



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes
37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
August 8, 2023
7:00 pm - 7:37 pm

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Ryan Dreux - Present
Eugene Swann – Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everyone read and approved the meeting minutes for July 11th?

Mr. Trascher said, yes ma'am, I reviewed the minutes and they seem to be in order and if there is no discussion, I would move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Swann said, I'll second.

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

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. We will move on to the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANICAL REPORT

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of July, we are looking at a target range of 58%. Just skimming through our monthly bills, everything seems to be in line or close to that 58%. So, it looks like everything is running on track. Other than we spoke of before, which was the... let me find it, the Accounting, General, it's at 66.21%. I know we spoke about this a couple of meetings ago and the Internet or Phone System, Internet, all that, is at 63.29%, so, it's a little above than where we need to be but, we see how it fans out for the rest of the year on that one. In general, everything else is falling in line with the budget of where it needs to be.

Mr. Swann asked, did we ever get everything squared away on the credit cards where somebody was checking them.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, okay.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are there any questions about the Financials?

Mr. Dreux asked, are your ambulances all in service?

Chief Dockery said, one of them is still in the shop waiting on some suspension parts to come in for it. So, as soon as that comes in they will have it back to us but, the other one is in service. It was out for a couple of days due to a bad condenser fan on the a/c it blew an a/c line, so.

Mr. Dreux asked, do you all still run calls?

Chief Dockery said, yes, for a couple of days we had Acadian, they actually lent us one of their ambulances with the driver so, we were still able to run calls while we had our unit down. But, like I said, it is back up and running and they are back in it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't have any questions.

Mr. Trascher said, everything seems to be in order with it, we will just watch those expenses and we may have to move some funds later.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it for the Financial Report? We will move on to the EMS Report,

Chief Dockery.

EMS REPORT

Chief Dockery said, for the month of July, we had deposited \$8,353.44. A little bit right under where we usually are at. But, as of the years total, we are at 60.56%, so we are still a little bit ahead of where we projected to be for that. I know I talked to Chief Parish and we did a deposit right at the first of the month so some of this could have been hang over from last months.

Mr. Trascher said, I think last months was pretty good, substantially ahead.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, last months was like \$23,000, or something, I seen.

Chief Dockery said, it was some where around that, yes. So, I am still falling in line for the projected for the end of the year on that one.

Mr. Trascher asked, what is our bad debt, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, basically, someone that is not paying.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we don't know, just...

Chief Dockery said, it's just money they try to collect, try to collect and it's finally just wrote off \$25 of bad debt.

Mr. Trascher said, it's going to cost you more than that to...

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are there any other questions on the EMS Financials?

Mr. Trascher asked, has the number of calls been about the same?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I know it's going to be in the Chief's Report, but with the EMS?

Chief Dockery said, it's roughly the same. I mean, it's been the same if not slightly increasing over the past couple of years.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I know the past few months they been as much or increasing. I was wondering if July had less than or about the same.

Chief Dockery said, we still running about the same.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, about the same, that's all I have, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, anything else? With that being said, we will move right into the Chief's Report, Chief Dockery.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

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

EMS	66
MVA	5
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	11
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	5
FALSE ALARM	3
GRASS/WOOD FIRES	8
TOTAL	98

OUT OF TOWN

Chief Dockery continued, I will be out of town next week, the 15th through the 18th. I will be up in Wisconsin for the pre-build for the new engine. I will go up there and verify all the plans and then I will come back down and wait for it to be built. I will be out for those three days.

Mr. Trascher said, good deal.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and Chief Parish is going to be in?

Chief Dockery said, yes, Chief Parish will be here. Other than that, it's hot. School starts this week.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it is.

Mr. Dreux said, we melting.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, how is our plans coming for our upgrade here? We don't have that specific item on the agenda but, I was just...

Chief Dockery said, this is just a concept that was drawn up by the guys. I will let Captain Anderson answer any questions you have.

Mr. Trascher asked, are we losing a bay with this?

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Mr. Dreux asked, is this an extension?

Captain Anderson said, yes, we kind of drew it out as broad as we could possibly be that way we can come down.

Mr. Dreux asked, so, what are you thinking on as far as how many feet going out that way?

Mr. Lindsey said, you are just talking about taking a bay, not extending it or are you talking about extending too?

Captain Anderson said, both. That is drawn up as both because, what it does is, it separates the administration side and the actual suppression side, the guys staying at the station.

Mr. Swann said, so, you are loosing a bay and plus adding to it?

Captain Anderson said, yes, sir.

Mr. Swann said, okay.

Captain Anderson said, because what it does, it uses the bay making the second bathroom ADA accessible because it adds room to that bathroom and also, it puts like, a gear locker room with showers. So, when you come in from a structure fire, car fire, you can go right in and...

Mr. Dreux said, and decontaminate.

Captain Anderson said, decon right there and you don't have to go actually in the station.

Mr. Trascher asked, and this is all a single story?

Captain Anderson said, all single story and that gives you the second floor for any type of, the camera equipment, all the electronics and to fix the air conditioner ducts correctly and not have it as a sheet rock box down the hallway.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, down the hallway.

Chief Dockery said, now, I will tell you that the, back when I started back in 2001/2002, upstairs, Russell could probably remember. Upstairs used to be nothing there and they kind of just threw that stuff up there to make a classroom. Listening to the guys more, it makes sense of, you have roughly 6" between the actual roof of the building and where the drop ceiling comes down. So, that's where they were trying to squeeze those air ducts through plus, what ever insulation they could get up in there. So, that's where, I guess that's where the concept of just going with all one story. That way you can seal it off correctly and a/c it correctly.

Captain Anderson said, if you look at the second floor right now where the air ducts are ran

between the drop ceiling and the top of the building, it's so hot that the air ducts condensed, leaked down on the drop ceiling and now it's molding.

Mr. Dreux said, yep, condensation.

Chief Dockery said, so, this is something I kind of, let them go free on. The look, this is what they came up with. We can probably do some fine tuning.

Captain Anderson said, yes, absolutely, I drew it as big as we could, that way we could...

Mr. Dreux asked, condense it.

Captain Anderson said, Yes.

Mr. Dreux asked, did you send this to your guy to figure out square footage and all of that?

Chief Dockery said, I have not yet. I just wanted to make sure we were all on the same page before I sent it to him and getting something drawn up on it.

Mr. Dreux said, let me ask you this, does this little dog leg right here, does that take in effect because of the telephone pole that you have? The extension you have going out?

Captain Anderson said, that's getting rid of that. That's nothing, it's just a pole.

Mr. Trascher asked, how much are we adding to the building?

Captain Anderson said, roughly 18 feet.

Chief Dockery said, I would say about 20 foot.

Mr. Dreux said, well, technically, if you take the upstairs square footage, your really not adding nothing. Unless you would turn upstairs to something else, then you would be adding square footage.

Mr. Trascher said, we are enlarging the footprint of the building.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, the footprint definitely, not the square footage though.

Mr. Trascher asked, which way is it going to come out?

Captain Anderson said, towards Fogg Lane.

Mr. Trascher said, that may not meet the setbacks coming out 20 foot.

Mr. Dreux asked, what is the commercial setback. I think it's 5 foot residential.

Chief Dockery said, coming out 20 foot from the building, you are actually hitting where the yellow lines stop for the parking spots. You still got another 10 foot, 10 to 15 foot behind that.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's something we may need to look into because of the setbacks are larger than the footprint.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, I think the setbacks are further behind it than on the side but, I don't know about commercial. You are going to have to look into that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am sure the architect is going to work on that into the plan.

Mr. Trascher said, I hate losing that bay. That's equipment that could...

Chief Dockery said, we will never, I don't want to say never, it's highly unlikely that we will get to where we need that bay for equipment, like another engine because, we need personnel to be able to operate it. We still have 113 as it stands right now that can be used for storage or reserve trucks and we also have that little footprint behind 112. We can throw something up and make a parking spot for the spare ambulance there.

Mr. Trascher asked, you mean between the building and the houses?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know, that would be hard to put something up right there probably.

Chief Dockery said, all you need is a little lean-to and a good gutter to stop it from flowing into his yard.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I know it's...

Mr. Dreux said, that's a little short, the bay your talking about taking up is where the...

Captain Anderson said, yes, with the little back pad.

Mr. Dreux said, so, it's shorter than the other bays.

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, but, that's because of the stairs that are in there, right?

Captain Anderson said, yes, it can only fit an ambulance.

Mr. Trascher said, so the two bays that we are going to have, we are still going to have the stairs protruding into one of them.

Chief Dockery said, it would be between them. You are basically looking at the first bay and that little 8 foot stretch in between the two is where you would have your staircase. For less space, we can get creative with the staircase if we need to. We could get a spiral or something up to it if we are not going to put...

Mr. Trascher said, now the stairs are not going to be, so that's just for storage. Access is what

you are saying because, the stairs are taking up room in that. So really, we have one and a piece of bays. So we are losing a whole bay and then a piece of this one or a piece where the stairs are now.

Chief Dockery said, I am not following you.

Mr. Trascher said, we have 3 bays right?

Chief Dockery said, 4 bays. This station has 4 bays.

Mr. Trascher said, we are losing 2 of the 4.

Chief Dockery said, we are losing 1 of the 4. We lose the very first bay next to the door or the living quarters. That would be the only bay.

Mr. Trascher said, so we would still have 3 bays?

Chief Dockery said, we still have 3 bays.

Mr. Trascher said, I only see 2 here.

Captain Anderson said, I ran out of paper.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to put an addition on the side.

Captain Anderson said, I needed a little longer piece of paper.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because I am only seeing 2 bays.

Captain Anderson said, yes, we have the engine, the service and the reserve bay.

Chief Dockery said, yes, you still got the 3 full bays. The first one is a shorter bay because of the closet behind it and the living quarters that butt up against it. So, it doesn't fit anything but the ambulance so, in essence, what they are wanting to do is, come up half way and still leave enough room for lawn equipment or the Kubota or something like that. I am not sure what you were saying while I was out about the showers or locker room. But, this is, in a nut shell, I gave it to them and told them to roll with it and this the rendition of it as we speak of it right now.

Captain Anderson said, I drew something out and put it on the counter at the station and said, do what you all wish. Make your changes if you want to make changes, this is where we are sitting at.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so this is input from everybody?

Captain Anderson said, yes. This is input from everybody.

Mr. Dreux said, so, getting the square footage of it is going to be, you can probably speak to this too, Russell, is the cost.

Captain Anderson said, now, I am not an architect or anything like that, so...

Mr. Dreux said, especially like this right here, do they have drawings of the station that's there now?

Mr. Lindsey said, we never had any drawings.

Mr. Dreux said, you don't have any drawings? Do you know what they put under the slab?

Chief Dockery said, no..

Captain Anderson said, it was one of those, who ever showed up they built on site.

Chief Dockery said, I was not here at that time but what I am gathering from the people that were here, yes it was just kind of...

Mr. Dreux said, but, I mean, it's holding up from the weight of the trucks and all?

Chief Dockery said, yes, we have never had any issue with concrete stress fractures or anything like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, and none of it is going to have any load on it, really.

Mr. Dreux said, no, not really. I mean, I was talking about when you spread out here you will have to...

Captain Anderson said, yes, you are going to need a concrete pad on that side.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, no doubt.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, definitely.

Mr. Dreux said, something like a post tension because, I don't think they drop piling's right there.

Mr. Trascher said, pilings for this, no. Your lucky they put fill in here. I pushed it with a dozier, the dirt.

Mr. Swann asked, where is the electric going to run?

Captain Anderson said, that is going to be on the back of the building. Basically, where it is now, it's just going to flip to the back.

Mr. Swann said, so are they going to add that on to it also?

Captain Anderson said, so, how it sits on that side of the building over there...

Mr. Swann said, it sits in the kitchen.

Captain Anderson said, yes, on the outside but, you would have to bring it up to code so it can sit outside on the back of the building.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, it will be behind the Deputy Chief's office.

Mr. Dreux said, that's where it should go, not in the kitchen.

Captain Anderson said, yes, not in the kitchen.

Mr. Dreux said, because that's where it's at right now. Right here.

Mr. Swann said, I know where it's at.

Mr. Dreux said, and it's going to go right there. That's crazy, you open the cabinet...

Captain Anderson said, and there's the breaker box.

Mr. Dreux said, I don't think I have ever seen that before.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't have any issue, definitely with doing the add on, and definitely with the set back. I would rather the set back instead of trying to tie into the bricks that we just put on there. The setback is going to work better and I think it will make it look nice.

Captain Anderson said, it will give more dimension to the building instead of just flat.

Mr. Lindsey said, my thought is, and I guess it could always be changed to something else but, do we need that many offices?

Mr. Trascher said, the three offices that we would be adding would be the Board office, Fire Prevention office and Deputy Chief.

Mr. Swann said, what about Training office, they got Training office on there too.

Captain Anderson said, me and Chief were talking today. The Fire Prevention and Training can be put together and the where the Training office is now, that is listed, could be another bunk room. That way if we have storms, we have that extra room.

Mr. Dreux said, let me ask you something about training, all of these have to be secured, right? In other words, all of your training...

Captain Anderson said, the Fire Prevention and Training would have to be secured.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, so nobody could get in there.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so, it would run on the same concept that we have now. They would have to have a badge to get in and only certain people could get in. Even with that, with a

added layer of protection, they would have file cabinets with lock and key for any type of records.

Mr. Dreux said, I like the idea of all of it being on the ground, you know. Not really having anything upstairs.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, it's just not tall enough. If it was taller it wouldn't be that bad to have two stories but, when you go up there, you know, it comes down to where you almost have to duck in different ends of it.

Mr. Swann asked, you all don't even have solid 8 foot under?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, on the two ends you have to duck.

Mr. Trascher said, the only thing that I have to chew on a little more is adding on the three offices, adding on to the building. I mean, I hate losing a bay but, if that would mean not going upstairs...

Mr. Lindsey said, well, one thing we are going to have to do is, I think, if we push it out that way we are going to have to look at where we are going to put the additional parking. We will have to go into this field right here and put some additional parking spots out there, which I don't think is really an issue. Then, we have more room for training if we have parking area out there.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it's just the cost of paving it.

Mr. Dreux asked, do you all have the offices now, anywhere, in any of the engine houses?

Chief Dockery said, the Deputy Chief and the Board Secretary share an office right now. My Fire Prevention guy, he has a plastic table upstairs at the other station.

Mr. Dreux said, so you really need these somewhere.

Chief Dockery said, yes, this is something that I would really like to get set up for them. That way it can run smoothly.

Mr. Dreux said, it's just a matter of having everybody 100%, and agreeing on this footprint.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, this gives us something to look at and working towards and to start thinking about and all that good stuff.

Mr. Dreux said, so, square footage is going to be important about how big this is going to wind up being because you are going to apply that to the cost.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Dreux asked, does that money stay available, Mr. Floyd?

Mr. Trascher asked, what money?

Mr. Dreux said, however long it takes us to build this station, whatever we are going to use to build the station.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we put it in.

Mr. Trascher said, we put it in a restricted account. Say we get a price on this, then we can restrict that money for this project.

Mr. Dreux asked, okay, is there a statute of limitations on how long you got?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, you just leave it sitting there.

Mr. Trascher said, no, as long as it's dedicated for this, that's the only that you can spend it on.

Mr. Lindsey said, what we did, we were talking about was moving \$400,000, over and we wound up moving \$300,000.

Chief Dockery said, \$300,000, we moved over in the restricted for the station.

Mr. Trascher said, for station improvements.

Mr. Lindsey said, originally we were talking about moving \$400,000, and we cut it back to \$300,000.

Mr. Dreux said, well, I remembered \$400,000.

Mr. Trascher said, that was for budgetary purposes because we only have so much and what we did was obligated those funds so we are not showing a profit on the District. So, those were obligated for this project. Now, we really didn't have a cost estimate on what we are going to do. By adding on the footprint, we will have to determine, is it going to be a metal building or is it going to be, what type of structure is going to be attached to this metal building.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would think it would have to be a metal building.

Mr. Dreux said, I would think so too. You could put a side of brick on it but...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, to match the front.

Mr. Dreux said, but, it's going to have to tie into the beams.

Mr. Trascher said, well, it's got the offset from what I am seeing here so, it wouldn't come out to meet the front of the station.

Mr. Dreux said, tie it to the beams of the original building.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, a metal building is going to be the most cost effective way to go.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, right.

Mr. Trascher said, because that's something we have not planned on.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, in our financial planning for this project.

Mr. Lindsey said, until we start getting some numbers.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we are going to need some square footage.

Mr. Lindsey said, we have something to start with now. We can start getting some numbers.

Mr. Trascher said, I like the concept. I think we have, I hope we have enough offices in there. They have an office for everything, you know. I don't know how you could combine any of these offices. Even if you eliminate the Board office, which at one time the Board had an office in this building here and I don't think anybody ever used it other than to throw things in.

Captain Anderson said, yes, it was literally storage.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it was nothing so, we eliminated that.

Mr. Lindsey said, if those offices are definitely necessary...

Mr. Trascher said, how much would we use a Training office?

Chief Dockery said, all year long.

Mr. Dreux said, well, you should train every day. But here's the thing...

Chief Dockery said, that's where they would keep all the records. In order for us to move forward and stuff like, for EMS, correct me if I am wrong Zack, in order to be helpful to do classes for medical, we would have to have the records locked up and secured.

Captain Anderson said, yes, it has to be double locked.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I mean, that could go in the Deputy Chief's office, really. Just for storage of records.

Chief Dockery said, well, that's why we want to at least split them. If we could have them split an office, that way the Fire Prevention and we'll call it more of Fire Prevention, and all the inspections for business, pre-plans go along with your Fire Prevention, so he has a lot of stuff.

Mr. Dreux asked, so, let me ask you this, would this be like the headquarters for the Pearl

River District 11?

Captain Anderson said, the Chief would still be in Town.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I will still be over on 3081 and usually...

Mr. Dreux said, this would be administration, you know what I am talking about.

Chief Dockery said, yes, originally, this was the only one, yes, this was headquarters but, being that they built in Town...

Mr. Dreux asked, do you see it going somewhere else instead of here because, this is the things that you would see in say typically, your administration building as you grow too.

Mr. Swann said, I would like to see numbers put to this. The size of the rooms and stuff. Not just the outside footprint, the actual size of each room.

Chief Dockery said, this was just a very rough concept. I will have my guy go through and put some numbers to it to show what the square footage is.

Mr. Lindsey said, just to make sure everything fits. At least, now we have an idea of what you all are looking for, what you would like to see, and then we will have to see if it will fit.

Mr. Trascher said, and we will have to see if it will fit the budget.

Mr. Lindsey said, and see if it fits the budget.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the main thing because, when we started this project, it was almost like piece meal. We were going to do something like, for example, the electric, we were going to move the electric and get the meter away from the gas lines but in order to do that, we had to tear the sheet rock out. If we were going to tear the sheet rock out we may as well put the walls in, to put the walls in you have to put the air conditioning. It's too many things to do in a piece meal.

Mr. Dreux said, and you have the front leaking and you got the air condition ducts.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I am wondering. Like, to add on to the metal building, are we going to have issues with tying it in. I guess you would have to come off with a slant roof like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, keep the roof the same.

Mr. Swann said, have it running to the back just like this one.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, just make it the same. Tie into it.

Mr. Trascher said, just cut it off shorter.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we can make it the same height and everything, just cut it off shorter.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, that or you come out the whole length of the building and add on to the exact building.

Mr. Lindsey said, it could even be going out. We could put a little porch on there. Put some benches our there or something.

Mr. Trascher said, and it would bring it out to the front wall and that way you could keep the same pitch on the building.

Mrs. Blackwell said, to the flush front.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's definitely do-able. It's something to think about.

Mr. Trascher said, something to chew on. That's the only concerns that I have and you know, as long as we got the room on that side.

Mr. Dreux said, that's another important thing that we need to find out about the side.

Mr. Lindsey said, when the architect gets involved and starts drawing everything out, it will give us a real visual of what it's going to look like and everything. That's when we will be able to tell.

Mr. Trascher said, he will be able to tell. He can take, say a rough measurement of the property line to this building. So he will be able to tell what will fit into that space.

Mr. Lindsey said, I definitely want to build for the future though because, what was done before was not preparing us and now we have to play catch up because it was done wrong before and if we set it up on time...

Mr. Trascher said, and I guess we really need to look at this. You brought up a point about, is this going to be the administration building. Do we, would we want to move the Chief over to this building or is there an advantage of keeping the Chief over at the other building?

Captain Anderson said, me, personally, just me Sidney, I would rather see the Chief over there as somebody from this fire district because that is a centralized location. It's right on the highway. It's right on the highway, it's not off the beaten path.

Mr. Trascher said, exactly and it does put a ranking officer, if you got a Deputy Chief here and the Chief over there, you've got a ranking officer at each location.

Mr. Swann said, he's going to have fun with that plumbing.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, the good thing is that there is no plumbing in the addition.

Mr. Trascher said, but none of these drains are going to line up with the slab.

Mr. Swann said, (inaudible) when they put it in here like that, a lot of your lines are tied into it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, well all of that slab there is going to have to be raised because it drops. It's lower out there so, it's going to have to be raised to be all one floor.

Mr. Trascher asked, in the bays? Well, I think we have a concept from the administration that seems to be in line with what the employees would like to have. At this point, I think we need to move forward, let's get some hard numbers on this.

Captain Anderson said, and see what will fit.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, see what will fit and what we can do, if we have to move something, we can discuss moving that to either make it fit the foot print of the land or in the budget and then we put in for what ever is best for everything.

Mr. Lindsey said, one only thing you all might want to think about is, you might not want to but, just looking at the kitchen lay out, as far if you wind up having more guys here and there's a lot of cooking going on, or whatever, you might want to put some type of island in the middle and run power to it, you know. Because the way that kitchen is set up, you might wind up being tight on the kitchen again.

Captain Anderson said, I think the original one that the architect drew up, it had a island in it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it did.

Captain Anderson said, and I, I just didn't put it in the one that I drew.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and we realize this is not everything but, that way you all can think about that before it's too late that, hey, we should have made our kitchen a little better.

Chief Dockery said, yes, because I would like to only break the slab once.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, when we do this remodel, I would like to see it done once and it being set up right and last us for years.

Mr. Trascher said, we are not going to be able to afford to do it twice. Whatever we have done now, your going to have to suck it up and live with it.

Mr. Lindsey said, it needs to be an investment that is going to last for a long time.

Mr. Trascher said, right, whatever is going to be done now, your looking at for another 20 years or 25 years. That's just hard cold facts.

Mr. Swann said, we won't have to worry about it.

Mr. Trascher said, that's right.

Captain Anderson said, hopefully, this will be somebody else problem 25 years from now.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, but, we are looking at 25 years, hell, I may not have to worry about it after the 1st of the year, so.

Mr. Swann asked, why?

Mr. Trascher said, that's when the Parish makes their appointments. My appointment is going to expire.

Mr. Swann said, (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I bet you could.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, thank you all for the mock up.

Mrs. Blackwell said, good job everybody.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright, if that's all for that and the Chief's Report, we will move on to the Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Blackwell said, which we have none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Blackwell said, New Business, we have none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Blackwell said, any Public Comment? Thank you all for coming. We have a couple Firefighters here tonight. We always appreciate when you all come.

Mr. Dreux said, yep, it has to do with you all.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I would like to thank everybody for their service.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, I'll make a motion we adjourn.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Dreux said, wait a minute, no. I second it.

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. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.