey said, I will show you. We are going to build them a shower. We are going to cut across the floor. I will show you.

Mr. Trascher said, and he don't speak French when he says "we", either. He's not speaking French.

Mr. Lindsey said, don't sit too close or I'll put you to work. I might be getting old but I have a reputation for putting people to work.

Mr. Swann asked, did we find out any more about billing the insurance company for the rest?

Chief Dockery said, I haven't. Thank you, I haven't heard back from that gentleman. I will contact him tomorrow.

Mr. Swann said, I think that is a source of money that we are missing out on.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, the only thing I would like to do is wish all the fathers a happy Fathers Day. I hope you stay cool and hydrated and have a good day.

Mr. Lindsey said, I agree.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I move we adjourn.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

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