

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
Bluffton Fire Station #35, Headquarters**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Terry Reynolds, Jack Bennett, Bob Rogers, John Oram, Ed Olsen (via conference call)

**Absent:** Mike Raymond, David Meeder

**Members Present:** Barry Turner, John Thompson, Paul Boulware, Dan Wiltse, Bob Payne, Joe Helms, Crystal DeRosia, Emerson Kovalanchek, Mike Provo, Richard Dollahan, Dwane Wilkinson, Blake Crosby, Matt Tranquilli, Jeff Smith, Dave Adams, Phillip Horton, Matt Baker, the Scianna Family

**VIA Video Conferencing:** Joey Dembeck, Taylor Kamp, Ted Lange, Jim Thomas, Derek Church, Adam Corn, Jacob Hartley, Jerry Piccioli, Enrique Baez, Travis Boulware, Ed Rhodes, Andrew Hatcher, Chris Himes, Randy McGarvey, Terry Sheriff, Matt Urys, Tony Pavilonis, David Mack, David Romine, Jayme Beach, Brian Cleland, Rhett Livingston

**Community Members:** Doug Volk, Joe Paola

**Meeting called to order at 4:06 PM by Board Chairman Reynolds.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer**

**Board of Directors Roll Call**

- **RECOGNITION:** Chief Boulware introduced Firefighter Scianna who explained the Tunnel to Tower Run that 34 firefighters and spouses participated in. He shared that Bluffton raised over \$7,400 for a local Wounded Warrior. Firefighter Scianna also reported that Firefighter Adams won the race in 16:38 minutes and the team won the Siller Cup for the fastest time for 5 runners. Congratulations to all!
- **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Chairman Reynolds had no comments at this time.
- **AUGUST 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:** Chief Thompson gave the financial update, reporting that the district is currently under budget. Chief Thompson also noted that the millage rate has been adjusted back to the prior rate by the county. Director Olsen moved to approve the finance report. Motion was seconded by Director Oram and approved with a unanimous vote.

- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**
  - *Fire Prevention Statistics:* Fire Marshal Wiltse reviewed the monthly Fire Prevention Statistics.
  - *Training Report:* In Chief Cramer's absence, Captain Dollahan reported the District's recent training events.
  - *Run, Alarm and Trend Reports:* Chief Boulware reported the monthly statistics, which included 423 calls. Response times have increased in the past month. However, the reporting times are skewed as they include wait times for back-up calls. More training will be completed to correct this issue.
  - *Stations 36 and 37 Update:* There is no report for Station 36. Chief Turner reported that Palmetto Bluff has gathered information for the construction of Station 37 permanent facilities but that no real commitment has been made there. The temporary station has had some leaks and plumbing issues.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - *Station 30 and 33 Construction Update:* Chief Thompson reported that Station 33 construction is going well both inside and out. The firefighters will transition to the new area in early October. At that time, renovation will begin on the old section of the station.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Mr. Paola said he was very proud of the firefighters who compete in the Tunnel to Tower run and a news story should be sent to the area newspapers.
- *Additional Comments:* Director Oram congratulated the Auxiliary on a job well done with the Pancake Breakfast.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Director Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Bennett seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40.