

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2013
Bluffton Fire Station #35, Headquarters**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Terry Reynolds, Jack Bennett, John Oram, Ed Olsen, Mike Raymond, Dave Meeder (came later)

Absent: Bob Rogers

Members Present: Barry Turner, John Thompson, Rick Cramer, Dan Wiltse, Bob Payne, Vernon Edenfield, Crystal DeRosia, Derek Franks, Randy Hunter, David Rice, Jeff Meyer, Marcos Farr, Steve Arnold, Sandy Stroud, Paul Woods

VIA Video Conferencing: Shawn Fitzpatrick, Leroy Savelle, Mike Vezzosi, Donald Bach, Donald Boyd, Kevin King, Austin Williams, Tom Lamb, Chris Black, Randy Daise, Carson Stone, Brandon Stevenson, John Roe, Alexander Elliott, Ben Rushing, Ryan Magers, Greg Linacre, Rod Oates, Todd Shisler, Aaron McIntyre, Allen Cramer, Jim Donath, Matt Tranquilli,

Community Members: Doug Volk, Joe Paola

Meeting called to order at 3:55 PM by Board Chairman Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Board of Directors Roll Call

- **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Chairman Reynolds requested that the Board of Directors meeting for November be changed from 11/19 to 11/12. This is to include the auditor.
- **SEPTEMBER MINUTES:** Chairman Reynolds called for approval of the minutes from the September 17, 2013 meeting. Director Oram made a motion to approve the minutes and Director Olsen seconded. Motion was approved with Director Raymond abstaining.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Chief Thompson gave the financial update, reporting that the district is currently slightly under budget. Chief Thompson also stated that Worker's Comp was audited and the District was found to be in compliance. The field work for the annual audit went well with no issues. Director Bennett moved to approve the finance report. Motion was seconded by Director Olsen and approved with a unanimous vote.
- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**
 - **Fire Prevention Statistics:** Fire Marshal Wiltse reviewed the monthly Fire Prevention Statistics and noted the growing residential Knox Box usage. PEO Stroud has begun a program titled *Slips, Trips, & Falls* to educate especially our senior population.

- **Training Report:** Chief Cramer reported the District's recent events at a house that has been donated to the District for training purposes. He also spoke of EMT refresher courses and water rescue training. All recruits who have attempted the testing process except two (2) have passed the EMT class.
- **Run, Alarm and Trend Reports:** Chief Payne reported in Chief Boulware's absence. He reported the monthly statistics, which included 410 calls.
- **Stations 36 and 37 Update:** Chief Turner and Chief Thompson met with Bill Campbell and the new Colleton River general manager about the permanent station. They will meet again in a few weeks for specifics about an alteration of the plan. There is no update on Station 37 Palmetto Bluff.
- **Chief Turner Comments:** Chief Turner reported that, while it is not official, the construction of two schools along Rt. 170 seems to be moving forward. If this is the case, the District may need to build an additional fire station rather quickly.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - **Station 33 Construction Update:** Chief Thompson reported that Station 33 construction is moving forward but there are issues with the water meter and fire alarm. EMS will not move in until the entire project is completed.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** None

The Board met in Executive Session concerning personnel matters at 4:23. No action was taken in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened at 4:35.

- **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Director Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Olsen seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37.