



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
February 6, 2024
7:00 pm – 7:20 pm

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everybody read and approved the minutes for the January 9th, meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I've read the minutes and they seem to be in order and if there is no discussion, I move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I agree, I second.

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

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will move on to the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANICAL REPORT

Chief Dockery said, no and no for the EMS. We are a week ahead and they just got everything in yesterday.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's right.

Mr. Trascher said, I was going to say they looked a little slim this evening.

Chief Dockery said, as soon as I get it in, it should be later this week or early next week. I will email it to everybody and if you have any questions we will bring it up at the next meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will move right down to the Chief's Report, Chief.

EMS REPORT

NONE

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

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

EMS	66
MVA	5
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	5
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	3
FALSE ALARM	5
POLICE MATTER	1
TOTAL	85

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

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, with that said, we will move to Old Business, Update on Station Remodel Plans, Mr. Lindsey.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON STATION REMODEL – Russell Lindsey

Mr. Lindsey said, I just wanted to find out and see if we made any more progress?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I actually finally got my third quote in. I checked with 5 different companies and a couple of them, they finally got back to me and told me they were out of business or out of the area. So, the three ones that I did get were J.V. Burke and they are asking for \$1,950, for a survey. A Randall Brown and they are asking \$1,985 for a survey and a company called BFM Corporation, they are asking for \$3,850, for a survey. J.V. Burke, when I talked to the gentleman there, they actually have an old survey from another company that went out of business but, it is out of date. He recommended getting an up to date survey with the new buildings on this site. So, if it pleases the Board, I will give J.V. Burke a call in the morning and set up a date for him to come out.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay, yes, I am on board with that. Especially, being they are local.

Mr. Trascher said, regardless of what we do, we really need to have a survey.

Mr. Lindsey said, we need to have it anyway, so.

Mr. Trascher said, if you want to make that motion, I will second.

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we...

Mr. Trascher said, we engage J.V. Burke and accept their bid?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I will second.

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

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

UPDATE ON HYDRANT – Russell Lindsey

Chief Dockery said, alright, also moving on to the well. I did come across a pump I think will work. I will get in touch with some type of plumber and find out if it's what we are looking for. It's a single phase pump which, I checked with a couple of people around here, we don't have 3 phase back here because we have no commercial back here. So, it's a single phase pump, it's a 10 horse power motor and it says to put out 520 gallons per minute. That's probably at the pump itself. We will probably loose some going down. I have searched up and down for this one and I finally ran across it.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's still pretty good.

Mr. Swann said, let me ask you this, when we go to buy this thing can we get them to guarantee it in writing?

Chief Dockery asked, guarantee like the gallon-age?

Mr. Swann said, yes, we are not going to buy another well that don't work.

Chief Dockery said, no, I am going to call that company and talk to them about that motor and I'll see what the distance is or what is guaranteed from them. It's showing 520 but, that could be 20 feet away from it. I want to find out exactly how much I am going to have to push to get it at the front of the station. Back here is fine because it's that close to the motor. It's just going to be that stretch from there to the front of the station. Probably go with bigger pipe to get that flow. It's still in the works, it's just been a struggle being a single phase.

Mr. Trascher asked, did we look into what we have as far as a contract on the well that we got?

Chief Dockery said, there is nothing in there about gallon-age on there. It was just for them to set up the well, provide all the fittings and hook it up. So, there is nothing in there of, it was going to flow 500 gallons.

Mr. Trascher asked, did we, we didn't have any bid specifications for that?

Chief Dockery said, that was not a bid specification. It was more a hand shake, yeah it's going to give you all the pressure you need.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, so what we are going to do now is, like with this pump, we need to bid it out. We need to bid it with those specifications that it must produce. We need to set what we have to have. We may not get 500 gallons a minute or an hour because, like you said, because of the distance. So, what do we have to have?

Mr. Swann said, they should be able to use a different size pipe and give you that. You shouldn't lose any.

Chief Dockery said, this pump itself uses 4" pipe so, if we ran 4" pipe I believe we would be close to it but, I want to find somebody smarter than me to double check because I'm not about....

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because if we are going to spend money on it now, we will have a contract and the guy is going to eat it if we don't get the flow that we need.

Mr. Swann said, in the original contract, did it call for bringing the fittings and everything up to the front?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, okay, so he still has to do that?

Chief Dockery said, no, everything has been brought to the front.

Mr. Swann said, it has?

Mr. Trascher said, it don't have any water.

Chief Dockery said, it just doesn't have any pressure to it.

Mr. Lindsey asked, is it 4 inch going up there or is it 2½ or 2 inch?

Captain Sidney Anderson said, no it's, I want to say it's a 3" gated down to a 2½ ".

Chief Dockery said, it's either a 2 ½ or a 3". I will have to go, I think it's uprooted or it's not buried completely and I will have to go look. It's either a 2 ½ or a 3" but, it's still, just with the head pressure that we getting just off of the tank is just not enough. So, at least with the 4", we should get some more. I definitely want to get with someone else that knows more about it. Like I said, I can figure out some things but, this is one of them that I don't want to even try on.

Mr. Swann asked, are we going to have to pay to rerun a line now, again?

Chief Dockery said, that's what I got my workers for. We can run a new line. It's not buried really deep so, we can dig it up and run a new line. That should be no issue. I am just more concerned with, I need to know the math behind it of, this will push X amount through this length of pipe.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, there's got to be an engineering firm.

Chief Dockery said, so, if I can get that...

Mr. Trascher said, that can give us a design standard of what, with the well that we have, you know, the equipment we need.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think the friction loss would be that great. We can look it up on 4"

hose and come up with the friction loss for that distance. That's how Mike would...

Captain Anderson said, the only time you are going to lose is when you go down...

Mr. Lindsey said, is when you reduce it.

Captain Anderson said, when you reduce it you go down 25 psi on the friction loss.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we can reduce it from a 4" to a 2 1/2" for the distance.

Captain Anderson said, that's not a whole lot of gpm's you are losing at the most.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to put up a regular pipe up there. Not like a stand pipe, like a regular hydrant.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I am thinking, we need to.

Mr. Lindsey said, we would be set.

Mr. Trascher said, we talked about that when we did the well. What was it \$3,000, for a fire hydrant?

Chief Dockery said, yes, roughly \$3,000, for a fire hydrant itself.

Mr. Trascher said, we saved a nickle putting a stand pipe. Maybe we need to go ahead and...

Mr. Lindsey said, my thought is, if we do a regular hydrant, then we are done. We don't have to deal with it anymore. Chief, that's up to you but, a stand pipe to me, it's a lot easier to break off, we are not going to get as much flow out of it, it's not as good for training. I mean, you can have guys training right out front on the hydrant. We have the class here, okay, we are going out to the front and we are going to do hydrant training. But, that's just my opinion. I don't want to have to undo. I like to do stuff where it's 100% the first time.

Chief Dockery said, I am with you on that. So, that's what I have right now.

Mr. Trascher asked, okay, so what is the plan on this again now? Are we going to try and bid it like that or are we going look for somebody that can give us a design to ask for in the bid?

Chief Dockery said, well we can kind of do both. We can bid it out but, we could check around and find somebody that we can get a design made up for it, then they can just put a bid in. It's going to have to be bid regardless.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I understand the bidding. What I am saying is, when we are bidding, the only thing we could do, for rigid specifications would be, what we want on the outflow. If we want to put a hydrant, we want to bid a hydrant and we want to bid a gallons per minute

and such a such of pressure. If they don't put that in and if it doesn't work, we don't pay. Do you see what I mean?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I am following you.

Mr. Lindsey asked, have you talk to Waterworks? I don't know if they deal with anything that big.

Chief Dockery said, yes, they came out last time and basically gave us a quote, I want to say about \$5,000, for putting a smaller board and half horse power pump with a tank, a pressure tank. Basically, like your common well at your house. It's just building up pressure to push through the line.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's what I am saying, because you can get a bid, when you ask a company without those specifications... we need to either ask for specific equipment or the end result in order to... if we ask for specific equipment, then it's on us if it don't work.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, well I guess we will have to see what their availability is with what we have. Being single phase electric, we may be limited to what we are going to do.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's a limitation, the size of the well, I am sure it's going to do that.

Mr. Lindsey said, as long as we are moving forward with getting something done on it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, does that take care of the hydrant too, as well?

Chief Dockery said, yes ma'am.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, there is nothing else on the agenda, do any Public Comment? I would like to thank our firefighters for coming tonight.

Mr. Trascher said, I have one question that I would like to ask the Chief. It's not on our agenda but, what about our millage's this year, Chief?

Mrs. Blackwell said, oh shoot.

Mr. Trascher asked, why, what did you do?

Mrs. Blackwell said, I got a letter at home that I was suppose to bring. I don't know what it's about, it's about millage's but I don't know what it's about.

Mr. Trascher said, it's a reappraisal, do we need a...

Chief Dockery said, oh, it's for a reassessment year.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, oh is that what it is?

Chief Dockery said, yes. We won't get anything until the reassessment hits.

Mr. Trascher said, right, but is this the year we are going to have to adjust the millage's?

Chief Dockery said, correct. This will be the year we have to adjust and we won't get that until they do the reassessment and we will do what we talked about. We will take the one that's...

Mr. Trascher said, adjust one of them down...

Chief Dockery said, yes, adjust one, correct.

Mr. Trascher said, we will have to roll them all up this year.

Chief Dockery said, we rolled them all up last year, we are collecting it this year and then we have to roll back.

Mr. Trascher said, now we can roll back once we get to collect.

Chief Dockery said, that's correct.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, so to do that we shouldn't have to have a meeting in Covington.

Chief Dockery said, no, the only reason we have to have a meeting in Covington is if we kept all of them at the same.

Mr. Trascher said, to roll them forward we had to have the meeting.

Chief Dockery said, to roll them back, we can do it in here. I am just waiting for...

Mr. Trascher said, we just have to wait for them to tell us what we should get before we can decide what adjustment that we need to make. Okay, I just wanted to be sure.

MILLAGE WORKSHOP

Chief Dockery said, also, I don't know if any of you all got the email. If not, I will send it out to you all, there is a workshop a virtual workshop. There's with 2 dates on there for the millage workshop. I will make a note to send it out to all of you all. It's on Zoom or there's a person

somewhere in another Parish. The Zoom meeting is just fine. You sit where ever and I try to attend it every year just to see what's new. In case you didn't get it, I will send it out to everybody.

A SOLDIER'S JOURNEY HOME

Mr. Lindsey said, so, being we are on Public Comment, to let you all know, you may have found out about it already but, A Soldier's Journey Home is going to be building a home on Chris Kennedy. It's an organization that comes in and builds a home for wounded soldier and every year it's been all over the United States and this year it just happens to be on Chris Kennedy. They are building a home for a soldier.

Mr. Trascher said, no, I didn't know about that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I did see Eric Abney out there one day when I had to go out for a tire fire for District 7 and I spoke with him briefly. I was trying to get some more information from him on when they were going to set up. They were looking at land at that point.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, they are clearing the land.

Chief Dockery said, it will be nice whenever they get set up. I am sure some of our guys would like to go over and help them out.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's why I mentioned it. That way it can start to circulate. I think it starts April 16th and goes through to like the 24th, or somewhere in that range. They build the whole house, from the ground up, in like 12 days and hand them the keys. Furniture, grass, plants, everything in like 12 days. It's a massive deal to watch or to be involved in.

Mr. Trascher said, the concrete isn't quite dry yet.

Mr. Lindsey said, when I first, the first one I did I was like, this is impossible. There is no way this could be done. I've been on 5 of them and it can be done. It's amazing but it can be done. So, in saying that, if a couple of guys want to come out for a day or two or five or 10 or 12 and volunteer it's a good organization. I don't know if they are still getting any backing from, because I haven't talked to any of the guys but, they were getting funding from Tunnels to Towers, which is a great organization and one of the last ones that I went on, Tunnels to Towers funded it. They may be funding this one but, I don't know that as a fact.

Chief Dockery said, okay. If you can get me more information or if not, I will get with Eric and see if he is...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I will definitely let you know when it gets closer because I will be there every day. I will be 100% involved. It's a lot of work, it's stressful because everything is going on at one time like, they are putting floors under your feet while your painting. You know, it's crazy.

Mr. Trascher said, you covered my wire.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's crazy but, it works, it's very tiring and stressful but, it's very rewarding in the end. You have to keep in mind what you are doing it for and it's worth doing it. So, I will let you all know as we get a little closer.

Chief Dockery said, I appreciate it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's nice. I think Toby Keith did the commercials for that and he passed away today.

Mr. Lindsey asked, for Tunnels for Towers?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, was it Tunnels for Towers? He did one of them.

Mr. Lindsey said, either that or Wounded Warriors.

Paramedic, Brenda Grisaffi said, Wounded Warriors (inaudible).

Mrs. Blackwell said, which one, Wounded Worriers. I thought Toby Keith did one.

Mr. Lindsey said, Tunnels for Towers, I can tell you their money, when you donate to them they keep a tight rein on their money. It's not one that they waste money. They are very frugal with the money.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I don't know, I just seen them on TV.

They kind of look alike.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, they do.

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

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody else have anything? Motion to adjourn?

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we adjourn.

Mr. Swann said, I will second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. I was trying to call both of you at the same time to hurry it up.

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