



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  
June 11, 2024  
7:01pm – 7:30pm

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **INVOCATION**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **MINUTES**

The regularly scheduled meeting is called to order by Mrs. Blackwell at 7:01p.m. Roll is called, full Board is present.

Mr. Trascher makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2024, with the video governing. Mr. Lindsey seconds, the minutes are approved with 4 yeas, no nays, motion carries.

### **FINANICAL REPORT**

Chief Jack Dockery states for the month of May we are looking for a 42% range. Going through the monthly bills, Fuel has come down to 38.9%. Maintenance is a little high for Engine 111, but that is not a monthly expense. Payroll is at 40.19%, right under where we need to be. Monthly bills are falling in line where they should be. Electrical is at 26%. Natural Gas, Communications, everything else is falling in line. Audit Fee, that is a one time fee for the year which was \$13,500, at 71%. Dress out gear was discussed a month or two ago which should be good through the year. The big purchases are done the beginning of the year and should fall in line by the end of the year.

## EMS REPORT

On the EMS Report, we took in \$23,331.23. We have \$12,766.02, not posted yet. If it were posted we would be at \$36,097.25. We have been very busy.

Mr. Lindsey asked why is it so much higher this month? Chief Dockery explains that it is months on end that may have processed through. It could have been a call from December or so, that posted now. Mr. Swann asked about the insurance money for vehicle accidents and Chief said, we are still collecting on that. I have been vigilant about putting the information in and I have \$3,011, billed out but have not received the payment yet.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS - Chief Jack Dockery**

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

EMS	90
STRUCTURE FIRE (Both Mutual Aid District 7 one residential and one commercial)	2
VEHICLE FIRES	1
GRASS/TRASH FIRE	3
MVA	10
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	6
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED	1
FALSE ALARMS	1
STORM CALLS	4
TOTAL	118

## NEW ENGINE 111 AT STATION

The new Engine 111 is at the Station and we are working on mounting equipment.

## LADDER 112 IS AT FIRE DISTRICT #1 SHOP

Ladder 112 is at Fire District #1 shop. We are having an issue with the ladder on it so, they are going to look at it.

## MEDIC 112

Medic 112 had a the radiator replaced last week. It was a plastic side radiator and the shop was able to replace it. The unit is back in service.

## JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>, AT 5:00 PM, JULY 4<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event will be celebrated at Town Hall. They have a meeting tomorrow at 5:30, which I will attend to get details from them. We have not received any information from them. If I receive any information that is pertinent, I will send it to your email.

Mr. Trascher asked if the fireworks will be in the usual place or will they do them at STRW on Highway 41. Chief said he assumed they would still be done in the pit. STRW, Brian Phillips, will be selling fireworks. The fireworks will be done at the pit.

Mr. Swann asked about the truck that was having issues last month. Chief Dockery said that truck went to the chassis service in New Orleans and had the rear end repaired and they replaced everything that needed to be replaced. It was all warranty work.

Mr. Dreux asked about the progress of the building renovations. Chief explained the architect just got the signed paper work he needed from the surveyor last Thursday. He will be working on it now since he received the signature that he needed from the surveyor.

Mr. Dreux asked if a drawing was sent so the architect knew what we wanted. Chief explained we sent a drawing months ago but needed the survey to make sure the setbacks were correct. We have not received anything from him so far.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## OPIOID RESOLUTION – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said he sent out an email on this last week. I will show you a copy. Basically, St. Tammany Parish received money for the past 2 years. They have come to the Fire Districts with an agreement of purchasing a LUCAS device for each Department. This is a MOU with St. Tammany Parish Government, basically as any other grant would be. We purchase it and a week or two later we get a check from St. Tammany Parish Government for the amount that we paid for it.

Mr. Trascher expresses the concern on how the device is to be used, the reports we will need to submitted to the Parish and how much it cost. The Parish is disbursing this money to the Parish Fire Stations. Mr. Dreux asked if we would need training for it and Chief Dockery said, no we have one. The cost is \$23,950 for the device. Mr. Lindsey said they will reimburse up to \$28,000. Mr. Trascher said, we will submit a report to the Parish and Chief Dockery said yes, to show we have it, we purchased it and they will reimburse us for it.

Operator Mike Taylor brings a LUCAS device in for the Board to see. This is the LUCAS device A/K/A Firefighter of the year. It gets the Firefighter of the year award every year. This equipment is a life saver.

Chief Dockery said it's such a large amount of money, I wanted to bring it before the Board and explains its for adults, not pediatrics but you can set it for children. The depth is set for each patient when it is in use.

Mr. Trascher asked about wording in the Resolution that says for Opioid Overdoses and wants to ensure that it can be used for all emergencies, not just overdoses. Chief explains that it was a lawsuit, a class action suit, that the money is coming from, just like a year or two ago the Narcan kits were given out. The compression device is named in it so, yes, it can be used for all emergencies.

Mr. Trascher said, I would rather the Resolution say something to the effect of, the equipment being purchased is to combat Opioid overdoses and other medical conditions. Chief Dockery said the resolution is straight from St. Tammany Parish Government. All other Districts are using the same resolution. Mrs. Blackwell states this has to be done by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Trascher moves to pass the resolution, with the understanding we will use it for all medical conditions. Chief Dockery explains that we have reporting requirements on this device until 2025. Mr. Lindsey seconds the motion. Mr. Trascher reads the Resolution Number 2024-016 which is the Intergovernmental Agreement Between St. Tammany Parish Government and St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11.

Vote was called, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

## ADOPT 2024 MILLAGE RATES – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, we got the paper work from the Assessors Office and the Resolution that

was handed out is what they are asking us to set our millage rates. Mr. Trascher said this is the new millage reassessment and it's the millage rates that were approved by our voters. This year, we would like to continue for another year, to collect the full amount of the millage's, that was approved by the voters, due to the uncertainty of the District at this time. Our millage rates will be the same rates as last year. Mr. Trascher reads the millage resolution, millage's are as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following millage's are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject for taxation by the St. Tammany Fire District No. 11.

<u>Acquisition &amp; Maintenance 1069065</u>	<u>10.000</u> mills
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<u>Acquisition &amp; Maintenance 1069104</u>	<u>15.000</u> mills
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<u>Acquisition &amp; Maintenance 1069137</u>	<u>8.000</u> mills
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<u>Acquisition &amp; Maintenance 1069034</u>	<u>10.000</u> mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper administrative officials for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes as here and above set forth upon the assessment roll of the Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for, and on behalf of the taxing authority according to the law that the taxes here in levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all properties subject to taxation as is here and set forth and collection there of shall be enforceable in a manner provided by law.

Mr. Lindsey makes a motion to adopt as read. Mr. Dreux seconds. A vote was called, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell asked if there was any Public Comment. The Board thanks Mr. Albert Holly, thank you for coming out. Thank you for what you do to the Firefighters who came out.

Mr. Lindsey makes a motion to adjourn, Mr. Dreux seconds. A vote was called, 3 yeas, 1 abstained, motion carried.