



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
October 10, 2023
7:01 pm – 8:02 pm

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everyone read and approved the minutes from the September 12th, meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I had the opportunity to review the minutes. They did seem to be in order and if there is no other discussion, I move we adopt them with the video governing.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Dreux asked, do you need a second?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we need a second.

Mr. Dreux said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, sorry, I was a little ahead of the game. 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 on to the Financial Report. Chief Dockery?

FINANICAL REPORT

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of September we are looking at a goal of 75% for the budget. The only three, looking through it, the only three that stood out was Fuel at 79.36%, that's on the first page, and all the way back on the third page, we have the Internet is at 80.73% and Accounting is at 82.76%. Now, the Accounting we have talked about in previous meetings. The other two, we will keep an eye on and see where it goes from there. Fuel, that's just going to fluctuate depending on the prices and the way things are going right now...

Mr. Trascher said, your guess is as good as mine is the best way to put it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, basically, it's a magic 8 ball right now for fuel. But, other than that all monthly cost are running line. Anything that is really kind of sticking out there is usually one time expenses throughout the year such as, Audit Fees, stuff like that. Of course, the Maintenance is up for the trucks and like I said, we spoke about that. Engine 111, I am waiting for the bill to come in for that to see what the final total was. I know we just had some work done on Medic 112, so it will be up some at our next meeting. Any questions?

Mr. Lindsey asked, is there any reason our Internet is so, out of wack? Anything in particular?

Chief Dockery said, usually, it's a standard price every month but, we can go back and see in the different bills where it jumped up. It could be surcharges or something like that.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do we have anything special for our internet? We just have the two stations?

Chief Dockery said, just the two stations.

Mr. Lindsey said, because we are budgeting \$740 a month for internet.

Chief Dockery said, yes, that's about what it runs. That's phone lines, internet, TV...

Mr. Trascher said, \$700 a month? We've got the telephone as above that and we are only at 33% of the phone budget.

Chief Dockery said, Telephone, that would be the one phone we have at dispatch. For one phone line that's for non-emergency or our secondary emergency number. That's would be what that telephone is.

Mr. Trascher said, because that looks like it would be closer, we are spending, we budgeted more for that phone than probably what we needed and less for the internet services.

Chief Dockery said, we might need to make an adjustment at the end of the year but, I will go back and look at the different months and see where it actually change to that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am just saying, that sounds like an expensive internet package for \$750 a month for two places.

Mr. Trascher said, \$750 a month and that would be at two stations, right.

Chief Dockery said, yes, Charter Business, that's what it is.

Mr. Lindsey said, I got Charter Business also but, I don't pay that much. I was just wondering why it was so high.

Mr. Trascher said, I agree, it seem high. \$100 or \$110 a month should be plenty for the internet service. Is it something maybe with the trucks that we have?

Chief Dockery said, no, all the trucks run off of, I can't think of the name of it right now. Cellular, that's it.

Mr. Lindsey said, that' the phone line, TV and internet?

Chief Dockery said, phone line, TV, internet but, it's multiple phone lines through there so, it's not just two phone lines, it's multiple, fax lines. It's a bundle and it's a good bit there.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, maybe you look at it we will be able to identify it.

Mr. Swann said, why don't you get them to give you a copy and you look it over.

Mr. Lindsey said, it might not hurt to call and say, look we are doing a review over our package and see if you all got a better deal. That's what we do and they were like sure, we got a better deal. Just because I think a little excessive for two stations.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, \$700 a month.

Mr. Lindsey said, anyway, that's all I got.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody have any other questions? If not, we will move to the EMS Report, Chief.

EMS REPORT

Chief Dockery said, alright, the month of September, we brought in \$16,149.59, for the total month of December (September). So, we are above our usual average of what we are looking for. It looks like we are, as of the September's budget, we are \$32,347.21, short of our goal of \$180,000, so we should hit that at the end of the year if it's stays on track.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any more questions about the EMS budget?

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

Mr. Trascher said, the only thing is, the \$14,000, is what was posted as payments and we took in \$1,323, on credit cards payments, for the total of \$16,000.

Chief Dockery said, correct.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if there are no other questions, we will move to the Chief's Report, Chief Dockery.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

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

EMS	63
MVA	12
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	11
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	10
FALSE ALARM	2
GRASS/WOOD FIRES	7
POLICE MATTER	4
TOTAL	109

Chief Dockery said, now, we are down from the month before. We had 23 Grass/Wood Fires, which gave us the total of 129 calls. So, the word is getting out about the burn ban. It's starting to calm down some. We are getting a lot of phone calls every day and I am pretty sure Thursday we will have a lot of phone calls if it rains tomorrow. This is still a State wide and the State is not letting up until they deem fit. We are still in a drought condition. We are not as bad as the West side of the State but, it's still there and it's hard for people to understand that and we are trying to explain it to them. I know a lot of people have stuff piling up. We understand that but, we have to abide by the rules and thankfully, right now, they are calling us and asking us instead of just doing it.

Mr. Trascher said, the Town of Pearl River appears to be working on a burn ordinance.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I am glad you... I actually had a visit today by a ex-member of the Town's Council and we had a little talk.

Mr. Trascher said, Kathryn?

Chief Dockery said, yes, and I explained to her that we have something in place and I would gladly send it to the head of planning and zoning so they can kind of see what we have in place. We are not reinventing the wheel, we basically copied and pasted from other Districts that did the leg work for us. I told her I would send a copy of that so they can look over it and I think they are having a workshop tonight.

Mr. Trascher said, well, they were suppose to but they are having a Town Hall meeting also.

Chief Dockery said, tonight? Town Hall should be next week.

Mr. Trascher said, this is a special meeting and the two executive sessions with police matters, law suit matters and a drainage study report and...

Chief Dockery said, oh, yes so, she did come by and she showed me a tree ordinance and then we talked a little bit about the burn ordinance. There's a lot of not happy people with the way things went with the burning over there by the high school. We are trying to get something for that.

Mr. Trascher said, we need something for the Town as well as the Parish. When you are going to do a large scale development like that, there should be some form of control. In my opinion, I think that there should be a permit.

Chief Dockery said, correct.

Mr. Trascher said, and if the Department is going to be involved in signing off on it or regulating it, as well as the Town, I think there should be a fee and we should be compensated for our time.

Chief Dockery said, correct, so that is in the works right now, I am kind of trying to steer them in the right direction on that part.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you, I appreciate that.

Chief Dockery said, other than that, Engine 111 is back from the shop finally. They called Friday and I didn't hesitate. I kidnapped somebody from here and we went over to Harvey and grabbed it before they changed their mind and got it back here. So, it's back.

Medic 111 had to go back to the shop for an a/c issue. We had the a/c, the back a/c blew a line. We had the line replaced and then the clutch on the a/c burnt off. Basically, it was about to come off of it. So, we had a new compressor put on it and then we had an issue with the

pressure in it being too high. They corrected that but, I think when the pressure went too high and it fried the actual compressor itself. So, they are putting a new compressor on there. There's no charge to us on that part. It would be warranty work.

Mr. Trascher asked, is that why we had Acadian over in the station?

Chief Dockery said, yes, our primary unit was over in LaCombe at the time and that had it's own fiasco with the generator, the on board generator. It burnt up the rotor inside the generator part. Nothing on our side as of maintenance, it's just a freak accident. When that happened, they finally got that part in and they didn't send another part with it so they had to wait on that part to come in and when they got that in, the control board went out on it. So, it's been a gut punch one after the other but, we got it back, it's running, it's basically a brand new generator in there. So...

Mr. Trascher said, well, hopefully the gremlin's have moved on.

Chief Dockery said, the gremlin's are strong around here right now so, I am trying to cut them off where I can. Thankfully, Acadian is nice enough to lend us a truck and a driver for a day or two for us to get our truck back.

I got kind of a side note in my Chief's Report for that but, I will jump to it while I'm thinking about it. EMS Expo was in New Orleans a couple weeks ago, I don't remember exactly what the date was but, I was a couple weeks ago. I was able to send basically, all the employees on different days. It was a week long so they were able to go look at everything new coming out, different ways of doing things for the EMS side of it. I went the final Friday with three other people just to go look at ambulances. Just to get some new ideas, see what's out there. Actually see it, touch it, sit in it and see, it's hard to look on the internet at something without actually getting in it, sitting in it, standing up in it. I got a lot of information on them. There's one that really caught my eye that should be, it's kind of in proto type right now. It's actually in service over seas but, they still have a couple of things they have to do for the US side of it. So, they said, it should be on the market around 24 or 25. Some where around there so, it's something to look into later on. We did speak with Frazier Ambulance, who is the maker of our primary truck and we had them actually run us a quote for a remount on that box. We talked about this earlier this year or late last year. So, we talked to them about, to re-chassis it, with the F450 gas, it came out, the quote came out to \$135,775. So, the Chassis itself is almost \$67,000 and to remount it, it would be \$69,000. So, I'm going to dig around some to see if there is anything in Louisiana State contract wise to see if we can get a better price on the chassis itself and when that happens I will get back with the Board and we can address this issue again. But, I just wanted to touch base with you all and let you know we are looking at some type of remount for that truck. The box is still in good shape, it's just the truck itself, the chassis itself will be 10 years old next year.

Mr. Trascher asked, that's the new ambulance?

Chief Dockery said, that's the new ambulance, it's a 2014. I know, the time flies.

Mr. Swann asked, how much mileage does it have on it?

Chief Dockery said, guys, help me.

Paramedic, Zachary Pichon said, right at 100,000. It just rolled over like 100,500, just today.

Mr. Trascher said, now, the backup unit, what year is it?

Chief Dockery said, the backup unit is a 2004 and other than the a/c giving us problems lately, it's been somewhat dependable. We had one issues a year or two ago with the rear end on it. It had a brake caliper lock up on the back and it burned up the wheel seal and it burned up a good chuck in there so we had to get that fixed.

Mr. Trascher asked, how many miles is on it?

Chief Dockery said, I would be lying to you. I want to say 150,000 or 170,000 miles.

Mr. Pichon said, 145,000.

Mr. Lindsey asked, how much does a new, complete ambulance run?

Chief Dockery said, well, it all depends on what type we are looking at. If we are looking at the van style, what they call a Sprinter, a class 2 like Acadian has, they have some out there with a Dodge chassis or a Ford chassis, at the show, the gentleman there, he said you can buy 2 of them for \$198,000. That's two of them and basically, they are already built and ready to go.

Mr. Trascher said, but that is not a self contained unit, like the box where we can run it without the...

Mr. Swann asked, are they as big as what we have now?

Chief Dockery said, no, these are smaller like the...

Mr. Trascher said, station wagons.

Chief Dockery said, you probably got some, like the Transits or the, what's the Dodge ones?

Mr. Lindsey said, like the Sprinter.

Chief Dockery said, yes, basically like the Sprinter van which is the Acadian, the smaller type gas engine.

Mr. Lindsey asked, what about one that is similar to what we have that was new and I guess the reason I am getting to this is because if we do a remount on a new chassis and all that and we spend \$160,000, to do that, what does a new one cost with everything? My only thought is, if we kept that other one like it is as a back up, like a good back up. Because we put a new motor and transmission in that thing.

Chief Dockery said, we did.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, it should be good, especially for a back up, for a long time if we bought a

new unit.

Chief Dockery said, I want to say if we went with Frazier again, just a guesstimate, I would say probably in the \$350,000 to \$400,000 range. When we bought it 10 years ago, it was \$250,000.

Mr. Trascher said, that unit, we can put out at the fairs or for example, the Night Out Against Crime, and with out the engine running, the back can function with the air condition and you can use if for a first aid station. If you got the one like Acadian has, that unit is not going to function in that way, is it?

Chief Dockery said, no, it will not.

Mr. Swann said, what about your equipment, will all your equipment fit in there?

Chief Dockery said, everything that is required for the ambulance will fit in there.

Mr. Swann said, I am talking about right now, will it fit in there?

Chief Dockery asked, like the stretcher, stair chair, spine boards and oxygen, yes, this will fit. It won't be as packed with supplies like as we had in this older truck but, we are not posted up in Slidell either. We are going to a call, doing what we have to do and then coming back to the station and resupplying. That's the big difference there. We are not out there all day long going on multiple calls and then coming back to resupply. So, it's something we looked at and the one that really caught my eye was kind of like, the best of both worlds, it had a box style on the back and it had the smaller chassis, it was like a Transit, a Ford Transit. The thing that really caught my eye on it was that the box would come up and they had a little video playing, they can change out the chassis in 10 minutes if something was to go awry with that. It basically was, lift the box up, take the old chassis out and slip the new one under it. It's one connection and you have power.

Mr. Trascher said, if I remember they said that we can take a box off that truck and set it on site somewhere.

Chief Dockery said, yes, you can do that with it.

Mr. Trascher said, it can function as a EMS...

Chief Dockery said, yes, that's what the onboard generator does. It basically supplies power to the back unit, like the a/c and the lights.

Mr. Trascher said, because in the event of a disaster, a storm or anything, these festivals that the Town has, that would be invaluable.

Mr. Lindsey said, I just wonder at some point that we should just buy a new, complete ambulance.

Mr. Trascher said, keep the newer model one...

Mr. Lindsey said, keep the good one as a back up because the back up that we have was an old one that no body, that the didn't wanted.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's a 2004, 2003, 2004. It came from St. Ana.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think we need a better back up unit and a new ambulance.

Mr. Trascher said, well, you said we put a new motor and transmission in it, in a 10 year old unit.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we put a brand new motor and transmission in it what, less than a year ago?

Chief Dockery said, it's been about 2 years now.

Mr. Lindsey said, time flies when your having fun.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, it's so much more versatile that unit. Even if you use it as a back up.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see us keep it and just buy a new. I mean, most of our calls, 63 calls a month, most of our calls are medical calls.

Chief Dockery said, yes. We can definitely look at something newer and keeping that one.

Mr. Lindsey said, that is just my thought.

Chief Dockery said, I am just kind of letting you know that we are in the market, we are looking now to set up...

Mr. Trascher said, I was leaning that way, that's why I asked about the older unit. If 10 years is the life expectancy, the other one is beyond that already.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, our back up, I don't think I would want to rely on that thing to transport my family in an emergency. You don't know if that thing is going to...

Mr. Trascher said, even if we did that, we could send the back up unit and park it at the Night Out Against Crime and still have your functional unit to run. It would give a lot more capabilities, I think.

Chief Dockery said, so, this is just to let you know we are looking at them. I wanted to do some research on them now.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, get some information on them.

Chief Dockery said, that way we can start this process and get it kicked off. I am sure they are the same as everyone else, it's going to be a year our or something like that.

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, to get back on course, the Night Out Against Crime is October 14, this Saturday. We will be out there and I have to talk to my wife about maybe getting some donation candy. Also, Trunk or Treat, the Town is putting it on the 28th, so we will be out there for that one also.

Halloween is on Tuesday I think. We will be out by the high school again, like we are every year with that.

One other thing I jotted down while I was thinking about it earlier. We did, I put out a pole for Fire Fighter of the Year. I had all of the employees kind of, answer some questions and it's anonymous so no one will be at one another's throat so, everyone turned theirs in and I will sit down with Chief Parish and go through and we will have someone picked and the December meeting we will have a presentation and go with that. That's all I have for the Chief's Report.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, you mentioned something about the Night Out Against Crime for candy, do you mean for the department to distribute?

Chief Dockery said, usually, every year I hit my wife up because she works at Wal Mart and they are generous enough to load us down with some Halloween candy.

Mr. Trascher said, I was going to say, we should be able to, if we need to...

Chief Dockery said, if that doesn't happen the association would pitch in and get some. Usually they help out every year.

Mr. Trascher said, we should be able to buy some that we can pass out with the hats and different things. But, yes, if they help out, we sure appreciate it because that definitely is good public relations.

Chief Dockery said, yes, definitely.

Mr. Swann asked, what is going on with the well?

Mrs. Blackwell said, that is coming up in the Old Business so, if we are finished with the Chief's Report, we will move to Update on the Well, Floyd.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON WELL PUMP – Floyd Trascher

Chief Dockery asked, which one do you want first, the well?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, the well is on there first.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's what she said, the well. We talked about that before.

Chief Dockery said, the well, I did have a gentleman come out the day after our last meeting and he took pictures and I told him what we would like for it. I had a little trouble getting back in touch with him because he kind of ghosted me for a while. I did finally get back, well he finally got back with me and we sat and talked. They sent out a quote 2 days ago and they are talking about a 7 ½ horsepower pump that should pump out 300 gallons a minute and the labor that goes with it. He quoted us, it should be \$4,500. Now, with that being said, I had another person from this company today. I didn't know he was coming out but they came out so I went out and talked with them and he looked at it and he had some other suggestions of different ways of doing it. Still with the 7 ½ horsepower pump but, he had multiple ideas. So, he was going to go back to the office and come up with some more ideas or quotes for it. Maybe save a little bit of money. So, it is in the process and this is the second company.

Mr. Swann asked, do we have a contract on the first one that we got done?

Chief Dockery said, it was just, it wasn't a contract, in the sense of a contract, there was no contract. It was just basically...

Mr. Swann said, you need to have it in writing whatever we decide on this one so we doing this again and something not working.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, this motor, are we talking about a gas motor or electric motor?

Chief Dockery said, electric motor. It would be a 7 ½ horsepower, single phase. That's what we have out here, 240 volt motor.

Mr. Lindsey said, now, this would be hooked up in a way that the station generator would run it in the event that we don't have power or this isn't hooked up to that?

Chief Dockery said, this wouldn't be, it would basically be piggy backed off of this line here.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, you wouldn't have any power to that so, in the event of a storm or something like that where we lost power it would be non-functional.

Chief Dockery said, we would have to rely on other sources. I mean, if the tank was full, we could pull out of it. It just won't have the boost.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, it won't be as fast.

Mr. Trascher said, what do we need to draw from that?

Mr. Swann asked, what kind of pressure are you talking about after we do this?

Chief Dockery said, he claimed today we would have 60 psi. Now, I am not sure what 60 psi is converted over to the gallons but, anything would be better than what we have right now.

Mr. Trascher said, yes but, if we are going to go into this, we need to go into this with, we are going to have a contract that says this pump is going to deliver so many gallons at such and such psi.

Mr. Swann said, on such and such a size line.

Mr. Dreux said, it also has to do with the size of the pipe. You could have 100 psi and if the pipe is this big, your not going to get 300 gallons.

Mr. Swann said, yes, the size of the pipe.

Mr. Trascher said, right, that's what I am saying, that whole thing needs to be designed. At the end of that line, what do we need as an output in gallons and pressure.

Mr. Lindsey asked, didn't they run a line up there? Did they run 3 inch?

Chief Dockery said, they did. It's 2 inch so, I did talk to them about that and it's possibly that we can go with a bigger line to get more gallon-age through it.

Mr. Swann asked, we had nothing in writing on it the first time, just word of mouth?

Chief Dockery said, we had a invoice of, this is what they are going to put in and that's what they did. They put in what they said.

Mr. Trascher said, but there was no technical specifications on what it was going to be.

Chief Dockery said, there were no technical specifications on, it would put out X amount of gallons. It was basically, they know better and this is what we are going to do and it should work.

Mr. Swann said, well anything like that we should have a contract on that kind of thing.

Chief Dockery said, I will definitely have something written up and let you all look at it.

Mr. Trascher asked, what do we need for the gallons and the pressure?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I think we should have a...

Mr. Trascher said, we have to have a figure, we have to have something.

Mr. Lindsey said, we should be able to tell them what we want per minute and let them work on...

Mr. Trascher said, whatever size pipe they are going to need or whatever.

Mr. Lindsey said, we need to put a 3 inch or a 4 inch.

Mr. Dreux asked, what does a 3 inch line give you off your pump? About 250?

Chief Dockery said, yes, they said, right now with the 2 inch we are only looking at 200 gallons that could push through it. He said with a 3 inch, it's probably about 350 it could push through it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, you take a 2 ½ inch line, it's 250 gallons.

Mr. Dreux said, it says 250 gallons. Unless you kick that pump up to it's max, that's when you are going to get your 250. If you were to put a gauge on the end of it, your getting (inaudible) somewhere around there.

Mr. Lindsey said, well I mean, that's the range but, we are talking about straight shot, smooth pipe.

Mr. Dreux said, well, the 90's in the thing is going to give you friction loss, you know.

Chief Dockery said, you are definitely going to have some friction loss with the 90's.

Mr. Swann said, to fill a truck now, what do we have now to fill a truck? What are we filling on?

Chief Dockery said, hydrants in the town.

Mr. Swann asked, how much are they, what are they putting out, how long is it to fill a truck?

Chief Dockery said, if you have a good hydrant, 1500 gallons a minute but, we will never get that out of here.

Mr. Dreux asked, what is that 12 inch?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, there's not a 12 inch line in the whole town.

Mr. Swann said, 6 inch probably.

Chief Dockery said, I think it's 8 inch that runs down the main stretch. The only 12 inch that we have is over by the Waffle House in the industrial park, where they put the new tower in and actually, those hydrants over there, when I tested it, was 2400 gallons per minute. It was fanominal but, the rest of it, the rest of the town is pieced together with...

Mr. Lindsey said, some of them are like 500.

Chief Dockery said, yes. You go to Riverside and you are looking at 500.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think years ago it was like 450 or 500 at Riverside.

Mr. Dreux asked, is that that little...

Mr. Trascher said, what we need to determine is what do we want here.

Chief Dockery said, we are stopped, we are capped at what we have for power. There is no 3 phase anywhere back here so, we are stuck at single phase lines. So, we can only pump out so much electricity. So, we are capped at a certain pump size. It's got to be single phase.

Mr. Swann asked, where is 3 phase close to here? I know I got it on the street I live on.

Chief Dockery said, I would have to check with Cleco. I know it doesn't run anywhere down this road for sure. It might be on the main stretch.

Mr. Trascher asked, but, what we will need to know is that, what are we going to get. I mean, there's no sense to spend, throwing more money at something that is not going to work. What ever they design, we need to come up with a figure of, this is what we need out of this pipe out here.

Chief Dockery said, I am following you, I am definitely following you on that. This is just what they threw together and we are going to have a lot more conversations with them.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, but we need to determine what, you need to say what we need.

Mr. Swann said, we need to tell them, not them telling us.

Mr. Trascher said, what do we need out there and then we can tell them this is what we want, this is what we need.

Chief Dockery said, well, I did tell them I needed the biggest pump they have and this is the biggest one they have for single phase, which is 7 ½.

Mr. Dreux asked, let me ask you this. When you get our ratings, what are they set for when you are hooking up and how much time for filling up the truck? It's 1500 gallon truck, is there a range that they give you to give you a better rating?

Chief Dockery said, not for filling.

Mr. Lindsey said, just for the water shuttle, right.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the only thing, we have the water shuttle which is using a supplemental tank and as of the hydrants themselves, they just go off the flow test of the hydrants in the area so, this mitigates what you are asking for this.

Mr. Dreux asked, if you have a fire close to here, you coming back here to fill up or do you have ponds and stuff designated?

Chief Dockery said, the only pond that still works is off of Boyet. The rest of them are dried up or full of bullet holes so that mitigates the purpose for that. So, the only one that we have

that is viable anymore is on Boyet Street. So, that's for back here.

Mr. Dreux said, in your response, so if you get a fire back here somewhere pretty decent, y'all go to the city and hook to the hydrants? I know you fill your tanks up?

Chief Dockery said, if we have to refill, we will catch the hydrant right there by Anytime Fitness. There's a hydrant right there so it's not that far, further than what it is here. But, I would like to have this one to where it will actually do something.

Mr. Trascher asked, how much do you want to come out there?

Chief Dockery said, I would love 1500, but there again...

Mr. Trascher said, well, that's what you need to tell them.

Chief Dockery said, but, there again, we are still capped.

Mr. Dreux said, your probably only going to get 300.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think the best we are going to get is around 350 to 400. That would be good.

Mr. Trascher asked, what do we get now?

Mr. Lindsey said, probably around 200 gallons.

Mr. Dreux said, 10 gallons.

Chief Dockery said, yes, probably 5 gallons. It's pitiful, we have to basically, from the front we have to pull a vacuum to fill. That's what I told them today. I want pressure out of this and I want a good amount of pressure out of this front to where I don't have to pull with my pump on the truck.

Mr. Dreux said, you shouldn't have to pull a draft on it.

Mr. Swann asked, the guy that put the original one in, what is he saying about all of this?

Chief Dockery said, when he put it in he said that the gravity, the head pressure was enough. It would give us plenty of pressure. That was not true. It's, the head pressure on it, the size of the lines, the 90's, it does not have any type of pressure. It has enough pressure to come out maybe a foot and dribble down like a water hose. It's nothing compared. When you are looking to fill a truck, unless you are direct feeding it from up top, you will never fill a truck because the pressure pushing against the water coming in line.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to come up with a specification that we want on that line to put out. Would it do better to move back here to fill?

Mr. Dreux said, it's not designed to pull a draft anyway because, you could probably damage your tank.

Mr. Swann asked, there's no way to pressurize that tank?

Chief Dockery said, I would have to look. I know it has a port up top. I mean, I guess if we sealed the port but I'm not sure if the tank is actually, if it's able to be pressurized.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's probably not designed to be pressurized.

Mr. Dreux said, it's probably designed, like when you are pulling, a vent because your not going to get water if you don't have a vent.

Mr. Lindsey said, that could be another thing too. If you don't have enough vent, your not going to get any water.

Mr. Trascher said, I still don't know how much do we want to get out of it.

Mr. Lindsey said, he said, we are limited with the power.

Mr. Trascher said, what is the maximum you can put out with a single phase 7 horsepower pump?

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what we need to know.

Mr. Dreux said, I mean, 300 gallons would be... that's 5 minutes on filling up.

Mr. Lindsey said, even my pump by my house, it's only a 1 ½ horse, but they can tell you how much you are going to get.

Mr. Trascher said, right.

Mr. Lindsey said, at the end of, coming out of the hose.

Mr. Swann asked, there's no way they could put a fire hydrant down here and you get the same pressure you got at anytime fitness?

Mr. Lindsey said, there aren't any lines down here.

Mr. Trascher said, it's not in the Town.

Mr. Swann said, this isn't in Town?

Chief Dockery said, no, this is Parish.

Mr. Dreux said, once your off the road.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we're on our own.

Chief Dockery said, yes, on this side of the road you got wells, that side of the road you got city water.

Mr. Trascher said, you have to stay in Town, that's all.

Chief Dockery said, if the Town would be generous enough to run a line just for us.

Mr. Dreux said, you run up here north and you see all these hydrants out in the middle of nowhere.

Mr. Lindsey said, oh yes.

Mr. Dreux said, what's the deal. That's for further north.

Mr. Trascher said, to me, that's the first step, what do we want out there and if we can't get it with a 7 ½ horsepower pump, we are going to have to look at something else. I mean, we got to have something that's functional, be it up here or back there and we don't need to keep spending on a guess.

Mr. Lindsey said, the only other option that can guarantee you more is...

Mr. Dreux said, to raise it.

Mr. Lindsey said, to put a gas powered unit but then, that's a maintenance issue because with a gas powered unit, you can definitely increase your...

Mr. Trascher said, but, you could run that thing in a storm because what we put in here is not going to be tied into the generator unless it's not from this building.

Mr. Swann said, what about natural gas.

Mr. Dreux said, I don't have natural gas

Mr. Swann said, they have natural gas here though, don't they?

Mr. Lindsey said, that may be an option for a natural gas pump because, I mean, there's gas powered pumps that could get you as much water as you want.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I mean, we need to say, do we want 500 gallons a minute, 600 gallons a minute, what do we want, what do we need and then, what equipment is going to give us that?

Mr. Swann said, and we need a contract this time.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's what I am saying . When we ask them, this is what you have to deliver. This is what we want.

Mr. Lindsey asked, Chief, do you have any objections to a natural gas type pump?

Chief Dockery said, I do not. Just to clarify, I don't want to spend another red penny until we have something that is...

Mr. Trascher said, concrete.

Chief Dockery said, concrete, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, what do you need up front or do you need to come to the back.

Chief Dockery said, you know it's kind of like the saying, fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Because, going off the word of, you will have enough, well apparently it wasn't truthful.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, whatever you think we should have, you know if we want to set it at 500 gallons.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because I don't know. I honestly don't know.

Mr. Dreux asked, are there any other departments that run a tank to fill up?

Chief Dockery said, the closest one would be District 7. They have 2, 5,000 gallon tanks but they are elevated.

Mr. Trascher said, you pull under them, right?

Chief Dockery said, yes, they are basically...

Mr. Lindsey said, one has a pump.

Mr. Trascher said, maybe that's what we need, a rack to pull under.

Chief Dockery said, they basically have the 2, 5,000 gallon tanks and they have a well that fills the tanks up and they just pull under them and open the valve and pull from the top.

Mr. Dreux said, so, there's no other one that is similar to this one.

Mr. Lindsey said, not like what we have because, we are not elevated it. Well, at least we have a thought of checking into some type of gas unit as an alternative.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to come up with the specifications of what we want and then what do you have to have to deliver that.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Dreux said, you need to look at what the gas would put out. The quicker you get your tank filled, if you got 5 minutes, 3 minutes, that's great,. If you could get 500 gallons a minute out there to fill them up.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, I think that would be a...

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, what figure?

Mr. Lindsey said, I think that would be a good go to but that's strictly up to the Chief.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, 500 would be a great area. If we can get that, that would be awesome.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, so that is what we should have in our specifications. Chief, do you agree with that?

Chief Dockery said, we can aim for it, yes, we can.

Mr. Trascher said, aim hell, we going to buy it. There's no aiming.

Chief Dockery said, we can see what's available.

Mr. Swann said, we aimed last time and missed.

Mr. Trascher said, that's right. We are going to shoot at the moon and hit it. If that pipe don't pump 500 gallons a minute like we ordered, we ain't going to pay for it.

Mr. Lindsey said, if the electric can't pump that much, we definitely have to look at some alternatives or go ahead and look at alternatives where we know what, I mean, because if 7 ½ horsepower is all you can get...

Mr. Trascher said, nobody said what the 7 ½ horsepower can put out.

Chief Dockery said, 300.

Mr. Trascher said, 300 is all you can get out of that?

Mr. Dreux said, yes, that's if your piping is right.

Mr. Trascher said, we could order that and put it up there what we and got is not going to work and we are not going to get it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, we can put in for the gas option that way we know what our different options are and then make a decision from there based on how much it's going to cost us to know the value of it, how much the Chief thinks we need as far as the water flow and then...

Mr. Trascher said, well, the gas option too, natural gas stays on longer than the electricity in a storm.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's a good option.

Mr. Trascher said, and if we had the natural gas, we could probably function in a storm.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, the electric one may cost you \$4,500 and a natural gas one may cost you \$15,000, but, we have to determine what is more important to us. But, that's strictly up to you, Chief.

Chief Dockery said, no, I will look into it. Truthfully, I never thought about that option so, I will

definitely look at that option and see what's out there.

Mr. Lindsey said, I like the idea of if you have a storm and the electricity is kicking on and off and on and off, a lot of times that's when you have fires. And then, if the water is out and we can't refill...

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, even afterwards. We could go couple of days or a week, two weeks with out power at the station and we wouldn't be able to fill.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and for the natural gas, if it's feasible.

Mr. Swann said, let me ask you this, can we look at re-plumbing the thing so you don't have so may 90's?

Chief Dockery said, yes, we can definitely look to see if we can take away some of the 90's.

Mr. Swann said, he was saying, even if you run 45's, it's a lot better than 90's.

Mr. Trascher said, again, whoever designed this, if they need to re-plumb it re-plumb it. But, when I hold that pipe, I want this to come out of it.

Mr. Dreux said, you don't want it to trickle.

Mr. Trascher said, that's right, that's what I want and I am not going to pay you until it does that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I guess just take this out of it Chief, we are willing to spend a little extra money to get what we actually need for long term.

Chief Dockery said, I am following you on that. It's just, like I said, they got me last time on this. I would say young and dumb but, I'm not that young anymore.

Mr. Trascher said, well, you took a man at his word and we are not going to do that anymore. Now, we are going to hold the pipe and when it pisses out, excuse me, 500 gallons, we will pay the bill.

Mr. Swann said, any major thing we do we should have a contract and it should have what we expect. Just like when we were gonna put the gutters on the roof, they didn't put them on there.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it about the pump?

Chief Dockery said, that's what I have for the pump for right now.

Mr. Trascher said, we pumped it out.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think we beat that pump.

Mr. Dreux said, the pump been beaten.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, let's see if we can beat the Station Renovations.

UPDATE ON STATION RENOVATIONS – Floyd Trascher

Chief Dockery said, I will be gentle. So, I did talk with the architect on this. We had a couple of conversations. We are at a stand still at this moment. I have to go to the Parish and see if I can find our old survey or just the actual lines themselves because, we are running into an issue of how far we can be of the property line for the building itself. So, we are working on trying to see if we have one of the old survey's of the property or just the general property lines and give that to him to see where we sit with the add on or the addition. If it's even feasible or not. So, that's where we are on that one.

Mr. Lindsey said, did they tell you what the set back is here?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Lindsey said, you don't know yet?

Chief Dockery said, no, we don't know yet.

Mr. Dreux said, well, is it residential because you know residential is 5 feet to (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know that they are going to have a survey that is going to show, you probably got the property that has a legal description. They have the titles that is going to have a legal description but, I don't know that, when they built this they just stepped off where they wanted and nailed it up.

Chief Dockery said, I know it was back in the 70's.

Mr. Swann said, how did we get the property?

Mr. Trascher said, I don't remember where they got the property.

Mr. Lindsey said, I can look around at the Clerk of Court to see if I can find anything.

Mr. Dreux said, they got to have, did Floyd Fogg donate this land?

Chief Dockery said, that was before my time.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know, we got to have a legal description of the property. From what you are saying we are going to wind up having it surveyed because the survey is going to show where the existing building is in relationship to the property line. It's going to show all the buildings that are on this site.

Mr. Swann said, you look too hard we may not own this.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, I can say that too!

Chief Dockery said, according to the Assessor's Office we own it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I don't think we will find, I know we are not going to find a permit on this place and I am sure if there is, the Parish didn't have a survey. It's going to say, Gary Singletary approved. That's all that was needed then.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's a good approval.

Chief Dockery said, that's what I am feeling but, I got to (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, the only way to overcome that with the architect is we are going to have to pay for a survey.

Mr. Lindsey said, there's a legal description on it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's what I am saying...

Mr. Lindsey said, it's 1.86 acres and there is a legal description, so...

Mr. Trascher said, well, how the hell we got 1.86 acres and we got all this ground behind us?

Mr. Lindsey said, 1.86 acres total.

Mr. Swann said, I told you we may not own it.

Mr. Dreux said, that's almost 2 acres, so

Mr. Trascher said, that's 2 acres behind us it seems like, that we supposedly own.

Mr. Lindsey said, I can probably look on the Clerk of Courts and dig around a little bit. I might be able to find a, if it got recorded I can probably find it.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know, I don't know that they had it back then but we got a legal description.

Mr. Swann said, you may be able to get that through the Town records?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, through the Clerk of Courts.

Chief Dockery said, anyway, that's where we are at because, of course, you have to be set back from the road.

Mr. Swann said, yes, through the Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I was saying when we talked about it. I don't know if we add on this building that we would meet those requirements. We would be a whole lot better off if we

could stay with what's under beam and work with it.

Chief Dockery said, we might have to.

Mr. Trascher said, you know, with the renovation as opposed to...

Mr. Lindsey said, in the renovation, playing this out, we need to plan on fixing that dang driveway and drainage and everything as part of this tearing everything up and fixing it because, that's still a mess out there.

Mr. Trascher said, until the Parish gets some definitive outfall drainage...

Mr. Lindsey said, well, I think they came up with a plan.

Mr. Trascher said, everything wants to run back here and this falls back this way and there is no place for it to go back here so, they keep trying to drain it up to Pine Street and it's not going to go to Pine Street. It's going to go to the back.

Mr. Lindsey said, they need a 7 ½ horsepower single phase pump.

Mr. Trascher said, you would do better to put a big pond back here so the water can drain into it and we can suck water out the pond for the fire trucks. Really, it falls this way. It's the lay of the land and they keep trying to drain it up to Pine Street and it's no going to go that way. I hate to see us spend money on culverts and cement and everything else on that ditch.

Mr. Dreux said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to do something with it. I totally agree.

Chief Dockery said, I know the Parish had a plan for it. I don't know if they have the funds for it or not or if they are just going to throw it off on us but, they did come up with an idea of diverting it. Now, like you said, it wants to flow this way and they are trying to make it go this way.

Mr. Trascher said, they want to run it to the other side of the street and come up that way.

Chief Dockery said, and go over to Gum Creek and whatnot.

Mr. Trascher said, but now you have a new house up there and when you go digging gutters in front their place, they not going to be happy either. I mean, it is an issue. The ultimate resolve of it is to find an outfall or establish a lateraling where this can get out and you can grade everything that way.

Chief Dockery said, well, if they could just maybe ask that farmer back there and just run a trench over there to that massive ditch over by Mangano and whatnot.

Mr. Trascher said, that's where it needs to go, exactly.

Mr. Dreux said, they not going to do that on private land though.

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Lindsey said, not unless they give us the right of way.

Mr. Dreux said, they got that massive trench that 80 acres next to you that they want to clear out.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, if we give them the right of way they would but, it would have to be a Parish right of way from now on and we not doing it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because it used to be that you could go to the woods and dig a ditch and it was all good. Not anymore, that's jail time.

Mr. Dreux said, up until (inaudible).

Mrs. Blackwell said, hand shakes are not any good anymore.

Mr. Dreux said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, well, at least we know we are moving along with that, with what we have. Like I said, I am afraid that if we enlarge the building, we are going to have to pay for a survey, a site survey, and they will take the legal description, plot it out and then they are going to measure from this line to that building and this is here and that is there and that's what we have.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, in order to get a permit you have to have a survey anyway.

Mr. Dreux said, yeah, you have to have a survey to begin. This is under the Parish, right?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Dreux said, okay, especially now your going to need...

Mr. Lindsey said, I needed a survey and they were going to charge me \$1,500, I think.

Mr. Dreux said, \$400? \$1,500, how many acres did you...

Mr. Swann said, who did you go to, right there in Slidell?

Mr. Lindsey said, it was J.V. Burkes.

Mr. Swann said, well, that guy does it for is something else.

Mr. Lindsey said, he what?

Mr. Swann said, the guy that actually does the survey for him is something else.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think it was \$1,500.

Mr. Trascher said, but, that is something to keep in mind if we ever wanted to pursue and addition. Is it going to be worth it?

Chief Dockery said, yes, because it might not even be feasible for us. We might be too close, so if I can find something that is already established and kind of even see if we are in the ball park right now, it would be great. That way it's not a waste of money.

Mr. Trascher said, maybe look at what we can do under beam at least to get the air conditioner, the bathroom and the kitchen functional. You know what we have here now.

Mr. Swann said, once we get to that, why don't we get a professional to look at it. A architect or somebody like that to get some kind of design. Not just from fireman but from people that do this for a living.

Mr. Trascher said, you mean what's under beam?

Mr. Swann said, that's correct.

Mr. Trascher said, to deal with. Well, we can give them some ideas or goals. Just like what we are going to do with this pipe out here. We want this much to come out. We need some sleeping quarters, we need, this is what we need and how can we put that in here. How can we put New Orleans into Algiers.

Chief Dockery said, what?

Mr. Trascher said, how can we put New Orleans into Algiers.

Mr. Dreux said, I am thinking, I am working on it. (inaudible).

Mr. Lindsey said, if we find out that we can't go as far out on that side, then we know we got to come up with a different plan. I will do a little looking and if I see anything on it I will send it to you.

Chief Dockery said, okay. Yeah, I was going to make a trip over there and open the big book and see.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's go to be in there somewhere.

Mr. Trascher said, I am sure if you find the legal description and where the property was transferred over..

Mr. Swann said, there should be a deed for this thing somewhere, hopefully.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I am sure they do. Somebody's got it, they are somewhere but, I don't think there is a survey. Now, there may have been...

Mr. Lindsey said, well, it's drawn in.

Mr. Dreux said, they had a survey...

Mr. Trascher said, well, that's from the legal description, that's not necessarily a survey, that's a lot like, with the Assessor's Office.

Mr. Dreux said, yeah, where your buildings are and all that.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, this is the size from the legal description. That's the size of the property but, when you do a survey you do a plot plan for the building but, the survey, after the building was built and this was built, if you have a property surveyed they are going to show every building that is on the property and the setbacks that are on those buildings. That's the raw land.

Mr. Lindsey said, there is a legal description right there where it says: Section 10, 8, 14.

Mr. Trascher said, that's right. From that the surveyor would come out and locate the four corners...

Mr. Dreux said, then you have to see how far they are off the property line.

Mr. Trascher said, and then he would go this building is here, from here, this far and so on and so forth. There's a building and the size of this building and this building and the tower. I am curious now because all the way from Pine Street. We are supposedly own where this is cleared, don't we?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, that's more than 1 point something acres, right.

Mr. Lindsey said, 1.86, is what it says.

Mr. Trascher said, it's more than 2 acres.

Mr. Swann said, it looks like it's more than 2.

Mr. Dreux said, 198 by 198, is an acre?

Mr. Lindsey said, well...

Mr. Trascher said, 240 by 240 roughly is an acre.

Mr. Lindsey said, this one is a little crooked.

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's drawn a little crooked.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, but there's 240 feet from here to Pine Street and you go back another

240 feet and you still have some property back there. I don't know, I am just saying to look at it.

Mr. Dreux said, alright, well, there we go.

Mr. Trascher asked, is everybody satisfied with that?

Mr. Lindsey said, that's it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it?

Mr. Dreux said, we just have to do our research.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you, Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any Public Comment? Thank you all for coming out by the way. We are always glad to see you all. No Public Comment? Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Lindsey said, I will make a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Swann said, second.

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.