



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's
Minutes of the Meeting on July 12, 2022
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:05 pm – 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Ryan Dreux - 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 meeting, the June 14th, meeting?

Mr. Lindsey said, I browsed over them and everything seems to be in order.

Mr. Trascher said, I as well. The minutes seem to be in order and if there is no further discussion, I move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Ryan Dreux 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. Let's go on to the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of June, we are looking at a 50% target. We are halfway through the year. The only few ones that are really standing out still are Fuel, Line Items 6820, we are at 83%. Thankfully, some are starting to go down but it's still \$5 something a gallon for diesel. Look further down for Station 111, it's 6462 Line item. It's at 191%, that's for the well, we had to put the deposit down of \$20,000, for the well. That money will be moved from the Restricted account and put in there when we amend the budget later in the year.

On the second page, Line Item 6484, Medic 112, it needed 6 new tires and a steering box. That brought it up to 118%. As of the regular every day, every month expenses, it looks like we are in line with the 50% area. Other than Medical Supplies, Medical Supplies are up a little bit at 58.85%. So, it's not too far out from what we are suppose to be at.

Mr. Trascher asked, well, the Medical Supplies, Chief, could that be some purchases that we made that may carry us through the year without...

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

Mr. Trascher said, like, you order supplies and then the supplies will come down where it would come back in. What about the Bank Charges, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, the Bank Charges, I am still talking to Mrs. Wynn about that. We only have one account that gets a service charge on it. The other four accounts do not. So, I am trying to talk to her on why that one specific account is.

Mr. Trascher said, because it looks like we are way out of kilts on that one.

Chief Dockery said, so, that's one item I need to get with Mrs. Wynn about again on that.

Mr. Trascher said, and income wise?

Chief Dockery said, Income wise, we took in about 94%, of our ad valorem. We are over on the State Revenue Sharing and usually the Fireman's Insurance Rebate doesn't come until the end of the year. Interest, I am going to have to adjust that later on in the year because we have already taken in \$31,239 and I only allotted \$40,000, which, it's not a bad thing. Training Services brought in \$7,500 and EMS, we are at 96.85%, right now so, we should surpass that by next month, I would say.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Chief.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir.

Mr. Lindsey asked, Chief, do you remember about what we got back on rebate last year? I am having trouble remembering what we got back last year.

Chief Dockery said, for the Fire Insurance Rebate, I do not off hand.

Mr. Lindsey said, I was just curious, it's not that big deal.

Chief Dockery said, on the Medical side, we took in \$19,162.05, last month.

Mr. Trascher said, which is above what our basic monthly.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir, we usually try to average it out to about \$10,000, per month.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that all for the Financial Report? Does anybody else have any other questions?

Mr. Lindsey said, I think that was all the questions I had.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, you good?

Mr. Swann said, I am fine.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's all that's said on the Financials, 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 June, we responded to:

EMS	74
MVA	2
VEHICLE FIRE (which was a Semi Truck)	1
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	12
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	6
FALSE ALARM	4
TOTAL	99

OUT OF TOWN JULY 17-31

Chief Dockery continued, I just want to let you all know I will be out of town this Sunday, the 17th to Thursday, the 21st. I will be on vacation. I will be back on Thursday evening. Matt Parish will be in the area during that time. So, if you all have anything, feel free. I will still have my phone on. You can contact me or him, I will have my phone on.

Mr. Trascher asked, will somebody be attending the Town Meeting?

Chief Dockery said, I will find someone to go enjoy the show.

Mr. Trascher said, who gets the short straw? I was just curious, Chief.

Chief Dockery said, (inaudible) that day.

Mr. Dreux asked, when is that?

Chief Dockery said, next Tuesday.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that all for the Chief's Report?

Chief Dockery said, that's all for the Chief's Report. I will either have, I will try to have Matt Parish there for the Town Hall meeting. If not, I will see about Mitchell.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will move to Old Business, Appoint Mr. Ryan Drew to the Board of Office.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF RYAN DREUX TO THE BOARD – Michele Blackwell

Mr. Trascher said, well, Madam Chairman, we don't make that appointment. That is done by the Town of Pearl River.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we have a resolution. Do you want to read that into the record?

Mr. Trascher said, we need a resolution to approve Mr. Dreux for the signature card.

APPOINTMENT OF RYAN DREUX AS VICE-SECRETARY- Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell said, we have those.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, that is the resolution we would need. Mr. Dreux was appointed by the Town of Pearl River so, we really don't do a resolution.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, so, we don't need to do that?

Mr. Trascher said, no ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, we are going to verify for the record that we have received his Oath of Office and they are going to be distributed as they should be.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Dreux gets one, the Fire District gets one, the Parish gets 2 and they send one to the Secretary of State, and then the Town of Pearl River.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are just making sure we have everything correct.

Mr. Trascher said, we are recognizing Mr. Dreux on the Board now as the Town of Pearl River's appointment.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, so we want to appoint Mr. Dreux as the Boards Vice-Secretary?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we can do that by Resolution.

Mrs. Blackwell said, welcome aboard, you are getting real busy real quick.

Mr. Trascher said, all the slots of offices have been approved and we have an opening for Vice-Secretary and you can open the floor for nominations and it's going to be Mr. Dreux.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a motion to open the floor?

Mr. Trascher said, no, it's on here to appoint him so, all we need to do is, all we need to do is open for appointments, for nominations. I am sorry, open the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, do you make a motion?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I would move that we open the floor for nominations for Vice-Secretary.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey...

Mr. Swann said, if somebody needs to nominate him , I'll nominate him.

Mrs. Blackwell said, do we need to discuss first or do we need to vote to open the floor?

Mr. Trascher said, we've open the floor to make nominations. We've done that. So, now we can accept nominations.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, Mr. Swann nominates Mr. Dreux.

Mr. Trascher said, I will second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey...

Mr. Trascher asked, are there any other nominations?

Mrs. Blackwell said, are there any other nominations?

Mr. Lindsey said, nope.

Mr. Trascher said, hearing none, Mr. Dreux has been appointed Vice-Secretary by acclamation. Resolutions 2022-016:

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 ("District") was present on this date July 12, 2022, for a properly advertised, regularly scheduled meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority of the 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 will recognize the Board of Commissioner's appointee, Ryan Dreux, as Vice-Secretary of the Board of Commissioner's for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11, Board of Commissioner's.

Mr. Trascher said, if you want to vote on it, we can vote on it but, it was done by acclamation. That's your pleasure, Madam Chairman.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are going to just sign the paper and move right along.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you for helping me. Excuse my voice, I had a frog.

Mr. Trascher asked, was it good?

ADD RYAN DREUX TO SIGNATURE CARDS – Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes. Pass that to Mr. Swann and let him sign it, please. We are going to move to add Mr. Dreux to the Signature cards.

Mr. Trascher said, that has to be done by resolution. I would like to introduce Resolution Number 2022-017:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority of

the 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 approves Ryan Dreux, to be an authorized signature for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District Number 11, accounts held.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to change this resolution to Ryan Dreux.

Mrs. Blackwell said, wait, wait, wait, don't change it. Maybe I gave you the wrong one.

Mr. Trascher said, no, this one says Eugene Swann. He is already appointed so, I think we need to scratch that out. It needs to be retyped.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board wishes to approve Commissioner, Ryan Dreux, as an authorized signature for the accounts for St. Tammany Fire Protection District Number 11.
2. 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.

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Mr. Trascher said, I move that we adopt this resolution.

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. Let's go ahead and get that signed. Thank you. Alright, now that all of that is done, we will move to Surplus Station 113 Trailer, Chief Dockery.

SURPLUS STATION 113 TRAILER – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, yes, we talked about last meeting and I had the insurance company come out and do an estimate on it. It's in front of you. There is a break down and also, one copy because it was 31 pages. If anyone wants to dig into what they are looking at. So, the total on was \$27,824, for the damage. For the damage of the trailer and the damage to the contents inside the trailer. I ask that we surplus it and get it out of the inventory. I will check with the insurance company and see if they want it being it is totaled. If not, I will put it in the paper and let it run for a month and we can go from there on disposing of it.

Mr. Swann said, don't ask then if they want it. Tell them that it's surplussed it and are they going to move it.

Chief Dockery asked, so we don't have to move?

Mr. Swann said, yes, that way we don't get stuck with it.

Mr. Trascher said, personally Chief, I think that, because the insurance company has totaled it, it's value now is zero. So, I would think, if somebody wanted it, I think that we can do it by resolution of the Board to just dispose of the trailer. The taxpayers have been compensated for it. It has a value of zero. So, to put out for bids or anything like that, I don't think we really have to do that.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, I think, right now, by the virtue of them surplussing it, they bought it. It belongs to the insurance company. Now, they may say...

Mr. Swann said, just like you total a car.

Mr. Trascher said, now, they may say if you can get rid of it, get rid of it. We can informally advertise if anyone wants it, move it or just destroy it. That's just my opinion.

Mr. Lindsey said, unless the insurance decides to come pick it up.

Mr. Trascher said, right, it belongs to them. Once they compensate us, this...

Chief Dockery said, I will email the adjuster tomorrow and see if they want to come pick it up, move it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if they consider it a totally loss.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see a copy of the report.

Mr. Trascher said, we got the 21 pages here.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, the Chief didn't make copies because it was so many of them.

Mr. Dreux asked, the walls are rotten, the floors are rotten?

Chief Dockery said, some of the walls are rotten by the windows. The ceiling is actually starting to crack.

Mr. Dreux said, it's too hard to deal with a trailer.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I think it's a 94 model trailer.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it would be hard to roll it for a half way hunting camp.

Chief Dockery said, I would be surprised if it made it out the parking lot without falling apart.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I would like to offer Resolution Number 2022-014:

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 will Surplus the 1994 mobile home/trailer, VIN #HL1855AL, located at Station 113, East Porter's River Road, Pearl River, Louisiana:
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Commissioners wish to surplus the above listed Mobil home/trailer VIN #HL1855AL, located on East Porter's River Road, acquired from Acadian Ambulance Services.

Mr. Trascher said, that is Resolution Number 2022-014 and I move that we adopt.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Dreux 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, Chief, by virtue of that, I think you'll, in your spare time after you come back from vacation, check with the insurance company and we can make a determination from there, what we need to do to dispose of it.

Chief Dockery said, I will be here this week so I will work on it this week and get it done.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you very much.

Mr. Swann asked, do we own the building in front of that?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, let me ask you this, with the money we got from that, is there any way you can fix that and make it a station?

Chief Dockery said, I don't know.

Mr. Swann said, you know, put a second thing in there for quarters and everything else.

Chief Dockery said, we would have to build inside one of the bays and build a station, basically.

Mr. Swann said, well, just look it over and tell us what you think.

Chief Dockery said, okay. The problem with that, the biggest problem with that station is, it's one way in and one way out and it's on the very edge of the line.

Mr. Lindsey said, not a good location.

Chief Dockery said, it's not a good location.

Mr. Lindsey said, the reason they put it there was the property was donated.

Mr. Trascher said, and in the past we, it was one of the goals of the District to establish a presence on that side of the railroad tracks because we do have instances where 41 is closed and Nelson Road is closed and the unit would have to go all the way around.

Mr. Lindsey said, we have talked about this a couple of times about going over to the...

Mr. Trascher said, right, at least the presence and we also discussed meeting with Rooms to Go and the Ice Box Plant. I have met with them before with Johnny and they were almost willing to build us a station.

Mr. Lindsey said, and I think that's the route we need to look into. Trying to remodel that old thing over there and it's not even in a good location.

Mr. Trascher said, well, the building is just not big enough.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, if it was a little bigger and we had 3 bays, you can make that living quarters.

Chief Dockery said, that and we need to find some land around there that could either be bought cheap or donated.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think you can afford to buy the property but, if we could work with, and Pete Schneider is going to be involved with that now. They are going to do more development around those big businesses and that is a good place for us to establish a presence.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think that we talked about before, with the new facilities that are looking at coming in, this is a ideal time to build a station.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we are still not sure about the Amazon or not. They pulled out but I heard rumors that it's kind of under the table.

Mr. Dreux asked, I got a question for you.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Dreux asked, does Jimmy Rice still own that land across from Jubilee?

Chief Dockery said, that, I do not know but...

Captain Anderson said, who?

Mr. Dreux said, Jimmy Rice. Does he still own that land?

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, I was just about to say if we get across the tracks, let's get by Jubilee. We might be able to get a section right there.

Mr. Lindsey said, it didn't have his name on the tax property.

Mr. Dreux said, he owns all that land right there.

Captain Anderson said, yes, and he is back. He is not in Oregon anymore.

Mr. Lindsey said, oh really?

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, that could be another option.

Mr. Dreux said, no doubt.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, either location would be a presence on the other side. The other thing would be staffing it. We would have to watch our budget. If we could get the good fairy to come down and put a station there where we could equip it with some of the surplus. Like some of the trucks would be moved down. We could put a couple of people over there. That would help a bunch.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that all on surplussing the station? If so, we will move to New Business, Recognize Civil Service Board Appointment, Charlie Fogg, Floyd.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNIZE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT CHARLES FOGG – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, I believe we voted on this resolution last week so, this would be more of a housekeeping issue to assign it a number, 2022-013:

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 to recognize and appoint Charles Fogg, as a member of the Civil Service Board.

The Board of Commissioners wishes to appoint Charles Fogg to the local Civil Service Board for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11.

Mr. Trascher continued, the vote was, Russell Lindsey, yea, Eugene Swann, yea, Floyd Trascher, yea. Three yeas, no nays and the total votes are three. With that said, we made the appointment. It is more of a housekeeping issue to put it in our record system. We already voted for it. Mr. Fogg did call and I asked Georgette and she graciously did it, brought him the oaths, brought it to his house for him so that he could have those filled out and we can get then recorded. Do we have company?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we will have to get with Mr. Fogg when he gets his oaths. Captain Anderson, I am sure you will help us get him up to speed with the duties of the Civil Service.

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, and Chief, I did, the Chief does have a plaque of recognition for Mr. Finger who has served on the Board for a number of years now. We will contact Mr. Finger and ask him to come to our next meeting so that we can make that presentation.

Mr. Lindsey said, good.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright, if that's all on the recognition of Mr. Fogg, do we have any Public Comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michelle Blackwell

Mr. Trascher said, do we have any public?

Mrs. Blackwell said, we have two handsome young men in the back row, on our Department. They can speak if they would like. With no Public Comment, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher said, I am glad everybody had a safe and happy 4th of July. We have our municipal elections this year, the Town of Pearl River, so keep that in mind. With that said, I move we adjourn.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Dreux 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.