



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of the Meeting on June 13, 2017

**ROLL CALL**

Don Thanars - Absent  
Jackelyn Gallo – Present  
Eugene Swann - Present  
Floyd Trascher – Present  
Michele Blackwell - Present

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everyone read and approved the Minutes from the May 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I reviewed the minutes, they were very lengthily. At length, I think they were very well written. There was one little word that I asked be changed and Mrs. Rinkus agreed and changed it. So, with that said, I would move that we approve the minutes and let the video govern.

Mr. Swann said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, all in favor, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Ok, do we have a financial report for May?

Chief Dockery, Chief of Operations said, I didn't know if you wanted to do it or if you want...

Mrs. Gallo said, I would be happy to go over it. You have a copy of the January through May Budget in front of you. Overall, we are under current budget. There are a number of line items here that were substantially under budget which is a great thing. One line item where we are under budget in revenue, however, is EMS Services. We had anticipated to date, \$120,000 and we are running about 53% of that. I know there is some catching up being done on some of the EMS billing Services.

Chief Dockery said, that \$120,000 is for a complete year.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh, that is for the full year, not the prorated year.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so we are running on track.

Chief Leos said, yes, on track.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh, ok, I'm sorry. That's why it's so under budget.

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me, didn't we budget around \$10,000 a month?

Chief Leos said, \$12,000, wasn't it Jack?

Chief Dockery said, I think it was \$10,000.

Mr. Trascher said, but it was \$10,000 a month (inaudible).

Mrs. Gallo said, so we were over budget then. Because May would only be \$50,000.

Chief Leos said, we been putting in about \$12,000.

Mrs. Gallo said, that's great. Thank you. So, given that, we should be around 40-45% on most line items and we are within those ranges. If you have any questions about a particular line item, actually, many of them are well below that range on budget. One is slightly over, that's uniforms. But, it's only over by \$1,500. Everything else seems to be in line.

Mr. Trascher said, like the uniforms, if I may, that may be something that you make a purchase at the beginning of the year.

Mrs. Gallo said, for the whole year.

Mr. Trascher said, it's not going to be reoccurring as the months progress.

Chief Dockery said, right. No, it's not reoccurring. We only got two reoccurring that are high right now which is the water and the trash pickup. But, out of the bunch, that will have to be adjusted. Maybe next month we will do an amendment for that. With the trash pick up, it's because we rented a dumpster to clean up around the station. So, of course, that cost to rent it plus, it cost per poundage in it.

Mrs. Gallo said, even with that, we are under budget for our total expenses so, thank you Chief and Chief for being on top of the expenses.

Mr. Trascher said, just a question on the water. You mentioned that the water was over. Was that because the town went up on their rates?

Chief Dockery said, no, the water is the water for this station, we have a Kentwood Water, so...

Mr. Trascher said, oh, it's a drinking water.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Chief Leos said, it's because of the egg smelling water we got out there.

Chief Dockery said, just to give you an incite for the month of May, EMS total for checks actually brought in \$11,249.61. So, we are still running above average...

Mrs. Gallo said, good, awesome.

Chief Dockery said, each month.

Mr. Trascher said, well, keep up that good work.

Mrs. Gallo said, thank you, Chief. That's all I have, Michelle.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, is that all you have, Chief Dockery?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

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

## CHEIF'S REPORT – Chief Jack Leos

Chief Leos said, the incidents for May we had:

EMS	70
MVA	6
VEHICLE FIRES	3
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	3
LIGHTENING STRIKE	1
ELECTRICAL SHORT	1
GAS LEAK	1
ASSIST PD	1
RUBBISH FIRE	1
FALSE	7
TOTAL	94

Chief Leos said, False calls seem like they go up and down. Several of these have been alarm activation, accidental, kids hitting key pads and stuff. So, it's no big deal.

### FIRE PREVENTION UPDATE ON TRAINING

Chief Leos said, we got through with the 40 hour Inspector's Class. We had 8 take the class, 4 passed. So, we now have 1 Fire Inspector 2, 4 Fire Inspector's 1, and 2 Fire Investigator's certified. The 4 that failed are going to retake it again. I hope they will get it. That's one of the hardest test you are going to take is Fire Inspector. So, we are pretty well on track for getting all of that out of the way.

Mr. Trascher asked, was that through the Fire Marshall's office?

Chief Leos said, no, that's through LSU. You have to take what's called an IFSAC Certifications which is International Fire Service Accreditation Council. They call it the Gold Seal.

Mr. Trascher asked, each time they take it, do we have to pay for it?

Chief Leos said, we did this one. The class was, what was it \$135 a person and then the test is \$35. So, the next time they will just pay the test which is \$35. You only pay the class one time and we had enough people that they came here because it would be cost prohibited to send them for 40 hours to LSU. So, we did get 50%, half rate, which is not as good as I hoped for.

Mr. Trascher said, not as bad as it could be.

Chief Leos said, no, and with it being that hard of a test, I guess the good side is, now they know what's on it. It will help them study a little better and we got them test prep forms to go by so they can take it. We are going to probably schedule it in another 30 days. So, if they don't pass that, they got to wait 6 months before they can ever take it again.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Chief. We will move right on in to Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **LOWRY-DUNHAM, CASE & VIVIEN INSURANCE – FLOYD TRASCHER**

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I put that on the agenda. I think that Lowry-Dunham would like to address the Board with some good news.

Mr. Alan Case said, so, my dad sends his apologies. He was not able to make it again, he has a conflict. He did send me again and he's got a cover letter attached to this premium summary.

Chief Leos said, I've got one.

Mr. Case said, ok, you've got one. He asked if I could read it and I can do that now, if you'd like.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes sir.

Mr. Case said, and I will be here to answer any questions, if you have any questions, of course, after that. But, here:

Dear Chief John and Commissioner's:

With regrets, I personally cannot meet with you tonight. I have been obligated to be at the Slidell City Council meeting for some time. Alan will be there in my place. If there are questions he cannot answer, he will make note and I will answer in writing as soon as possible.

I have met with Keith Davidson with VFIS. I believe that we left having established a good rapport for working with each other. I have been in the insurance business for a long time, and I see very few insurance professionals that know their product like Keith does. We are fortunate to have him as our resource.

At the last meeting, Keith presented the renewal package for insurance on the fire department. The premium was down from \$88,022 in 2016 to \$85,984.11 for the upcoming year. Based on the meeting with Keith, we can now reduce the premium to \$80,911 for the upcoming term.

As compared to last year, some of the savings had to do with correcting an incorrect amount of insurance on an antenna. The additional reduction came from some information that was not available to Keith when he did his survey. It had to do with the reduced personnel numbers.

We have not reduced any coverage that was meaningful, except the antenna coverage which was in error. We have in fact, increased the physical damage policy on the vehicles from \$1,663,150 to \$2,235,000. This was a recommendation from Keith based on his expertise in the business.

We will attend some of your meetings, but will attend any that you feel we need to give input. We may make some recommendations as the year progresses.

It is with appreciation that Lowry-Dunham, Case and Vivien serves you and look forward to building a strong relationship.

All premiums subject to applicable state fees and taxes of approximately \$430.

Mr. Case continued, so, if you will turn to the next page, this is for your information. This is the Premium Summary. These are the final figures and it does include the reduced personnel, which we are going to take advantage of, obviously, while it's reduced. Of course, if you add personnel during the year it will more than likely increase the premium on the renewal. But, we are going to take advantage of the reduced numbers while we can. I believe, if I remember from last meeting that, when we discussed the increased physical damage for the auto, that was a recommendation that y'all wanted to go with and of course, we would recommend that as well. That was, I don't believe it was too much to do that. So, I think we have gone based on that assumption and that's it unless y'all have any questions. I would be happy to answer any that you have.

Mr. Trascher said, the only question I have is on the management liability aspect. At what point in the future might we see a reduction in that? I think we had some high management liability because of the past and that's been a number of years.

Mr. Swann said, it was because of wrongful termination.

Chief Leos said, I got a hold of Keith, Keith said there are some courses or classes that we need to take that would help get rid of that. I put a call in to him today, he was tied up somewhere. So, I don't know if it was a, I am assuming it's a class that we will have to go to to attend, me and Jack, for management liability. I don't think they offer it online. I think you have to go where they give it and I haven't seen any schedules. My suggestion, when I talked with Keith is, maybe to see if we can co-sponsor with VFIS and get with District 1 where they have a bigger facility and actually sponsor one here so we can take that class.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, there may be some other departments.

Chief Leos said, every department in the parish is with VFIS, so we would draw from 13 fire districts for this class. I don't know why they wouldn't do that and that would help us alleviate this management liability but I have to find out what class he is talking about.

Mr. Case said, well, we can certainly help facilitate that if that is an option and now that the policy is renewed, we can look into that (inaudible).

Chief Leos said, we not big enough here to do it but I was thinking, if I can get with 1, they have a lot larger rooms down there to invite all the Parish fire departments.

Mr. Trascher said, and by having all the districts involved, it may be, like you said, a sizable class. It would behoove them to come here.

Mr. Case said, it makes sense to me.

Mr. Trascher said, that would do good. Alan, if you can help us with that.

Mr. Case said, I will look into it and see what options are available.

Chief Leos said, I don't know what class he is talking about.

Mr. Case said, I will find out.

Chief Leos said, I looked on their catalog online and I did see some management classes in there and I am assuming that is what he is talking about. Risk reduction and management.

Mr. Trascher said, at some point, I don't know if we are still paying on a high premium because of the Crowe issue.

Chief Leos said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, I think that something in the future, that's a number of years. That's well 10 years since that happened and I think that maybe, it's something we can look into to help reduce our management liability.

Mr. Case said, certainly.

Mr. Trascher said, I am very happy with the renewal.

Chief Leos said, I will try to get a hold of him tomorrow.

Mr. Case said, if not, we can help you with it. We will look into anything that can...

Mrs. Gallo said, that's too aged to be still in consideration.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, because we had some issues in the past .

Mr. Case said, as soon as I get back, we will look into it and the office should be in touch with you guys and see what needs to be done to get that taken care of and see if there is a reduction in premiums.

Mr. Trascher said, or if there is something at some point, we need to start looking into the future to use.

Mr. Case said, sure, that's a bid, a more sizable chunk you got there really, so that is understandable. Ok, is there any other questions? Do y'all need me to stay to the end? Does anybody? Ok, well thank you and we really appreciate the business and if there is anything we can do, we are always here for you.

Mrs. Gallo said, tell John we said hi, please.

Mr. Case said, I sure will. Thank y'all and have a good day.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Mr. Case.

Mr. Case said, you are very welcomed.

Mr. Trascher said, that's a good reduction.

Mr. Swann said, yeah, that's a big reduction.



Chief Leos said, we have two openings for full time people but we can't do anything about it until the Civil Service Board actually meets and can call for an exam.

Mr. Trascher said, we should have Mr. Finger.

Chief Leos said, I haven't heard from any of them.

Mr. Trascher said, he said he had talked with you and...

Mrs. Blackwell said, the last I heard was that nobody has contacted.

Chief Leos said, I haven't heard from them.

Mr. Trascher said, I know I will be with him Monday night if you would like...

Chief Leos said, that would be the only change in his premium is when we hire those two.

Mr. Trascher said, it may be 6 months before we do that because, you know, we were looking at putting somebody over at Porter's River.

Chief Leos said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, and I don't know if these two are going to be part of that or...

Chief Leos said, they probably are not. They are going to fill in the hole we got now.

Mr. Trascher said, because that was something that, if we ever get it up, that trailer, we can put something over there. But, I know Mr. Finger and Mrs. Gallo, we approved the lady that you had mentioned last meeting.

Chief Leos said, I will get Sidney to get a hold of them.

Mr. Trascher asked, have you reached out to her?

Chief Leos said, no, I will get with Sidney.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, because you (Mrs. Gallo) said, you spoke with her.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh yes, she is ready to get on board.

Mr. Trascher said, and the only thing I thought, was that Civil Service was coming down to give them a manual.

Mrs. Blackwell said, they still had to do their oath and all the last time I spoke with Sidney.

Chief Leos said, I will call Cynthia tomorrow and see if they are going to come and give them an orientation.

Mrs. Gallo said, yeah, because that needs to happen because I know there's quite a few questions that...

Chief Leos said, they got to give them their books.

Mrs. Gallo said, yeah.

Chief Leos said, I will call tomorrow and try to get that set up.

Mrs. Gallo said, give them the resources to be effective.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, we are going to move to the next one.

#### CORRECT RESOLUTION FOR FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION – CHIEF LEOS

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do you want your thing here so you can see?

Chief Leos said, the ordinance or the resolution that y'all had passed was really a copy of the Parish Council Resolution and this was the example that...

Mr. Trascher said, the Parish Council Resolution. Basically, what this resolution does is, it absolves the...

Chief Leos said, yes, in that paragraph right there.

Mr. Trascher said, the State Fire Marshall from any liability.

Chief Leos said, our question was...

Mrs. Gallo said, I read it before the meeting.

Chief Leos said, did y'all figure out how y'all, she had this from the last vote. Can we carry that over with this or do you need to vote on this?

Mr. Trascher said, my recommendation would be that we approve this resolution tonight because we did change the verbiage.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, ok, do we have a motion?

Mr. Trascher said, so, I would move, and I did ask for this to be brought out on line and I also submitted it to Terry Hand. Mr. Hand said, no, we definitely should consider this resolution. So, with that said, I said I would move that we approve Resolution number...

Mrs. Blackwell said, 2017-014.

Mr. Trascher said, which amends our original Fire Prevention Bureau Resolution.

Chief Leos said, she said she can do a new vote page instead of that one.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yeah, she had this one. I will just write them in and she can retype it.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, that's the last thing we need. They got all our other paper work.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes, I will second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

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

Mr. Swann said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We do not have, did you find out if Don is going to be here in town?

Mrs. Gallo said, the message won't go out because I am in this building.

Chief Leos said, you have to go outside.

Mrs. Gallo said, so I will send it.

Mr. Trascher said, the only thing, Mr. Thanars is our Secretary, the Board Secretary. He's not, I think he said he was going to be out for the next two meetings.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know if he is going to be in town or not to be able to sign.

Mrs. Gallo said, I will step outside and get this message sent out.

Chief Leos said, yeah, if there is some way we can get it to them because that's the only thing holding us up. The longer we are held up, the less points we get.

Mr. Trascher said, well, as Vice-Chairman or the Treasurer, if Mr. Thanars is not going to be available, I would move that we open the agenda and do a temporary resolution to authorize the Board members to sign in his place.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will see what she's got because she is next on the agenda for the updating on the Banking.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think that Mr. Swann holds an office, does he?

Mr. Swann said, what's that?

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think you have an office.

Mrs. Blackwell said, no he doesn't.

Mr. Trascher said, he could be Vice-Secretary to sign that resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, we can go off record until Mrs. Gallo returns.

OFF RECORD

Mrs. Blackwell said, Floyd, you had an idea?

Mr. Trascher said, well, Mrs. Gallo did send the message.

Mrs. Gallo said, yes, we are going to check the phone in just a second and see if...

Mr. Trascher said, if we let it go for a little while.

Mrs. Blackwell said, let's go ahead and do our next item. Update on Banking, Mrs. Jackelyn.

UPDATE ON BANKING – JACKELY GALLO

Mrs. Gallo said, yes, so, I have been in touch with contacts at Whitney Bank. All of the accounts are certainly secure and safe with their First NBC/Whitney conversion and they are going to see through the payment of the rates that First NBC have been on and approved which I think was  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ , through the end of the contract when we put out the next RFP's. So, we are moving along just as though we were still with First NBC just under the Whitney name moving forward until that contract period is up. I don't know what that date is.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I was wondering. An RFP, we didn't, you mean the department do an RFP?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes, bid on specifically on what our return on rates would be.

Mr. Trascher said, because I don't think we have ever done...

Mr. Swann said, no we haven't.

Mr. Trascher said, a departmental RFP of different banks.

Mrs. Gallo said, so with there being a change in banks, from what I understand, Wynn Williams is with Whitney. So, she was retained, which is a great thing because we have a good relationship with her. So, we will probably, Whitney is going to be more systematic in their process than FNBC was, so we will probably have to do one. My guess is that we won't see that same rate of return offered. So, just a heads up on that.

Mr. Trascher said, what about the possibility of like a thirty day CD?

Mrs. Gallo said, the rates are so low on that it's not going to give you any desirable return.

Mr. Trascher said, not worth the paperwork?

Mr. Swann said, you can't get any interest on anything now.

Chief Leos said, no.

Mrs. Gallo said, it was really an extraordinary rate, way out of market zone. So, I just don't see us getting that type of benefit again.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, I don't think we will.

Mrs. Gallo said, there's one bank that might and when the time comes I will give you that name, Chief. It might come close but...

Chief Leos said, I'm going to have to get with you on what we are actually what we are asking and what we are looking for.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, because FNBC, didn't they buy our checks even?

Mrs. Gallo said, yeah, it will be a request on all bank services and fees. I don't know what all we use right now other than online banking. Quite honestly, I don't know if we use ACH but, the contact that I do have at Whitney, in addition to Wynn, they would actually work together. It's actually the Treasury Services Officer who works with

together with the Bank Officer's who have the relationship to the client. So, between the two of them, I will be able to get all those answers and we can put that together to make sure that all of our services are met.

Chief Leos said, I will ask Jeff and see what he expects as far as banking.

Mr. Swann said, the last bank we had a lot of problems with. That's why we switched and got out of there.

Chief Leos said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, I guess the most pressing thing at this point would maybe be to try and find out when that contract would end or when we would need to do...

Mrs. Gallo said, when it's going to expire.

Mr. Trascher said, I've heard rumors that they were going to honor it until the first of the year.

Mrs. Gallo said, I will find out that specific question. I will ask that specific question. Sure.

Mr. Trascher said, and if we can find that then we know for sure when we need to have our RFP's prepared so we can go out with it.

Mrs. Gallo said, yep, great thought.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Mrs. Gallo.

Mrs. Gallo said, your welcome.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, while we are waiting on the text to go, and I know this is...

Mrs. Gallo said, do you want me to go check on it?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, please. This is just, Floyd, you might have to, the letter from the District Attorney's office came through again.

Mr. Swann asked, they answered it?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, this is the District Attorney. The thing between Warren Montgomery and Pat Brister.

Mr. Trascher said, no, last month the board authorized Mr. Thanars to draft a letter that was in email form, to the District Attorney asking about our files and the information we had and specifically, with Mr. Ingram, to pay the bill. That letter was sent and we asked

for a reply for tonight and we have had no reply from the District Attorney at this point. We, the Chairman has another letter here. Basically from the District Attorney, of course that, there has been an appeal filed and the District Attorney has requested an opinion on the continuing saga of the DA versus the St. Tammany Parish Government and the Attorney General has opted out of providing an opinion. So, the matter is still in court and the District Attorney did file an appeal to the lower courts ruling. At this point, the Board has chosen to go with the Attorneys with the Parish Council now. We have been dealing and directing our legal questions to them. I think this is more just an update from the District Attorney on where they stand at this point.

Mr. Swann said, but they didn't answer Don's email.

Mr. Trascher said, they did not answer the email. The email, Mr. Thanars sent it to me, I forwarded it to the Chairman, the Chairman signed it, I scanned it and personally mailed, emailed it to the District Attorney.

Mrs. Gallo asked, and he also reached out to the a couple of times, right?

Mr. Trascher said, he has attempted to call them as far as I know.

Mr. Swann said, we haven't had any luck when we call them.

Mrs. Gallo said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, I really believe that nothing is going to happen until the matter between the two are resolved and then we can ask our attorney's to request all the files from the DA's office on District 11. If Mr. Ingram was going to do anything, he would have done it by now. It's really not in his best interest to bring a suit against this Board.

Mrs. Gallo said, well, I think everybody walked away from that meeting satisfied waiting for the opinion. So at this point, we are simply, still waiting for the opinion.

Mr. Trascher said, right. We met with Mr. Ingram. Mr. Swann and myself, met with Mr. Ingram and Tony Lamaze with the District Attorney's office and everything was put out on the table and he agreed that he would wait until the DA's office opinioned on it.

Mr. Swann asked, how long has that been?

Mr. Trascher said, that's been two years probably.

Mrs. Blackwell said, a long time.

Mr. Trascher said, and I have reached out to Mr. Ingram, on the advice of the attorney, offering to sponsor a resolution to pay half of the bill so that we could put it behind us and he wouldn't accept it. Now, he may accept it later from the Parish's legal council or whatever but, if I think if we try to pull things and switch things we are going to make it,

muddy the waters more.

Mrs. Gallo said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, so we did reach out, if we get any correspondence back, I will forward it and update it to the Board.

Mrs. Blackwell said, this is just a letter of the ongoing saga where the Attorney General doesn't want to have any opinion right now.

Mr. Trascher said, if you have nothing to do and you want to read something.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you can read it if you like. That's why I brought it and brought it up.

Mr. Trascher said, it just keeps bring up stuff.

Mrs. Gallo said, I will trust that.

Mr. Trascher said, have you had any indication from Mr. Thanars?

Mrs. Gallo said, no, I haven't.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do you want to text us later on that? Oh, I guess we can't. We can't, we have to have somebody sign that.

Mrs. Gallo said, I would not imagine that he is going to be out of state for two months.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I do know he has grandchildren out of state.

Mr. Swann said, I wouldn't think so either. He probably just has to miss these dates.

Mrs. Gallo said, I would think he just has these particular conflicts.

Mr. Trascher said, I will offer to open the agenda...

Mrs. Gallo said, is this time sensitive, Chief? To get this signature in by a certain date?

Chief Dockery said, the longer it takes, the less points we get for having it.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh, ok.

Chief Leos said, we are on a time line now. This is our rating year.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think it would be out of line, we have a Vice-Chairman and a Chairman, to have a Vice-Secretary on the Board. At one time we had that. I would



offer a motion to open the agenda for the purpose of appointing a Vice-Secretary. In the absence of the Secretary, they can sign documents that are time sensitive.

Mrs. Gallo said, I will second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, all in favor, how do you vote Mrs. Jackelyn?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, for.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I would offer a motion to appoint Mr. Eugene Swann as Vice-Secretary of Fire Protection District 11. In the absence of the Secretary, to fulfill the duties that are time sensitive. Mrs. Rinkus, will you prepare us a resolution for the file to that effect?

Mrs. Rinkus said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, yes? She is shaking her head yes. You got to speak behind the camera.

Chief Leos said, it's suppose to happen when your not here.

Mr. Swann said, you still have to vote on it.

Mr. Trascher said, that's right but all it takes is two.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, do we have a second.

Mrs. Gallo said, second, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mrs. Jackelyn, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, no.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carried.

Mr. Trascher said, sign the papers.

Mrs. Blackwell said, your first signature, sir.

Chief Leos said, it's a prorated 5 ½ points and we are six months into the year so it's going to be tough to get maybe half.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, Mrs. Gallo, if you would, would you please send Mr. Thanars a message to let him know that we did adopt a Vice-Secretary, that in his absence for time sensitive material.

Mrs. Gallo said, ok, thank you. Can I see that?

Mr. Trascher said, sure.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh, ok, I thought it was on the yea/nay page that we were replacing.

Mr. Swann said, no.

Mrs. Gallo said, thank you.

Mr. Swann said, I got it right.

Mrs. Gallo said, yes you did.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we want to sign these two as well?

Mr. Trascher asked, do we need to?

Mrs. Blackwell said, one's about the millage.

Mrs. Gallo said, aren't you the lucky one.

Mr. Trascher said, and don't come with that writer's cramp.

Mrs. Gallo said, you know what I feel like, na na nana na!

Mr. Trascher said, it's a good thing you don't hold a grudge.

Mrs. Gallo said, it's usually me. Chief Dockery called me about checks this week and he brought a stack about this and I went whoa.

Mr. Trascher said, sorry Gene. We won't bug you with it all the time.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Mr. Gene. Georgette, your resolutions are signed.

Mrs. Gallo said, I am going to say that is a first for me. I have never been on a Board with a Vice-Secretary.

Mr. Swann said, me either.

Mrs. Gallo said, congratulations.

Mr. Trascher said, we did originally have, we had the five of us and we had a vice. I was Vice-Secretary at one point. When Sidney Landry was Secretary, you remember that don't you?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, well, you can shoulder it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, alright, is that it?

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, oh nope.

Chief Dockery said, I have something else.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright Chief Dockery. It looks important.

Chief Dockery said, I received a card yesterday in the mail and I will kind of redact the names in it to protect their privacy. But, it states:

Dear Captain Mitchell Geissler,

I don't know where to start to thank you. I just wanted to let you know how much your kindness and thoughtfulness meant for thinking of me at a time when I needed someone. I remember many others there and I want to thank them all.

I know my husband sent you to me that day. He always put me first even in all his pain. He and I were married 55 years, and of course we had our ups and downs, but I don't ever remember the downs. We had a great 55 years is a long time but not long enough.

You were a stranger to me and to think you took your time to stay with me meant so much.

Mitchell always stay who you are now and I wish the best for you always. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. You are a fine young man, I will never forget you.

I made a new "friend" that day. Thank you so much.

My husband was a good person and a wonderful man, husband, papa, father and friend to many.

From Mrs. Ellen

Chief Dockery said, I just wanted to give recognition to Captain Geissler, especially him and all the personnel that day.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you for the kindheartedness.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have.

Mrs. Gallo said, and you happened to snuffle at a perfect time.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you think it was planned?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes. I would like to say to, that lightening strike was on my street and I know that you guys responded quickly in the middle of the night. My husband happened to be up to prepare for his fishing day and he said you guys were out there in full force in the middle of the night taking care of what you needed to to keep that from getting any bigger and save the home so, thank you guys for being there and so responsive. It hits close to home when it's your neighbor.

Mr. Trascher said, when you see it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, they have been busy in our neighborhood as well.

Mrs. Gallo said, so, thank you guys, for doing what you do.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I would like to thank the department, too. Your a fine service and hopefully keep up the EMS billing so that we are on target and we can keep it. With that said and there's no other business, I move that we adjourn.

Mr. Swann said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, all in favor, Mrs. Jackelyn, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, I.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, you heard it, I.