



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's Minutes of the Meeting
37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana
June 13, 2023
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:03 pm – 7:49 pm

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **INVOCATION**

MINUTES

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chair, we have an item on the agenda that is the Civil Service Board Appointment under Old Business. I would like to open the agenda to move that item up and I would so move for that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey, thank you for seconding that. 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 to move up the Civil Service Appointment.

OLD BUSINESS

CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, as you know, we just made an appointment to our Civil Service Board from the colleges and universities and they had their first meeting this evening and the young lady is here. If you would, you and the Chief introduce her to the Board and we would like to thank Mr. Buck for her service on the Board.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mrs. Beatriz, if you would come up so we can introduce you. This is Ms. Beatriz. She is taking our Civil Service Appointment, Mrs. Beatriz Acosta. Thank you and we welcome you to the Board.

Mrs. Acosta said, thank you, I appreciate it.

Mr. Lindsey said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you for your service Mrs. Beatriz.

Mr. Trascher said, and Mrs. Buck, get yourself up here.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we would like to thank Mrs. Buck for her years of service. We appreciate everything that you have done for us Mrs. Buck.

Mrs. Kriste Buck said, thank you, thank you so much.

Mr. Trascher said, we've enjoyed working with you on the Board. You guided our Civil Service Board in some rough times. It's a lot smoother now than it was before and I personally, would like to thank you and I am sure the Board does also. Thank you.

Mr. Lindsey said, thank you, ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you. Thank you all for coming tonight. Okay, we will move back to our regular agenda.

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everyone read and approved the minutes of the May 9th, meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes ma'am, I've gone over the minutes and they seem to be in order and I would move that the minutes be approved with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, 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. We will move into the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, we are looking for a target of 42%. As of the regular monthly bills, everything looks to be in line. We are looking at that 42% or lower. I'm sorry.

Mrs. Rinkus said, sorry, I forgot your mic.

Chief Dockery said, you will be asking me later, what did you say. As of the monthly bills, everything is in line. Now, we do have some items that are higher but, these are once a year kind of deals like, Software Maintenance, different programs come up for renewal. Of course, Training is at 46%, but, that just goes throughout the whole year. Other than that, everything is looking in line.

Mr. Trascher asked, Chief, on the Accounting, where we are running about 49%, is that something that is front end loaded on our budget?

Chief Dockery said, yes, that was a payment that they forgot to bill us for last year in December. So, it just got added on this year and it put us over a little bit.

Mr. Trascher said, and we will work that out somewhere.

Mr. Dreux said, so, we were low last year I December because they forgot?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Dreux said, so, it will even out.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey asked, Chief, are we all situated on the expenses with the trucks that were down? Are we expecting any like, surprises on the repairs?

Chief Dockery said, yes. There are a good amount of repairs going on right now. I will get to that in the Chief's Report or if you all want to, I will do it now.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, that's fine. We can wait, just while we are looking over the numbers I was just wondering if we got any up and coming shocking stuff.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, the 87% on the fire truck?

Chief Dockery asked, what was that?

Mr. Trascher asked, I think, Mr. Lindsey, is that what you are referring to, the 87% on the fire truck?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, just in the repairs. Last time we had mentioned that the truck was in the shop for repairs.

Mr. Trascher said, the projections for that.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, just to see if we are going to wind up out of wack on the, with the repairs and stuff like that.

EMS

Chief Dockery said, now, on the EMS side, we brought in \$15,733.02 for the month of May.

Mr. Trascher said, which is considerably running in line with our budget. That's good.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir. Does anybody have any questions?

Mrs. Blackwell said, on the Financials, does anyone have any questions?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't have anything else.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move forward if no one has any questions, we will move into the Chief's Report.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of May, we ran:

EMS	60
MVA	10
VEHICLE FIRES	2
GRASS/WOOD FIRE	1
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	5
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	7
FALSE ALARM	3
POLICE MATTERS	4
TOTAL	92

ENGINE 111 AND LADDER 112 IN SHOP. LADDER SHOULD BE OUT LATER THIS WEEK.

Chief Dockery said, Engine 111 and Ladder 112 are in the shop. Ladder 112 should be out later this week. Last week we had to get it towed over to Hickory Truck. It looks like the a/c compressor locked up on it and broke the belt and it's a one belt system. It basically put the truck out of service with that. So, they are getting the parts in tomorrow and hopefully, I am looking at by Friday we will have that truck back.

Chief Dockery continued, Engine 111 on the other hand, that's...I brought just some of the pages for it. For the air compressor, to get the a/c back up and running, the whole system, it's got a bad wheel seal in the front. They found an internal oil leak on the air compressor for the truck, for the air brakes. So, that bill comes out to \$16,670.87. We have a ABS light, they had a door that was not closing correctly so they had to replace the striker to come out and fix and to do a major PM on it, that bill is looking at \$4,706.13. The final one, I actually had to take some stuff out of it just because we've already fixed it. I'm just not throwing more money at it but, it came out to roughly \$18,000, for what it's got on it and it's got a good bit. It looks like it has a rear main seal leaking. It's got a radiator leak which we we just, I sent them over some paperwork I had from Cummin's Mid South because, it was just over there a month or two ago for a radiator leak and the supposedly fixed it. So, I am having them talk back and forth with each other to see if that can get corrected. It's got some gauges that need to be replaced, some compartment lights that need to be replaced, some pump work because the pump drain is stuck so, I'll have them fix that. Have them replace the driver's seat in it. It's been torn for a while. Just some basic maintenance to it. The truck is a 2014 so, it's got...

Mr. Dreux asked, what truck is it?

Chief Dockery said, that is the Pierce, 111. So, it's getting maintenance done to it, some upkeep to it. I figured after 10 years, try to freshen it up some. Get any mechanical issues corrected. Like I said, I know it had a bad seal in the front and it leaked on the brakes and of

course, it messed up the brakes so they had to change that also. I will have to go digging through the budget and move some money around. I mean, this is not something we can say, well we are just going to hold off until whenever.

Mr. Dreux asked, this it a front line truck?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's a front line truck.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, we were at about \$21,000, with the two first estimates?

Chief Dockery said, we are...

Mr. Dreux said, \$16,000, before it was (inaudible)

Chief Dockery said, yes, we are closer to \$40,000.

Mr. Lindsey said, with the \$18,000 it's closer to \$40,000.

Mr. Trascher asked, how much is this going to set us back on the budget?

Chief Dockery said, oh, it's going to kill the line items for that one.

Mr. Trascher said, what I mean by that, looking at the three vehicles, the total?

Chief Dockery said, I am expecting the ladder truck probably no more than \$3,000 to fix it and expecting this one to be around \$40,000.

Mr. Trascher said, what I am looking at or thinking, what we currently have budgeted, how much more do you think we are going to need to make those repairs?

Chief Dockery said, give me one second. The ladder probably won't need anything because we have \$8,000 in the budget and we spent nothing on it so far this year. The Engine, it looks like we have \$4,886, left in that budget so, maybe \$36,000, more than what is allotted in that budget.

Mr. Trascher said, so, the biggest one will be the 2014 model that needs freshening up. Now, that seems more like a capital expense by putting it back in service and putting it together than it would be a maintenance issue. The reason I am asking is we may be able to, we have that restricted account that was done on the millage issue and I think that if it was a capital expense. Something where, every 10 years for example, how you have to go through them and bring them up to date. If we were updating it, that would be in line with the millage that was collected for equipment and putting it back in service. So, we may be able to take an amount out of that fund to do those repairs. We can do that by Board resolution.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Dreux asked, when is the last time you bought something with a capital fund? That is usually set up for new...

Mr. Trascher said, this is a different issue. This is millage money that was put aside that was over collected. The purpose of it...

Mr. Dreux said, oh, yes you told me about that before.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, the purpose of that millage was for equipment purchases, okay. It sat dormant for a number of years now. It's never going to be resolved. I don't think, I think that would be in line with the intent that we spent all of the other funds for with that.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so if we are taking the 2014 model vehicle, it's at the 10 year mark and what we are doing is we are going through it and actually refurbishing it so that we can keep it for another, hopefully, another 10 years. And in doing that, I think that would be in line with, that money can't be moved without a Board resolution. So, to keep from wrecking the budget, or taking things from other areas that we are looking at, maybe could we take maybe \$20,000 or \$15,000, to take care of that expense to keep from wrecking the budget.

Mr. Dreux asked, didn't we talk about that as far as we didn't know exactly how to move forward?

Mr. Trascher said, we did and I think that it sat long enough. We could, the Board could allocate those funds for the initial intent of the millage. I wouldn't want to take it and use it to paint the curbing's or something like that, it was equipment.

Mr. Dreux said, right, front line equipment.

Mr. Trascher said, right, it's for equipment. It was to purchase a truck.

Mr. Swann asked, how much is in that account?

Mr. Trascher said, I am going to say about \$120,000?

Chief Dockery said, no, it's around \$140,000.

Mr. Trascher said, \$140,000, yes, and that is just sitting dormant and if we can use it, I am sure that would help the budget. So, what we need, I don't know if you need the money now?

Mrs. Blackwell said, why don't we just take the \$40,000?

Mr. Trascher said, well, let's just wait and see the numbers Jack, Chief, excuse me, if you will, on what we need for that refurbishing to bring it back up to where it can be certified for the 10 year inspection.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, and if you can, at the next meeting, we can do a resolution maybe to correct the budget, to put that back into that piece of equipment. Even if it's some of the others, like the ladder truck is a new piece of equipment so, we certainly don't want anything

on that. So, if you can get some numbers, I just don't want to pick a number out of the sky.

Mrs. Blackwell said, but, I don't want to deplete our funds either, our line items.

Mr. Trascher said, that's why the Chief is going to get those, I mean, for right now we will be able to pay the bills.

Mrs. Blackwell said, like for unforeseen oil changes or whatever.

Mr. Trascher said, we will be able to pay the bills right now and he can get us some numbers next meeting so that we can look at using those funds for that purpose, for upgrading that equipment for the 10 year inspection. We should be able to have that next meeting if he can present some numbers. If so, we can do a resolution to authorize that. That would keep us from running into any kind of red in our budget. Okay, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you, sir.

Chief Dockery said, I have nothing else on that one.

JULY 4 FESTIVAL IS ON JULY 3 FROM 6-9

Chief Dockery continued, I wanted to let you know the July 4th Festival will be on July 3rd, at Town Hall and I believe it is from 6 to 9pm. So, we will be out there, what ever space they give us, but we will definitely be out there mingling with public citizens.

RECOVERY USA

Chief Dockery said, one last thing, the Recovery USA, I wanted to give you an update. Total to date, we have brought in \$2,408.69. We have \$535, still out and waiting on a check to come in from the company to send to them. So, it is working. Slowly, it is starting to filter in so, I just wanted to give you an update.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's more than it was before.

Chief Dockery said, it's \$2,400, more than what we had.

Mr. Swann said, absolutely, it's like finding it in the street.

Mr. Trascher said, I never found \$2,400 before.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Chief, do you have anything else?

Chief Dockery said, also, one other thing, in front of you, the big piece of paper, this is just preliminary drawings for the station. I am going to sit down with all personnel and we are going to fight over it and we are going to come to some happy medium of what we can all live with. But, these were just preliminary of what we have now. I had a guy draw them up and by

all means, these are not going to be the end results.

Mr. Dreux asked, what I am looking at the exhibits. It's 1-A, A-2, what is the difference?

Chief Dockery said, 1-A is the original. This is what we have now. A-2 basically breaks it down into what it will look like.

Mr. Lindsey said, demolition.

Mr. Dreux said, refurbishing it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, A-3, is there again, what it is now to what it could look like in the future.

Mr. Swann asked, do any of these show where they are going to put the electrical panel?

Chief Dockery said, it does not but, I know it's going to be on the outside. This is just structural drawings. They have nothing to do with the electrical.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, I do want to thank you for this because you know we have been talking about this for a long time and these preliminary designs are not something that was set by the Board. That is something that we discussed and we all made suggestions but, you can refer back to the minutes that you were going to get with the department personnel to do that. We talked about things upstairs and utilizing that area because we have it to put more footage. It wasn't the intent of the Board to dictate what the station is going to look like. You need to get with the personnel and work that out. It is our intention though, to get something moving on it because it's badly needed.

Mr. Dreux asked, so I see some fellas in here tonight. Is that basically what they are here for?

Chief Dockery said, I don't know what they are doing.

Captain Anderson said, I am on duty.

Chief Dockery said, yes, two of them are on duty and one of them is your kid so, I don't know.

Mr. Dreux said, whatever you want to add you need to get to it.

Captain Anderson said, we are all part timers, we aren't full time. Adkinson is full time but, there's a lot of things floating around in the engine bay that can be stored on that second floor like training gear, training packs that can be kept out of the weather and everything.

Mr. Dreux said, that is something you need to get with Chief with.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we are going to sit down.

Captain Anderson said, we are messing it up.

Mr. Trascher said, I can assure you that we did not dictate. You know we had the upstairs

area that we...

Captain Anderson said, yes...

Mr. Trascher said, we are not going to be able to enlarge the footprint of the building although we would like to. Expenses are going to dictate that we cannot do that but, we need to use the square footage that we have to the maximum advantage. My thinking, I hate to lose any of the Bay's, you know, because equipment is expensive. You can even, if the equipment is under the bay, you can service it, you can do something with it in inclement weather. We want to maximize our living quarters here because, as the Parish grows, as this District grows we are probably going to have to bring on more personnel and we are going to need that area.

Operator, Seth Dreux said, absolutely, I was the one that brought it up in one of the drawings and in that first Engine Bay, I brought out kind of, where the new bathrooms were going to be and I didn't take out the whole engine bay. I left, because garage doors are expensive, I get that, putting a garage door and everything. That's a hefty expense. I didn't want to take the whole bay away. So, I left a little bit more than half of it to fit, say the Kubota, the (inaudible) machine that has a pump on the back, and the lawn mower so you can fit those two in there and you still have this open bay here that can pretty much be open to say (inaudible) want you are talking about. You have that other station, 113, that's locked up tight that we can use to...

Mr. Trascher asked, now, 113, your talking about where?

Seth Dreux said, the other side of the tracks.

Mr. Trascher said, Porters River, yes, right now my thinking is that 113 would be strictly for storage because, at some point, the long range plans of the District I think is that we need a presence on the other side of those tracks. In working with Rooms to Go or in that area would be an ideal place to locate a station. That 113 location, it isn't big enough for our trailer is dead.

Seth Dreux said, I didn't mean staff it. I meant take our reserve engine, 113, take 113 and you can store it over there and that leaves that bay open for the maintenance or weather and everything. If you got trucks that you are working on, that leaves this bay strictly for that and it's not taken up by an extra truck that can be stored over there.

Mr. Dreux said, again, all that information is something you need to bring to (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, like I said, keeping the bay and keeping the necessary area that we need in there, I mean, if we have to cut back of offices or whatever we have to do, we have to do. We need to have something functional here that we are going to plan on for a number of years.

Mr. Swann asked, I'm curious, it makes no difference to me but, what is the opposition to moving the sleeping area upstairs?

Captain Anderson said, coming down the stairs at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Swann asked, I'm sorry?

Captain Anderson said, coming down the stairs at 3 in the morning.

Seth Dreux said, That would be the biggest thing. That and you are separated from the kitchen and the living room and TV and everything. So, I mean, if someone comes to the station, we are upstairs and not downstairs so we won't hear.

Captain Anderson said, we moved the living quarters at 112 from upstairs to downstairs because the insurance wouldn't, we had to take the pole out because the insurance wouldn't, because it is dangerous. Coming down the stairs at 3 in the morning when you are still sleeping, to go on a call is dangerous and I know first hand because I fell down the stairs at 3 in the morning.

Mr. Trascher said, that's, you all know more about that than us. The only thing we what to give you all is the maximum area that we have with the footprint that we have.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and our ideas are just that, our ideas going into that and you all's ideas going into that. We are trying to give Chief some ideas to spark an interest in it.

Captain Anderson said, absolutely.

Mr. Trascher said, this has been discussed at several of our meetings and Chief, you know we have been badgering you for quite a while for some drawings. Something we can get our teeth into. We've talked about the electricity here for years.

Captain Anderson said, oh, good lord.

Seth Dreux said, in my drawing I had the second floor, that void space kind of right here on the wall we are facing, you got a lot of stuff right there and it's literally a void space but if you open that second floor to storage and everything, a lot of that stuff in the bay can be stored up there and you can make your a/c room the electrical panel, your inside panel, your sub-panel thing, not in the kitchen like it is now.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we cannot have it in the kitchen cabinet.

Seth Dreux said, you can put your sub-panel up there and your whole a/c drive up there and open so it's not in the dark, in the way. It's up there.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what we need. We need what is going to be the most functional way to utilize the space that we have here.

Seth Dreux said, and especially if we keep doing training and school and everything, if we get newer gear, your not going to want that sitting outside or sitting in a little bitty room that you can only fit one person in the room at a time. It's just, it makes it more functional.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the whole purpose of this. We are going to make a major investment

financially and we don't want to do it half ass. We want what's going to work for the department.

Seth said, absolutely.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I want to thank you all for coming out and expressing your opinions about it. Thank you all. We appreciate each and every one of you and what you do for our community.

Mr. Trascher said, and at every Board meeting, at the end of the meeting, we have Public Comment and we encourage you to come out and let us know so you will have your say as well as we encourage the public to come out and look at this. These are not secret proceedings. We are not dictators, we are here to maximize the public's financial investment and provide fire services.

Captain Anderson said, I appreciate that because I am part of the public.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we all are the public, all of us.

Mr. Trascher said, right, that's why we are here to do. We are here to protect your tax dollars.

Captain Anderson said, my whole \$114.

Mr. Trascher said, yes but your better than some, you get some of your back. But, that's it Chief, you are going to get with the Department. These are preliminary drawings. We will look at these also and if we have to have a special meeting or if we have to meet individually and discuss something, we don't have any problem with that. You just have to let us know. We have to communicate. If we don't communicate, it's not going to work.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's right

Mr. Trascher said, but, I know the generator is an issue here and needs to be done, of course, the electric panel and the plumbing is pitiful.

Captain Anderson said, oh yes.

Mr. Trascher said, the air conditioner is pitiful so, we can't come in and put a band aid here and build it bad.

Captain Anderson said, we've been putting band aids.

Mr. Trascher said, exactly. It's time to take the bull by the tail and face the situation.

Seth Dreux said, amen.

Mr. Dreux said, all you guys need to talk about it.

Mr. Trascher said, I'm sorry, I just wanted to say that.

Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, I have a question, this preliminary drawing shows, is it just showing basically, one bunk room? Because, I think regardless how you all lay it out or whatever, I think we should plan for two sleeping areas. If we wind up in the future hiring a female or something, I think we need to...

Mr. Dreux asked, is this the new one you are looking at?

Mr. Lindsey said, have two sleeping areas, regardless, especially how the world is going now. You never know what is going to happen.

Chief Dockery said, with the plans how they are right now, we had the upstairs and it shows the beds and I was talking to him about putting a divider between them but also, we have the room across and he said I can break this area up into sleeping rooms, conference room. It could be...

Mr. Lindsey said, however you break it up, I just think it would be...

Mr. Trascher said, separate quarters or at least have the facilities now where we could have...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, for the future.

Mr. Trascher said, male and female or if...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and it may wind up as we grow, the Captain has his own bunk room, you know.

Chief Dockery said, the Captain has his own bunk now.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, I am just saying, if we hire a female or something and we don't have the facility.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it doesn't become an issue down the road.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, then we have to remodel again. So, if we kind of think about that while we are doing this.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we already have a female don't we?

Captain Anderson said, yes, we do. Mrs. Brenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we sure do so, with all due respect to her, we need to think about her as well.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, regardless and in the future, who knows what's going to happen. But, thanks for at least getting the ball rolling with this. I am excited to get this going.

Chief Dockery said, I will sit down with everybody and see if we can hash through it and see what we can do differently or what they like and don't like and we can get back with him.

Maybe we can draw up something different.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I commend you on your effort to at least get something moving. We have been talking about this for years now and we need to put our heads together, come together and settle this and get it moving while we are financially able to.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are there any more questions? Do we have any Public Comment?

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Trascher said, now is the time guys.

Captain Anderson said, we had our time.

Mr. Trascher said, let us have it.

Seth Dreux said, I don't know how Chief feels about this, we've been kind of talking about it. Engine 112, I think our PIAL, but I think the PIAL for the ladder is the same as the Service truck and PIAL standards, I think you have to have 4 firefighters for every 4 stories in your area to have access for the ladder truck. It's really only one, right there by the gas station. So, I say it nonchalantly when I am at work and everything. I don't know how Chief would feel about it, if we sold the ladder to purchase a service truck.

Mr. Trascher said, that is a technical question that really, this Board should not address.

Chief Dockery said, I will address it right now.

Mr. Trascher said, the Chief will have to address that and the reason why we bought the ladder is, because when they built that building they said we had to have it. But again, that's a technical question for Chief.

Seth Dreux said, my out take on it is, from the fighter standpoint is water. We need more water than that because the ladder only holds 500 gallons.

Mr. Trascher said, we couldn't agree with you more and water service is pitiful but, we did buy a shuttle.

Chief Dockery said, alright, PIAL standards, right now our formula is 2 engines and one service truck. Anything else we loose points on because we don't have the man power for it. The ladder was bought specifically for Microtel because the one that we had before would not reach the third floor. Now, take PIAL out of it all together. It's a shame we even have to go with all of it but, put a human life in that same equation. I would rather have that truck and it never move or be utilized to it's full potential than not have it and have somebody trapped on

the third floor or God forbid, Rooms To Go or AWG catch on fire. We will need that elevated stream. So, in a nut shell, I understand what PIAL is saying about X amount of buildings at this height but, in real life I want to have that equipment there to be able to reach people or have that elevated stream for that. So, I don't mean to discount anybody but, that's just how truthfully, and that's kind of how Johnny felt back in the day. I don't ever want to have that feeling that I couldn't reach them because I don't have the ladder to reach them. That's just it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think the way we are growing and our revenue is going to uptick some and I don't think we have to get rid of one to get another.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I think so, too.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think we can swing it to get another or what we need.

Mr. Trascher asked, didn't we just buy a shuttle truck?

Chief Dockery said, yes, we bought a shuttle 2 years, or a year ago?

Captain Anderson said, we've had it a year, we bought it 2 years ago.

Chief Dockery said, we bought a engine last year and I will go in August for the pre-build and we will see it next February. So, it will be a brand new engine. Engine 111 will go over to 112 and 112 will go in reserve or it will be sold. One of them will be kept for reserve and one will be surplus. So, yes, it's a process. It just takes time.

Mr. Trascher said, the ladder, I remember when we bought that ladder truck. We had to have it because of the 4th floor and we don't know what other development will be coming in this area.

Captain Anderson said, let me ask you this question. Is your ladder truck manned every shift?

Chief Dockery said, it's at the station, it's not manned. If we have something where we need it, someone is there.

Mr. Dreux said, you switch them out and you can call mutual aid if you have to....

Chief Dockery said, I mean, eventually, when ever we get people that actually want to work and we can hire some people, I plan on having a third person over there.

Mr. Dreux said, yeah, the ladder truck is an important apparatus. I can tell you from experience. But, you do have ladders now, I am not saying this to discount the ladder truck but, I am saying 30 foot, 3 stories, 10 foot stories, correct? Do you have 30 foot ladders, I am just asking.

Chief Dockery said, 24 foot.

Mr. Dreux said, 24 foot, okay. So, it does make a difference.

Captain Anderson said, the ladder truck is the only truck with a 35 foot,

Chief Dockery said, a 35 foot extension ladder.

Mr. Dreux said, okay, so 35 foot would put you in the window, basically. I am not saying that to feed it one way or the other. I am just putting forth my experience. They have 55 foot ladders that will reach. Your not going to do that because you don't have the man power. It takes 5 people to lift that ladder. It takes 3 people, easily, that are strong, to lift a 35 foot ladder.

Mr. Trascher said, I would be scared to climb a 50 foot ladder.

Mr. Dreux said, it's pretty spooky but, anyway.

Mr. Lindsey said, last year we rolled like, \$400,000 over.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, next year we will have an additional \$125,000, and if we have another \$400,000, to roll over we are looking at \$525,000, or so, that additional funds that we could possibly roll over because we got that increase in millage. So, I mean, I think that, if it comes down to it where we need to look towards some money for another rig.

Mr. Trascher said, yes and that's something I said initially, is that, that is kind of a management decision. Chief needs to look at this to determine what we need to, what can we do to improve our PIAL rating and if it's another vehicle, then that's what we need to work towards. But, that's a management decision.

Captain Anderson said, even more important.

Mr. Lindsey said, we also need man power. We are also going to have to look at replacing engines.

Seth Dreux said, you have to figure it's a fire, you will go through 1,000 gallons easy. With the tankers, you have more trucks going in, you get that tanker stuck you only have one tanker. It was just a thought.

Mr. Trascher said, we appreciate it but, you know, we do that but from the management side, that's where we need to look to the Chief to again, improve our PIAL rating and to make recommendations on equipment that we need. It is a sound recommendation that, if something were to happen, we would be able to handle the situation. But, we do need to improve the areas and I think the Chief will be working towards that. We have talked about man power before and financial constraints kind of slow that down because we would love to hire full compliments at every station.

Mr. Lindsey said, speaking of the rating, did we get any updates?

Chief Dockery said, yes, August 10th, he will be making a visit. After that, we just wait for the score to come in. But, August 10th, he will be coming down and check equipment or water

and what not.

Mr. Dreux asked, do you all have to run shuttles on it?

Chief Dockery said, it's actually the shuttle now, it's not actual running on the road. It's basically in a nut shell, the pumper pulls up and starts the flow and you have whatever time delay you have for your tanker. When they get there, you just have to be flowing. We have it set up...

Captain Anderson said, 250 gallons in about 5 minutes.

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

Captain Anderson said, it's good, not great.

Chief Dockery said, it just takes a little bit of know how.

Mr. Dreux asked, and that's with you all training on it?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any other comments? Chief?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, just one. I just want to remind everyone here on the Board that, next Tuesday we have a very important meeting in Covington, in Mandeville.

Mr. Swann asked, Koop Drive?

Mr. Trascher said, next Tuesday.

Chief Dockery said, yes, Koop Drive.

Mr. Dreux said, the 20th.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Georgette gave everybody an agenda.

Chief Dockery said, everyone, please be there.

Mr. Trascher said, we need full participation from the Board.

Mrs. Blackwell said, right there, no, the next one. The one with the highlighted, that one.

Mr. Trascher said, that one, that is going to be the agenda. So, everybody has to be there. If somebody wants to ride or piggy back or something.

Mr. Dreux said, I am going to take the helicopter.

Mr. Trascher said, as long as you get there. As long as we see your smiling pretty face. I guess its for 7:30.

Chief Dockery said, 7:00.

Mr. Dreux said, looks like 7:00.

Mrs. Blackwell said, 7:00pm.

Mr. Trascher said, a public meeting will be held as following, June 20, at 7:30pm. I am looking at this agenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, but we have to be there for the hearing at 7:00. We start the hearing and then go right into the meeting after. So we have to be there for 7:00.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, sounds like a plan. 7:00.

Captain Anderson asked, what's if for?

Mr. Dreux said, your millage.

Mr. Trascher said, every 4 years you have to dance the tune or they turn the jukebox off. We want the jukebox to keep on playing. With that said, I have nothing else. Thank you guys for coming out. Madam Chair?

Mrs. Blackwell said, again, I would like to say we appreciate each and everything that you do for us and our community. Anybody else got anything?

Mr. Dreux said, no, just get your guys together and talk among yourselves. How many people do you have? What's the number?

Chief Dockery said, when we are fully staffed, it's 10. Right now, I think we are at 8.

Mr. Dreux said, okay.

Chief Dockery said, so, we are looking to hire a couple more full times

Mr. Dreux asked, that's complete, with the part time and everybody?

Chief Dockery said, no, that's strictly full time.

Mr. Trascher said, that's full time employees.

Mr. Dreux said, I mean, that's part timer's just to put in there, what 2 sets. Whether you count it or not, that's up to you but they work here too. How many with part time?

Chief Dockery said, around 9, somewhere around that.

Captain Anderson said, more than that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, roughly, about 18 total?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so I will pick you up a least at 6:00.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we want to adjourn this? Let's adjourn before we get into all that.

Mr. Trascher asked, pardon?

Mrs. Blackwell said, I need you to make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, I move we adjourn, with that being 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. 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, no.