



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on December 11, 2018
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

Don Thanars – Present
Russell Lindsey - Present
Emile Lombard - Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

FINANCIAL REPORT

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read the minutes from the November 13^h meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I reviewed the minutes and they seem to be in order. If there are no objections, I would move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any discussion? No? Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Alright, we will move on to the Financial Report, Chief?

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of November, we are looking at a target range of 92%. As of our income, we are near maxed out. We gathered 97% of ad valorem. We are at 94% for EMS Services. We are only \$8,480, away from our goal for \$168,000. So, I look forward that we will make that goal this year and collect the \$168,000. As of, maintenance wise, we have had a couple of vehicles out for different reasons. I get some year end maintenance done to them. I spoke with Bobby today at the CPA and received a spread sheet on what we spent year-to-date on what we have left for the end of the year and I am working with him to punch in what we are expected to spend for the rest of this month to get us in that 5% range. So, I am working with him for the next couple of days to make sure we have everything tied up for the end of the year on that. I don't really have much else for the...

Mr. Trascher said, just one quick question on that, Chief. In working with CPA on that, the adjustments that we made on the Budget will give you the flexibility on the billing to bring those accounts in line?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are there any other questions for the Financial Report? Chief, do you have anything else for the Financial Report?

Chief Dockery said, I do not.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Chief, do you want to, let's move to the Chief's Report?

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of November, Fire District 11 ran:

EMS	61
MVA	8
GAS LEAK	1
STRUCTURE FIRE (mutual aid to Fire District 7)	1
FALSE ALARM	7
SERVICE CALLS/GOOD INTENT	5
POLICE MATTERS	1
FAULTY WIRING	1
BURN COMPLAINT	1
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	4
TOTAL	90

PIAL RESULTS

Chief Dockery said, I know we put it out on social media and I emailed the Board. I just want to make it public in the meeting that we got our results back from PIAL and we have moved to a Class 2 from a Class 3. So, I am very proud of the men and women of the department. They have worked hard to earn that. Needless to say, when I read the report I was ecstatic.

Mr. Trascher said, here, here! We want to thank you and the department for obtaining that rating. Honestly.

Mrs. Blackwell said, good job.

Mr. Lombard asked, did you put it in the newspaper yet?

Chief Dockery said, we put it on social media but, we have not reached out to the newspaper. My Public Information Officer has been out ill and he is getting married Friday, too. So, he is

kind of tied up.

Mr. Trascher asked, that made him?

Mr. Lombard said, might have made him nervous.

ELECTION RESULTS

Chief Dockery said, so, another thing I had was the election results. We did have our mileage renewal on Saturday, it did pass.

Mr. Lombard said, overwhelmingly it looked like, too.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so I am very happy with that. That will give us a little bit of time. I want to say our next one is in 2022, I believe. I will have to look but, I want to say that is the next one up for renewal. That will give us a little bit of breathing room for a while on that.

Mr. Trascher said, and on that, I would like to say if I could, that the results of the polls on that millage is also a reflection of the public's confidence and the safety and performance of this department that they've...

Mr. Lombard said, trust us.

Mr. Trascher said, they have graciously allowed us to continue our services.

Chief Dockery said, yes. A couple of things I didn't have on here at the time, we have recently purchased a gear washer and dryer. They have come in and they installed them last week so, after the meeting, if you all want to view them, you all are more than welcome to come inside and look at them. I am having the gentlemen come back next week or after the holidays to do a class on it to get every one up to speed. But, this will be a vital part of this department to help keep them safe. So, am happy with that. Also, I know we spoke at the last meeting about Fire District 12 and the ambulance issue. I have spoken with them and they have turned down the offer. After speaking with another department, who was looking to purchase one of them, their offer was \$14,000. So, I just wanted to bring it back to the Board and put it in you all court to see if you wanted to raise it up or do we just want to let this issue lie where it's at.

Mr. Lombard asked, what did we offer them, \$5,000?

Chief Dockery said, we offer them \$5,000.

Mr. Lombard asked, and they got an offer of \$14,000?

Chief Dockery said, I would shoot for an offer of \$10,000, and just be done with it. If they took that, great. If not we can just as easily walk away.

Mr. Thanars said, this was in lieu of them going up for bid, correct?

Chief Dockery said, after the first of the year.

Chief of Operations, Pam Little said, they plan on auctioning them off after the first of the year. They were just putting them out there to try and sell them before that.

Chief Dockery said, so, we could wait.

Chief Little said, we could wait and try and get one. One of them is not running right now and the tires are flat and like Chief said, there is another fire department that's buying one so, that pretty much only leaves one left that we would be interested in buying and \$5,000 was kind of low. That truck is in a lot better condition than the last one that we sold for \$8,000.

Mr. Lombard said, they would have to get the other one running and the fires before we purchased it.

Chief Little said, well, that's the one that has the Mercedes's engine in it and we are trying to stay away from that one.

Chief Dockery said, I am not really interested because no one really works on them around here.

Mr. Lombard said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, but they do have a unit that is...

Chief Little said, that is running and (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, that you think that \$10,000 would be...

Chief Little said, that might be more considerable than the \$5,000 that we offered.

Mr. Lombard said, but then, do we really want to saddle ourselves with a Mercedes engine?

Mr. Thanars said, that's another one.

Chief Little said, no, no, no, that is the one that's not running.

Mr. Lombard said, oh, okay.

Chief Little said, that has flat tires and stuff that we were not looking at. But, the other department picked one of the two that we were looking at.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, because this is not on the agenda, Madam Chairman...

Mrs. Blackwell said, we have to open the agenda.

Mr. Trascher said, if it be the wishes of the Board to reconsider that offer, we would probably need a motion to open the agenda to do something.

Mr. Lindsey said, I will make a motion.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Trascher said, I will second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we have a second to open the floor, do we have any discussion?
Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, no.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, floor is open.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I guess with that said, Chief, what you are telling us is that our offer of \$5,000, has been rejected and you feel that they might would consider favorably a \$10,000, offer.

Chief Dockery said, I would say that it would put it closer in the ball park.

Mr. Trascher said, prior to the bid.

Mr. Lombard said, that's the one with the Mercedes engine?

Mr. Trascher said, no.

Chief Little said, no, we weren't even considering that one. There were two that were for sale that were the Caterpillar engines, they are Freight Liners with Caterpillar engines. We didn't even consider the one that had the Mercedes engine because it wasn't running, the tires are flat. It was obviously a lot more work.

Mr. Lombard asked, is the one that we are looking at now running?

Chief Little said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard asked, decent shape?

Chief Dockery said, it appeared to be in decent shape. I went and looked at it one time and I went back again and brought Chief of Ops, Little and Deputy Chief Parish with me to let them look at it and get more eye balls on it because in no means am I a paramedic so, I wanted to bring a paramedic to look at it. They seemed to be satisfied with it. It runs, cranked right up. It has been, when it was set up it was licensed through the Health and Hospitals so, it did meet the standards for that. I don't see any type of major leaks, any flaws in it.

Mr. Lombard asked, air conditioner and all works?

Chief Dockery said, the air conditioner seemed to worked when I checked it.

Chief Little said, we haven't driven them but, they are quiet for a diesel running. They seem to be in really good condition. There's some scratches and scrapes on the outside. Stuff like that. I think one was a 2003 and one was a 2005.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, what's the year of our spare unit?

Chief Dockery said, 2008.

Chief Little said, 2008, but, if you listen to ours running it sounds like it is going to explode.

Mr. Trascher said, and that's the one that's got pieces parts put together.

Chief Dockery said, yes. The 2008 that we have was meant to be a box truck.

Mr. Trascher said, if we did, were successful in purchasing this, how would that play in line with our equipment purchases in the ambulance field. In other words, if we made this purchase, how long do you think it would it be before we need to look at replacing that unit?

Chief Dockery said, being that it would be strictly a reserve, I think it would last a good bit. Now, our primary truck, when it comes time to replace it, we will have to just look at replacing the chassis because the box can come off, they will update everything on the box and place it on the new chassis. That's just how that one is built. So, I am mostly looking at this one as strictly a reserve. I want a dependable reserve for when my primary needs to go have maintenance done on the generator or any type of maintenance on the chassis, I feel comfortable with taking it out of service and having the reserve go in service. Unfortunately,

the one we have now, it's going on a wing and a pray. During the summer time, it's a braised high pressure line on a single compressor trying to run both the box and the front. It gets hot back there.

Mr. Lindsey said, I agree we need to get something else. I just want to make sure that we're not buying something else to have something else. That we buy something good enough that's going to be an adequate machine to get us by for a little while.

Chief Dockery said, that's understandable.

Mr. Thanars said, could we sell the 2008, afterwards?

Chief Little said, they still (inaudible).

Chief Dockery asked, what's that?

Mr. Thanars said, could we sell the 2008?

Chief Dockery said, we could, I wouldn't sell it as an ambulance, but I would, a lot of them are turning them into service trucks. They take everything out the back and put ladders and a generator in it and it's classified as a service truck. You get points. I mean, technically, we could in some way do that also.

Mr. Lindsey asked, have we looked at other units just to kind of compare prices on what a decent reserve would be besides this?

Chief Little said, we haven't come across anybody that is selling any. I can tell you when we were looking before we purchased the new med truck that we have now, the one that we got in 2014, even some of the newer used were over \$100,000.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know this is really cheap, but that is what I am worried about is, do we want to get something that we have to worry about. I don't know if we are going to have to work on it and sink money into it to keep it going or do we want to buy something better to start with.

Mr. Trascher asked, would it be possible, and I know, Chief, you said, you didn't drive it. Would it be possible to drive it and have a mechanical assessment, a mechanic look at it?

Chief Dockery said, I think we could as long as we gave them a notion that we were looking at it hard and with a reasonable offer we could probably, let us drive it and maybe have a mechanic look at it.

Mr. Lombard said, I would make that part of the bid.

Mr. Trascher said, with that, I wouldn't have a problem authorizing the \$10,000, bid if they were authorized to drive the unit and had a favorable mechanical assessment on it.

Mr. Lombard said, I would like the front end check out and all too, especially.

Mr. Trascher said, if you think that is possible.

Mr. Lindsey said, do you think we should give him a little more lee way just in case he gets there and they like \$10,000 ain't going to work and he has to wait til the next meeting to negotiate a little more.

Mr. Trascher said, no, I think, and I mean, you mean like \$12,000, or something like that you mean?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I would hate for him to go to them and offer them \$10,000 and we are back another month looking at...

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, didn't you say after that after the 1st it goes up for bid?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Chief Little said, sometime after the 1st of the month.

Mr. Trascher said, and you, it's your recommendation that \$10,000, would be the top that we offer now prior to it going to bid?

Chief Dockery said, that would be my offer. I don't want to go as high as \$14,000, as the other...

Mr. Trascher said, they still, if they turn down the \$10,000, we still could go to the auction and we may get it for \$5,000.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am fine with that if the Chief feels that, he is the one that seen and everything and if he knows what it's worth.

Mr. Trascher said, I would make a motion that we authorize the bid up to \$10,000, with those two conditions. That we do drive the unit and we are satisfied with it's performance and that we have a mechanical assessment made on it, too.

Mr. Lombard asked, a mechanical assessment or have a mechanic look at it?

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I mean, a mechanic look at it, make an assessment.

Mr. Lombard said, I would make that part of the bid process.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I made that part of the motion.

Mr. Lombard said, okay, but I would want them to know it too, though, when you put the bid in.

Mr. Trascher said, we not going to bid, the Chief is going to tell them.

Mr. Lombard said, when the Chief tells them, he's got to tell them that we want it done with an assessment.

Mr. Trascher said, well, if they don't let him drive it and look at it, we ain't going to get it, we ain't going to offer \$10,000.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a second?

Mr. Thanars said, I will second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any discussion, further? Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Chief Dockery said, thank you.

Chief Little said, thank you.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have for the Chief's report.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, the EMS Report?

EMS REPORT

Chief Dockery said, the EMS Report. We brought in the month of November \$13,514.41. I believe collections are going okay. We have taken that over from Matt and seems to be a smooth transition. We've worked with the company to change up a few little processes to make it easier for her and for them. So, I don't see any hang ups or anything.

Chief Little said, it's been going smoothly.

Mr. Trascher said, and I think we budgeted for \$10,000, a month.

Chief Dockery said, yes, for \$10,000, a month.

Mr. Trascher said, so we are still within the collections. How is the expenses running on the budget for the EMS?

Chief Dockery said, they are running to the end. I mean, right up to the amount.

Mr. Trascher said, to what we have budgeted. We haven't gone over or anything.

Chief Dockery said, no, and that's all I have.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, it that's it for the EMS Report, we will move to Old Business. Status of SOP for Public Request.

OLD BUSINESS

STATUS OF SOP PUBLIC REQUEST AND HIRING – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, okay, yes, Chief, we a couple months we talked about the, developing those two procedures for the department.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, are they close to being formulated?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I have been working on the first one, the Hiring, the chain of command chart. I did find some areas where I have looked for help on descriptions. The second one, I've actually, put in charge, Chief Parish. We found one from Slidell and we are going to kind of, form it to fit us. It looked to be very in depth for any type of stand-byes and what not. So, we are hard looking at that to retro fit for our department. So, I am hoping for next month to have both of them with a rough draft for the Board to look over and we will go from there on it.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, we will look at that next month then. That's what I needed, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's it on that, we will move to the audit engagement, Chief Dockery.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I brought it to the Board's attention last month to look over the engagement letter from Griffin & Furman in hopes of having a discussion and signing this month. I believe everyone has had a month to look over it.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, and they had the increase, which we knew was going to happen anyway, because they had the in depth of the last one.

Chief Dockery said, yes, he did say there was going to be a slight increase. Unfortunately, he was not aware of the, Mrs. Rinkus' great record typing skills so, he was overwhelmed for a whole day reading through notes. So, it slowed him up a little bit. So, that's where the increase would come from. But, I recommend that we do proceed forward to getting him in for another year to run with it and, I mean, he has dealt with the books so far and it should be a lot smoother this year and we can go from there.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, with that said, we have had time to review it and I would move that we approve the engagement letter for the Chief to sign.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, is there any further discussion? Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Ok, let's move to Restricted Account Movement of Funds, Chief.

RESTRICTED ACCOUNT MOVEMENT OF FUNDS – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, last month I know we spoke on the funds to be moved into the Restricted account for the purchase of a new vehicle in the future. I ask this month, it is looking to be \$186,000, left over in the surplus. I would asked the Board that we move \$80,000, into the Restricted Fund for the purchase of a vehicle at a later date.

Mr. Lombard asked, what are we buying or do you know?

Chief Dockery said, I eventually, want to buy another Tender but, this is just going to build up so we will have a good chunk when that time comes. I am looking in the next 2 or 3 years to purchase another vehicle.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we take \$80,000, of that surplus, if you will, and we put it in a restricted account for equipment purchases.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, with Board approval on it?

Chief Dockery said, yes

Mr. Trascher said, to move those funds out of that account, you would have to come to the Board?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, with a new vehicle, total price for it?

Chief Dockery said, a new Tender, you are looking at about \$400,000, roughly. That's going to be a drop in the bucket but, enough drops will fill a bucket up.

Mr. Lombard said, and they might have some special financing on them at that time, too. You never know.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I mean, if we can at least, come up with half for one, it would help out on interest.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, and would there be any grants that would help with that?

Chief Dockery said, there are grants out there and I've spoken with Mr. Keith Davidson and Fire District Number 11, for many years has been on the unfavorable side of the grant processing due to actions that were taken years ago. Now, we are just now starting to get back to a favorable side. So, I am hoping the next year or two, we will be able to maybe, apply for a new truck and only put up 10%, for a new truck.

Mr. Trascher asked, the rest of the surplus, Chief, what are we going to assign it to?

Chief Dockery said, most of the time that rolls into the new year. That's what holds us over until our actual ad valorem kicks in. Sometimes it not until February or March.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you want to move on it?

Mr. Thanars said, well, I move that we transfer the \$80,000, as requested into the, restrict that account.

Mr. Trascher said, I'll second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any further discussion? Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Okay, we will move on into New Business, Chief's Position, Mr. Trascher.

CHIEF'S POSITION – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, okay, as everybody knows, we've hired a Chief and it's been a probationary period. It's been 6 months now and we, I feel that we need to begin to move from probationary to permanent.

Mr. Lindsey said, I agree.

Mr. Trascher said, and I propose that, in order to do that now we, the Board, appoint a committee to do a performance appraisal on Chief Dockery. After we meet with Chief Dockery on the performance appraisal, after that, at our next meeting, we bring it back to the Board and go into executive session to discuss the performance appraisal and based on those results and a discussion, we come back out and we do a resolution or at least, yes a resolution to either appoint or remove. We are going on, it's been six months so, we need to move forward with this, I think. And, with that said, I would like to...

Mr. Lombard said, it's been a good six months for us.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, well, if the Board isn't for any discussion or if there is any other discussion...

Mr. Thanars said, I agree.

Mr. Lombard said, I don't have any problem with that.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you want to let the Chairman appoint a committee or do you want to volunteer?

Mrs. Blackwell said, let's see if there are volunteers first.

Mr. Trascher said, if need be, I will serve on the committee.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Don and Mr. Floyd, you will do it, both of you all?

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, unless somebody else wants to, that's fine.

Mr. Thanars said, okay.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, that's good and the committee for that will be Mr. Thanars and Mr. Trascher.

Mr. Trascher said, okay. Chief, we will need you to provide us with a performance appraisal form.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, and what we will do is, Mr. Thanars, we will get together and discuss it and go over the appraisal and then we will meet with Chief Dockery.

Mr. Thanars said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, so, it's on you and I now. Okay, with that said, Madam Chair, I would like to thank you and thank the Board for moving forward with this.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, is that it on that.

Mr. Trascher said, that's it for me.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will move to Debit Card for Chief of Operations, Chief Dockery.

DEBIT CARD FOR THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, in the past we have had a debit card for the Chief and Chief of Operations. When Chief Leos passed, his card went dormant and was deactivated. I just spoke with Mrs. Williams at the bank and to re-apply for a new card, I basically need permission from the Board to allow the Chief of Ops to have a business debit card. I have a simple little letter head typed up. According to Mrs. Wynn, we just need the Chairperson's signature stating that the Board gives approval for the Chief of Operations to obtain a business debit card.

Mr. Trascher said, alright..

Chief Dockery said, this is just used in the business, day-to-day.

Mr. Trascher said, in keeping with that, we probably, it probably would be best if we do a resolution and have Mrs. Rinkus attach a resolution to that letter for that authorization.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars asked, do we have written procedures in terms of how the card can, should be used, a reconciliation of charges?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars continued, all of those, what is the cap in terms of the limits of purchase?

Chief Dockery said, we do have a credit or debit card policy. We do not own credit cards, it's just debit cards, but we do have a policy for that.

Mr. Thanars asked, okay, is all of that already stipulated?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, the biggest thing...

Mr. Lindsey asked, what is the limit on them?

Chief Dockery said, the limit is \$2,500.

Mr. Trascher said, the biggest thing that we have ran into problems with the debit cards, was the auditors. Is that, when the Chief or Chief of Operation's uses that card, it has to be approved. Those purchases, with receipts, has to be approved by the Board. You know, they can't sign off on it like you would an employee. So, that's something that, when we review with the monthly payments of the bank statements, the Board has to sign off on those purchases. They have to provide a receipt and the Board would reconcile it.

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I would so move that we authorize the Chief of Operations for a debit card following the departments guidelines and policies.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any further discussion on that now that we have a second? If not, Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Well, that's the end of our meeting.

Mr. Thanars said, move for adjournment.

Mr. Trascher said, before we adjourn, I would like to welcome the civil service people here this evening. How y'all are?

Mrs. Kriste Buck said, we are good.

Mr. Finger said, good.

Mr. Trascher said, it's good for you to see us. No, I'm glad we don't have any problems to work with so that should take care of it and once again, I would like to thank the Chief and the Department for the very favorable raise in our PIAL rating. That's, Fire District 1 is the premier department in this Parish. Okay, and we are on the same footing as Fire District 1.

Mr. Thanars asked, Chief, was it Covington that received a 1 recently?

Chief Dockery said, Mandeville. Fire District Number 4 received a 1.

Mr. Thanars said, I know you talked on how few Departments achieve a rating on 1. How does a 2, you know, what is kind of like the average? Just for every bodies information.

Chief Dockery said, 3 to 5.

Mr. Thanars said, okay.

Mr. Lombard said, anything above 2 and above, below is great.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, District 1, one of their fire houses cost as much as this whole departments budget. So, it's quite an accomplishment to obtain that rating. I am very proud.

Mr. Lombard said, you got to have the personnel to do it. But that's the key factor in most of them is the personnel for a rating of 1.

Mr. Trascher said, and also, with the millage that was passed successfully, again, that shows that the public has confidence in the way that the department is running and also satisfied with what we are doing. We don't need to let up though, we need to keep going with it.

Chief Dockery said, that's right.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I want to wish everybody Merry Christmas and move to adjourn.

Chief Dockery said, Merry Christmas.

Mr. Thanars said, Merry Christmas.

Mr. Lombard said, Merry Christmas guys and girls.

Mr. Lindsey said, Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Merry Christmas, do we have a second?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Thanars, how do you vote? Do you want to discuss anything? I'm sorry, I had to do that.

Mr. Lombard said, she had to do that!

Mrs. Blackwell said, it was killing me, I had to do that. Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, I got a discussion.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it's time for bed.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, let me think about it, yes.