



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  
November 12, 2024  
7:00 pm – 7:17 pm

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **INVOCATION**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MINUTES**

The regularly scheduled meeting is called to order by Mrs. Blackwell at 7:00p.m. Roll is called, 4 Board members are present. Mr. Floyd Trascher is absent. Mr. Russell Lindsey leads the Invocation and Mr. Dreux leads the Pledge.

Mrs. Blackwell asked if everyone reviewed the minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Mr. Lindsey read through them and everything seems in order and made a motion to accept the minutes with the video governing. Mr. Swann seconds, a roll call vote was called with 3 yeas, no nays, motion carries.

## **FINACIAL REPORT**

Chief Dockery presents the Financial Report to the Board and states that, for the month of October, we are looking for 83%. Looking over the report Chief states the monthly expenses seem to be running in line. The only things that we had was Medical Billing, which we have talked about in previous meetings, it's at 120%. Otherwise, the budget is at or under where we need to be. We will look at doing an amended budget next meeting along with adopting the 2025 budget.

## **EMS REPORT**

Chief states, on the medical side, for the month of October we brought in \$27,371.99. With no questions or discussions, we move to the Chief's Report.

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

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

EMS	54
STRUCTURE FIRES (3 in District #7)	4
VEHICLE FIRES	2
GRASS/TRASH FIRE	3
MVA	9
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	6
FIRE ALARM	4
 TOTAL	 82

Chief Dockery said, December 6, will be the Christmas Event at Town Hall for about 6:30 and Santa will be there, we will also be in attendance. Also, we had the Night Out Against Crime and the Trunk or Treat at Town Hall. It seems we had a good turnout. I didn't get to stay the whole time due to a structure fire. We had a lot of positive reviews for us.

We have a new employee, Mr. Garret Simmons. Chief states he is on his probation period right now but, thought the Board would like to meet him. The Board welcomes Mr. Simmons to the Department.

Mr. Swann asked where is District 7 and do they have any Firemen stationed there? Chief stated District 7 is 6th Ward, Captain Anderson added that it also includes Hickory and Talisheek. They do have firemen stationed there but we have a automatic agreement that, any fire that they have, we respond. Mr. Dreux asked if the Fire Station was shut down by the Recreational Center and Chief Dockery said yes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **UPDATE ON BUILDING RENOVATIONS – Floyd Trascher**

Mrs. Blackwell asked since Mr. Trascher is absent, Chief would you take it. Chief said okay, In front of you is the drawing from the architect. On the left is what the station is now. On the right is what we are proposing to do. The next step would be to get a Blue Print from him. The price for the Blue Prints is \$4,250. I ask for the Boards view on this and if we can go ahead with this. Mr. Dreux asked if this shows the electrical panel being moved. Chief said this does not show it but we will see more on the actual Blue Prints and where we will move it to. Mr. Dreux asked if all are in agreement with this and Chief said yes. This gives them

space, a big bathroom, 2 showers, 2 urinals, 2 sinks and we still keep the other two bathrooms. Basically, the planning stage is done. Next is the Blue Prints and getting Bids.

Mr. Lindsey would like to move forward getting the Blue Prints made for it if everyone is good with the lay out of the plans. If all the personnel is on board with it, I would like to move forward. Mr. Swann asked if the employees have seen it and Chief said yes all the full timers have seen it but maybe not all the part timers. Mr. Lindsey said, make sure you have everything thought out and everything needed in the future because we have a one time shot at this. If you are all on board with this, I make a motion to move forward to get the funds and get the plans drawn up by the architect. Mr. Dreux seconds.

Mrs. Blackwell ask for any discussion and Mr. Lindsey asked what the amount was for that and Chief said \$4,250.

Mrs. Blackwell called for a roll call vote, 3 Yeas, no nays, motion carries.

#### STATUS ON WATER WELL/PUMP – Floyd Trascher

Captain Sidney Anderson spoke to a few people but none have gotten back to him. He received one other quote that he is waiting on from Foulks Southern but haven't received it yet. No one else had gotten back with us.

Mr. Lindsey asked if he heard back from Water Works. Chief Dockery spoke with Water Works and they were one of the first we spoke to. Chief Dockery said they wouldn't guarantee anything because it is not their pump and they do not have a pump that would reach the level we need. He spoke with him for about 25 minutes and that was the outcome.

Mr. Lindsey spoke with (inaudible) and that is not something they normally do. If needed he could try to get some specs together and possibly pressurizing the tank. He is suppose to get back with me in the next day or two. He also mentioned that we could contact a sprinkler company that may be able to give some information. I will contact a relative of mine to find out if he could advise us. Mr. Swann thinks it's a good idea to ask Rooms to Go, they have to have some type of pump. Mr. Lindsey was told to get with the fire suppression people. They calculate the flows and pumps that supply what you are looking for. If he can get information or specs from his relative, then we can go out and try to find what we are looking for.

Captain Anderson said one company came out and he messaged him and said, it's a 2 pump skid because it's one phase (electric) this will cost about \$40,000, just for the pumps. Mr. Dreux asked, a 2 pump skid? Captain Anderson said, yes, it's basically 2 separate pumps coming from one line going into two then going back into one that would give it to us.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

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

Mrs. Blackwell asked if we had any public comments. We want to welcome Mr. Simmons and thank you all for coming tonight.

Mr. Lindsey asked Mr. Simmons if he came from another District or our class? Mr. Simmons said from the class. The Board welcomes him and said, that's great.

Mrs. Blackwell asked do we have a motion to adjourn? Mr. Lindsey makes a motion to adjourn, Mr. Dreux seconds. A roll call vote was called, 3 yeas, no nays. Motion carries.