



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's
Minutes of the Meeting on February 8, 2022
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:00 pm – 7:31 pm

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approved the minutes from January 11th, meeting?

Mr. Lindsey said, I reviewed over it and it seemed to be in order.

Mr. Trascher said, I also reviewed it and if there are no objections, I would move that the minutes be approved with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, 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. The Financial Report, Chief Dockery?

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, so new year, must be new form. I talked to the CPA earlier, or emailed him to see if we could get the other one that we are used to but, could not get it in time. So, this is just a run down of what we had for the month of January, the expenses and what we took in. We got a \$1,250,743.70, ad valorem in which, that is close to our max for the year. I wish I had a percentage to go off of. I do apologize. Nothing is really standing out as of prices or cost being it is the first month. After this meeting I will email the CPA and make sure he standardized. That's my only thing with them, I guess that's a good thing.

On the medical side, it looks like, for the month of January we took in \$18,904.77, for EMS. So, that's a substantial amount for the beginning of the year but, of course, that is drawn out over the past months as that was billed and then the checks come in. But, that is all the checks and credit card payments that we did get for the month of January.

Mr. Trascher said, so, Chief, the \$18,000, that is still within our projected income.

Chief Dockery said, usually we are looking at about \$10,000.

Mr. Trascher said, \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, would be good so we are still in that. Now, the CPA, they were going to do the monthly report like we use to get?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, where we had the budget and we had the amount that it came to.

Chief Dockery said, I think last month we had that. For some reason they sent me this form earlier and as soon as she sent it I emailed her back to get the budget vs. actual for the month and that would give us the percentage. I will make sure I send out a, I will take out an old one and show them, this is what we expect each month for the...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because I think when we hired them they did agree that they could do that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, and they have done it but, for some reason, this one...

Mr. Trascher said, it's tax time.

Chief Dockery said, no, no, come on now.

Mr. Trascher said, I ain't gonna say any more, Chief, that's enough, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any other questions on the Financial Report?

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

Mr. Swann said, I don't either.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move to the Chief's Report and EMS Report, Chief Dockery.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

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

EMS	73
MVA	6
STRUCTURE FIRE	1
GRASS FIRE	3
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	11
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	11
FALSE ALARM	1
POLICE MATTER	1
TOTAL	107

Chief Dockery continued, just a reminder, I believe everyone should know. The Pearl River Parade is going to be this Sunday, the 13th, Super Bowl Sunday, so, come out and have a good time.

Captain Anderson said, it's going to be cold.

Chief Dockery said, it's going to be cold.

Mr. Trascher said, let's hope not.

Chief Dockery said, I think it's going to be cold.

Mr. Trascher said, the Town is looking so forward to this event.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it on the EMS and Chief's Report?

Chief Dockery said, I will add this, it just came to me. I have check around with 6 different gutter companies and I only had one actually come out and do a quote for us. Being that we

have no other interest, I would ask that we move forward. I want to say it is \$1,700, to do the front of Station 111. I talked to him and he said he would flash underneath the old roof and come out the outside and put the downspouts. So, just to give you all kind of where we are sitting right now.

Mr. Trascher asked, you've requested bids from these contractors?

Chief Dockery said, I requested quotes from them, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, and they didn't respond. Did we ask them for maybe, a no bid?

Chief Dockery said, I can send it back out and see if they will.

Mr. Swann said, if they don't do that just go ahead and put down who you spoke to and all so we can comply.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, through telephone or email.

Chief Dockery said, that's the only hold up right now. I wanted to make sure I just had 3. That way I can justify...

Mr. Trascher said, well, I think with that amount, Mr. Swann, you are probably more aware of this. I think for \$1,700, you can do an email.

Mr. Swann said, you can.

Mr. Trascher said, you know, a quote just like that and just, where they no bid or something like that. Mr. Russell, I think that the \$1,700, didn't we originally think that's what it was going to be about?

Mr. Lindsey said, at least. That's a good price.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, I hate to hold up, not authorizing it.

Mr. Lindsey asked, is he going to flash up under the roof, come out and make a proper size gutter with proper size downspouts, I think it's a really good price.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, like I said, I hate to hold up on it and loose the price. What I would do is, I would be willing to offer a motion that if the Chief can satisfy 3 emails or no bid requirements, that we authorize that expenditure.

Mr. Lindsey said, and it may be hard these days because, I know that everybody that I run into say, it's extremely difficult to even get anybody to call them back.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I just, if you had the record that he sent the email out and didn't get a response. I mean, you can't force people to answer.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Swann said, they didn't even respond to you?

Chief Dockery said, they didn't even respond.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's typical these days. I agree, I think we should move forward.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, there's a provision for telephone quotes, too. He could say he called.

Mr. Swann said, if we just put something in there that shows who he did and...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and it's a very reasonable price.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I would so move that we approve that expenditure once we, once the Chief fulfills the initial requirements for the bid.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you, Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move to Old Business, Bid Process for Well, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Dockery said, alright, there again, I want to go at this a different way. I know we talked last year about this well out back and getting this 10,000, gallon pressure tank installed with a fitting running back to the training tower and the fitting going up front. You know, it's hard to find people who actually do wells in this area, especially quote wise. So, I am asking us to put this out in the paper for bids, sealed bid. I will let the company know and at least, let them bid on it. That way we can at least, fulfill what we talked about, about this time last year.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we did. I remember it's a 6" well I think, or something like that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's a 6" or 8" well or something like that.

Mr. Trascher said, and they were going to test the well.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and was it ever tested to make sure that's a viable well?

Chief Dockery said, oh yes. The guy came out and basically said, truthfully, that well could cover this whole little area with the amount of water that it had. It's a viable well.

Mr. Lindsey said, something we have been needing to do.

Mr. Trascher asked, so, at this point do you would like to put out for bids for the scope of work that is, the piping and what we would require.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and is there an actual scope written?

Chief Dockery said, I have to kind of mimic what I gave you all for it. That way we can stay within the audit side of things. Especially with the price. The total price he had was \$44,850, and this is back on 3/16/21. So, it might go up a little bit or it might go down. I highly doubt it will go down with this world's economy. I feel it is something beneficial to this area.

Mr. Trascher said, it should definitely help us with being able to shuttle water.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, because that is one of the things on our rating that is critical to work on.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we don't have a filling station, do we?

Chief Dockery said, no, we do not.

Mr. Trascher said, other than the town of Pearl River, we could beg water from them or one of the other adjoining districts. It's something that I think, that would help us to at least maintain our PIAL rating.

Chief Dockery said, yes, if anything, it's just good common sense for this area back here that doesn't have hydrants. That is one point of reference.

Mr. Lindsey said, and especially for the training tower.

Mr. Trascher said, and what we are doing now is, we are going to, all we are going to do is get bids for the scope of work.

Chief Dockery said, get bids for the scope of work.

Mr. Trascher asked, would you rather wait until we get the scope of work presented or are you

satisfied that we can...

Mr. Lindsey asked, is this a poly tank? It says it's a 10,000 gallon tank but it don't specify if it's a poly tank. I am guessing it's a ploy and not a steel tank.

Chief Dockery said, that I do not know to tell you the truth. I know it's a pressurized tank and that it would be better to go with pressurized tank. I will have to ask and see.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, in our scope we need to make sure everything is specified where we know.

Mr. Trascher said, what I would recommend then is that, we table this for a month and let the Chief draw up the scope of work that we are going to need for our bids and that would answer our questions on what type of tank we need or want and what piping exactly, we would have. We can put that on our next month's agenda for approval.

Mr. Lindsey asked, right, are you good with that Chief? Is that enough time for that?

Chief Dockery said, yes, this is just kind of, bringing it back up to the front burner.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, and with it tabled, it should automatically be put on the agenda and we will have a scope of work to look at and present.

Mr. Lindsey said, it' sounds good.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I move we table it.

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. Alright, we will go back to Old Business, Discussion on Purchasing New Apparatus, Chief Dockery.

DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING NEW APPARATUS – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I know we spoke about this at the last meeting and we kind of came to the agreement that we would bring it up at this one. Therefore, it would be on the agenda. This is for the new engine we are looking to get. The price came out to \$677,380. In speaking with our dealer, he stated that it would probably better just to not to put anything

down. Basically, use their money to pay for it. We are looking at about, roughly \$100,000, payment each year.

Mr. Trascher asked, for how many years?

Chief Dockery said, well, it breaks down...

Mr. Lindsey said, around 7 years.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I think it's around 7 years.

Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, it shows it at \$701,000, with a prepayment of \$26,000, so if we finance it we are going to have to pay the full \$701,000?

Chief Dockery said, no, that's just a discount they give wherever they can give us a break at. So, at the very bottom is what we will be financing, the \$677,380.

Mr. Trascher asked, now, is this going to be a lease purchase?

Chief Dockery said, yes, this will be just like the service truck to where, we pay each year until it's paid off.

Mr. Trascher asked, what were the payments ladder truck, if I may ask, I don't remember.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think they were around \$50.

Chief Dockery said, I think they were around \$50, yes. I know we spoke last month about the funds we had in the Operating account that is carried over from the years and how we could use that each year to build interest in our account and also, make the truck payment.

Mr. Trascher asked, let me ask you this. Is there a prepayment penalty?

Chief Dockery said, I don't believe there was. Give me one second.

Mr. Trascher asked, and this has all the lights on it that we need, right?

Chief Dockery said yes, this is the complete truck. Other than hose and tools that we will take off the old truck and put on the new truck. This is the actual truck.

Mr. Trascher asked, and none of these are covered under the State Contract?

Chief Dockery said, this is the State Contract.

Mr. Trascher said, this is the State Contract.

Chief Dockery said, this is the State Contract. There is no need to bid out, this is under State Contract.

Mr. Lindsey said, 20 to 21 months on the delivery.

Chief Dockery said, yes, well the other one was 12 to 18.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I am saying, it's stretched on out a little bit.

Captain Sid Anderson said, what, we were at 16 months when we got the service truck.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's going to keep getting further and harder to get and more expensive.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because it has Chinese chips in it or something.

Mr. Lindsey asked, does this, not that it matters, I am just curious myself, does this have any onboard foam or was it not specked with that?

Chief Dockery said, I did not put any onboard foam on this one and I will give you my reason why.

Mr. Lindsey said, it don't matter, I'm just curious.

Chief Dockery said, well, we had onboard foam on this truck because we got it from Daytona but, I have had nothing but issues with that pump.

Mr. Lindsey asked, clogging up and stuff?

Chief Dockery said, the foam will clog up in the filter, then the pump itself wants to leak. It basically boils down to being moved into a necessity. If it is a necessity, we do it the old school way and get the foam.

Mr. Lindsey said, get the bucket.

Chief Dockery said, because when the convenience breaks down your still doing it the old school way.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think that stuff gels over time.

Chief Dockery said, it does. Basically, I think they did it a couple of months ago. There's a screw at the bottom of it and you have to pull the screw out and then there's a metal screen and not to be gross but, it looks like a big blob of snot and you basically take that filter off and wash it off and hurry up and shove it back in so you don't loose all the foam out the truck. It's a weird design but..

Mr. Lindsey asked, is it set up with communications as far as headsets and stuff?

Chief Dockery said, I do not think it has any type of headset. This was kind of, it's not bare bones it's kind of middle of the road.

Mr. Lindsey asked, I was just curious. It doesn't say much about it so I was curious of what we were looking at.

Chief Dockery said, I think the only one we had headsets in was the ladder truck.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, not that we need it really, here in such a small department but, I was just curious.

Chief Dockery said, but, this one is built out. I sat down with the guys and came up with some ideas of what we really wanted for a 20 year truck. As you can see on the drawing, we put a booster line on the very front bumper just for a matter of convenience for little grass fires and what not. Compartments I've had built out for actual use, you know, shelves custom for it so we can put tools where they need to go and they stay there not just sitting on the shelf.

Mr. Lindsey asked, they have direct tank fills on the rear?

Chief Dockery said, I think it has, yes, it looks like it has one.

Mr. Lindsey said, and LDH on the front. (inaudible).

Chief Dockery said, let me see about your question.

Mr. Lindsey said, not that it matters as far as, order what you feel that you need. I was just curious, myself.

Mr. Trascher said, on the, I am assuming that we would, what are we going to do, would we surplus one of these vehicles?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I plan on surplussing the oldest engine we have, which is a 2004, we would put it in the surplus and the one that is at Station 112 right now, which is a 2007, it would go in reserve. This engine would go in the other station and the new engine would be here being that it is mostly used out of this station. So, it would be a progression on down the line.

Mr. Trascher asked, when you surplus this vehicle, are we going to attempt to sell it or would you keep it in reserve or anything?

Chief Dockery said, it would harm us more to keep in reserve so we would attempt to sell it.

Mr. Lindsey asked, any idea what we would be able to recoup out of it?

Chief Dockery said, well, yes sir. Talking with Pierce, they said they would only offer us I think \$17,000, for it because it, it's got to be brought up to the standards of today's code and not 2004's code. So, we could roughly, probably look around \$20,000, maybe a little bit more to somebody local or we could check with some of these business that buy old fire apparatus. Kind of like when we sold that tanker truck a long time ago. We could check with some companies like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I was getting at. We might be able to find a little smaller

volunteer fire department that that would be ideal for them.

Mr. Trascher said, that could really use it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, if you got someone that runs 500 calls a year or something.

Mr. Lindsey said, I remember when, even that old truck would have been like gold here compared to the trucks that we had with screen door latches on it and they murdered us with no roof on it.

Chief Dockery said, I do not see anything stating that there is any penalty for paying off early. It's basically tax exempt lease purchase agreement with a \$1 buy out option at the end of the lease term.

Mr. Lindsey asked, will it have the same color scheme as the service truck?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, have we run this, our purchase agreement, through legal to be sure that like, Karlin Riles, the attorney's, to be sure that we have no issues with it?

Chief Dockery said, I mean, we can being that it's on state contract, it shouldn't be.

Mr. Trascher said, I am just curious to be sure. The State contract is the truck good for the price. I just like to be sure that they run it through them.

Mr. Swann said, it shouldn't be a problem.

Mr. Lindsey said, so we could maybe approve it pending no issue with legal.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, they are saying this quote is only good until the 28th.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, February 28th.

Chief Dockery said, I will talk to them because...

Mr. Trascher said, if you don't feel that, you know, to run it through to have them check it...

Mr. Swann said, not off state contract, you don't need to and the only thing I was worried about was the date that they got on there.

Mr. Trascher said, February 28th.

Mr. Swann said, yes and I don't think we can get an answer from legal that quick.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, I will withdraw it then if everybody is satisfied with it. I just like to

have them say yes.

Chief Dockery said, I would agree with you if we were going with at bond to where...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, then we would have to then but, if everyone is satisfied with that, I will withdraw that.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, if it is on state contract, I make a motion that we move forward with the agreement to purchase it.

Mr. Swann said, I second it.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. At this time I would like to go to our New Business, which is our Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michelle Blackwell

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

Mr. Trascher said, well, Madam Chairman, I would like to recognize some of our fellow Board Members from another District.

Mrs. Blackwell said, go right ahead.

Mr. Trascher said, well, if you would, please.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I would like to recognize Mr. Donald Howell and Mr. Albert Holley. They are with Fire District 7, in our (inaudible). Welcome, thank you all for coming out tonight to see us.

Mr. Lindsey said, we not used to seeing people.

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, it's appreciated when you all come.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, now you are the public, do you have any comment for us?

Mr. Howell said, no just a good job. You all do a good job down here.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chairman, I have a couple of things I would like to mention. Oh Chief, did you find out anything on our First Aid and CPR Training?

Chief Dockery said, I have.

Mr. Trascher said, because, we have been talking and I think the majority of your Board would like to take those classes.

Chief Dockery said, I have. Get with me after the meeting and I will fill you in.

Mr. Trascher said, we will find out and get some ideas on it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that might be something that you all might be interested in, a first aid class.

Mike Holland said, so, we will have one March 11th, and the 12th. So, I am going to see about getting, if March 11th wouldn't work we can put you in with a school that we are doing in Pearl River. If that class is going to be full, then the 12th would be no issue.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because we have a couple, I know my wife needs her re certification for the school and I think there are a few teachers that she talked with that need to find something.

Chief Dockery said, I think it was more or less, the amount of people. If the 11th was more than they are supposed to handle at one time, then we would settle for 12th.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, whenever we can find it, we appreciate that. One other thing, Chief, that we talked about before was the recognition program.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I have actually sat down with one and got a copy of theirs. I am working on 8, 3 and I don't know if 7 has one but I haven't checked with them yet. I am getting everyone together and picking out what fits our department so, it is being worked on.

Mr. Trascher said, moving along.

Chief Dockery said, yes, moving along.

Mr. Lindsey asked, Chief, do we have anything set with District 7 for advising them on when we have training, CPR training or anything that they get notification that if they want to participate in it?

Chief Dockery said, we haven't, we can try to set something up but, we have to get a point of contact for them.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, I don't know if the Board Members think that is a good idea or not. If we are going to put something on, it seems like, if you all wanted to or anyone in the Department wanted to take advantage of it, I think it would be a good idea.

Mr. Howell said, I think it would be great idea.

Mr. Lindsey said, to work together and help each other save money and stuff. We are putting on something anyway.

Mr. Howell said, right.

Mr. Lindsey said, why not invite you all too. But, also, we need to get to send the message out to people that are here, too.

Chief Dockery said, we just had one for the full timers. I need to speak to you after the meeting on your phone issue.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I seen the one for the CPR and I was like, I thought they were just talking about that and look at them going at it. I'm sitting over here watching them.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I want to say they do have a CPR instructor in 7 but, I will verify but, if not...

Mr. Lindsey said, I just figured, especially being the Board Members here that we would let them know that, as far as I am concerned, I would like to offer it to them. Whatever we have here too...

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, absolutely.

Chief Dockery said, I will find the point of contact tomorrow because, I don't want to go through the same thing in the past where I asked somebody and get yelled at because that wasn't the point of contact. So, I will verify the point of contact tomorrow and let them know what we have set for in March in case they want to come.

Mr. Trascher said, especially that District because of the proximity of it. We actually work together.

Mr. Lindsey said, we have to work together.

Mr. Trascher said, we have to, you know by the swamp road is in that District but, they have to come through here to get to it.

Mr. Lindsey said, Chris Kennedy and up 41, I mean, all over the place. So, anything we can have and include them in and help them get additional training without additional cost, they

could really benefit.

Chief Dockery said, I don't know if this can, Chairman, what we talked about earlier before the meeting, can this wait until after the meeting or do we need to go into Executive Session?

Mrs. Blackwell said, let's do that off record and then we can decide if we want to go into Executive Session at a later date. We can set a special Executive Session. I think that is fair.

Chief Dockery said, alright.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I don't see any big major problem with it. I have had issues with the guy myself so, we will discuss it after the meeting.

Chief Dockery said, fair enough.

Mrs. Blackwell said, with that said, anybody else have anything?

Mr. Lindsey said, nope.

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

Mr. Trascher said, so moved.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a second?

Mr. Swann said, 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.