

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, August 20, 2013  
Bluffton Fire Station #35, Headquarters**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Terry Reynolds, Ed Olsen, Mike Raymond, Bob Rogers, John Oram

**Absent:** Jack Bennett, David Meeder

**Members Present:** Barry Turner, John Thompson, Dan Wiltse, Bob Payne, Paul Boulware, Todd Harvey, Crystal DeRosia, Joe Helms, Chris Garniewicz, Matt Henne, Michael Tuten, Matt McDowell, Perry Granat, Brendan Long, Jason Brahm, Leslie Jones Hart

**VIA Video Conferencing:** Trey Fludd, Derek Beeler, Alex Migliozi, Joe Sirigu, Brian Hart, Dan Connelly, Joel Martin, John Kautter, Mike Rehill, Jeff Smith, Rudy Simmons, Eric Ligeikis, Walt Cooler, Walt Arlt, Drew Bedingfield, Clay Daley, Tim Walsh, David Adams, Don Machette, Doug Favors, Jeff Kuehn, Nathan Skager, Scott Cochran, Dustin Brown, Nick Thompson,

**Community Members:** Doug Volk, Jeffrey Laszig

**Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM by Board Chairman Reynolds.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer**

**Board of Directors Roll Call**

- **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Chairman Reynolds congratulated Chief Thompson on the department's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the second year in a row.
- **JULY MINUTES:** Chairman Reynolds called for approval of the revised minutes from the July 16, 2013 meeting. Director Oram made a motion to approve the minutes and Director Rogers seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Director Oram asked Chief Thompson to give the financial update. Chief Thompson reported that there is half a payroll period left in FY13, and the district is on target to finish the fiscal year under budget. Director Olsen moved to approve the finance report. Motion was seconded by Director Rogers and approved with a unanimous vote.
- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**
  - **Fire Prevention Statistics:** Fire Marshal Wiltse reviewed the monthly Fire Prevention Statistics. This included events run by Public Education Officer Stroud who presented programs to principals of elementary schools. He hopes to present these programs to young students starting in September.
  - **Training Report:** In Chief Cramer's absence, Chief Boulware reported the District's recent training events. Twenty firefighters attended the Company Officers Academy, an in-house series of classes for

upcoming officers, and 12 recruits finished their EMT training. Chief Boulware reported that two recruits were terminated due to violation of department policy. Director Raymond questioned why the department doesn't coordinate with County Sheriff's Office for water rescue training. He stated this would encourage a good relationship between the departments.

- ***Run, Alarm and Trend Reports:*** Chief Boulware reported the monthly statistics. The numbers included 6 calls each to the new stations, Colleton River Station 36 and Palmetto Bluff Station 37.
- ***Stations 36 and 37 Update:*** Chief Turner reported that the Station 36 Colleton River temporary facility moved to a golf apartment. Palmetto Bluff is currently gathering information for the construction of Station 37 permanent facilities. More information should be available at next month's board meeting.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - ***Station 30 and 33 Construction Update:*** Chief Thompson stated that Station 30 has some minor touch-ups, but that the station looks beautiful and should finish under budget. Chief Turner thanked everyone for their help and attendance at the Station 30 dedication. Station 33 construction passed the rough-in inspection. The new section should be completed by late October. The old section will then be remodeled and should be ready by the end of December.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Director Rogers to go into Executive Session. Director Oram seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board met in Executive Session from 4:35 to 5:12.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 5:15.

- ***Ladder Truck Disposition:*** Chairman Reynolds entertained a motion for the disposal of the Sutphen ladder truck and the purchase of a replacement truck, with the cost not to exceed \$900,000. Director Rogers moved and Director Olsen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None
- ***Additional Comments:*** Director Olsen thanked Director Raymond for his email he sent praising the actions of BTFD during the Mill Creek fire.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Director Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Olsen seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.