

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Bluffton Fire Station #35, Headquarters**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Terry Reynolds, Jack Bennett, Bob Rogers, Ed Olsen , John Oram (arrived late)

Absent: Mike Raymond, David Meeder

Members Present: Barry Turner, John Thompson, Jim Sills, Bob Payne, Paul Boulware, Todd Harvey, Mike Rehill, John Kautter, Jason Brahm, Jeff Smith, Doug Favors, Dwane Wilkinson. Chris Garniewicz, Derek Church

VIA Video Conferencing: Dan Connelly, Walt Cooler, Trey Fludd, Scott Cochran, Matt McDowell, Guiseppe Sirigu, Tim Walsh, Jerry Piccioli, Dustin Brown, Giuseppe Scianna, Perry Granat, Walt Arlt, Brian Hart, Mike Tuten, Rudy Simmons, Jeff Kuehn

Community Members: None

Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM by Board Chairman Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Board of Directors Roll Call

- **MARCH MINUTES:** Chairman Reynolds called for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting from March 19th. Director Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Rogers and approved with a unanimous vote.
- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman Reynolds reported that County Council approved the new charter changing the BTFD Commission to the Board of Directors. Meetings to discuss implementation of changes will be held in early March. County Council also approved the ISO plan, the addition of \$554,000 to the 2013 budget to cover overtime for staffing 2 new stations (Colleton River and Palmetto Bluff) and funding for schooling for the 24 new recruit firefighters. Money for the initial overtime for the coverage from April 20, 2013 through 6/30/2013 will be taken from the reserve. Funding for the stations beginning July 1, 2013 is included in the FY14 budget proposal and is dependent upon County Council approval.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Director Oram asked Chief Thompson to provide the financial update. Chief Thompson gave the Board of Directors an update on the budget. Director Rogers moved to approve the finance report. Motion was seconded by Director Olsen and approved with a unanimous vote. Director Olsen commended Chief Thompson and others for a job well done on the budget.
- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**
 - *Fire Prevention Statistics:* Deputy Fire Marshal Sills reviewed the monthly Fire Prevention Statistics. Director Bennett inquired about BTFD and HHIFD burn permit differences.

- **Public Education Report:** Deputy Fire Marshal Sills reviewed the report for the events performed in the prior month, as well as upcoming events. Director Rogers requested that PEC Stroud hold a CPR class for interested Directors.
- **Run, Alarm and Trend Reports:** Chief Boulware briefed the Board of Directors on these reports.
- **Training Report:** In Chief Cramer's absence, Chief Boulware reviewed the report for the District's recent training events as well as the hiring of 26 new recruits.
- **Stations 36 and 37 Update:** Chief Turner reported that Station 36 at Colleton River will be staffed by 2 firefighters starting April 20. A temporary facility should be completed by June; however housing is available until then. The station will use a reserve engine. Station 37 at Palmetto Bluff will not be staffed as Palmetto Bluff has failed to sign a lease contract at this time.
- **Ladder Truck Update:** Chief Turner passed out a report outlining the problems and potential solutions to this truck. He requested that all Directors review the report and plan to take action at the next meeting.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - **Station 30 and 33 Update:** Chief Thompson gave an update of the Station 30 construction with a 7/3 projected completion date. There was no progress in the Station 33 update as no funding has been secured at this point. Director Olsen made a motion that BTFD fund the entire facility update to get the project started. The motion was seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously approved.
 - **Station 34:** Director Rogers asked for an update of the Station 34 status. The County Council was asked to turn over Station 34 as it currently is with EMS services. A meeting with the County to discuss how to finalize this transfer will be held in the near future.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **2014 Budget:** Director Oram moved to accept the 2014 budget to include an addition of \$200,000 for the upfit of the permanent station at Colleton River. The \$200,000 will come from Impact Fee funds. The motion was seconded by Director Olsen and unanimously passed.
 - **Chief Appraisal:** Forms need to be completed and returned to the station by 5/15.
- **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Director Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Oram and approved with a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.