

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 2013
Bluffton Fire Station #35, Headquarters**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Terry Reynolds, Jack Bennett, Ed Olsen, Mike Raymond, Bob Rogers, Dave Meeder, John Oram

Absent:

Members Present: Barry Turner, John Thompson, Paul Boulware, Rick Cramer, Dan Wiltse, Bob Payne, Joe Helms, Crystal DeRosia, Todd Harvey, Chris Garniewicz, Matt McDowell, Drew Bedingfield, Eric Ligeikis, Jason Brahm, Joe Sirigu, Matt Henne

VIA Video Conferencing: Derek Beeler, Mark Eiden, Brendon Long, Brian Hart, Dan Connelly, Nathan Skager, Mike Rehill, Jeff Smith, Rudy Simmons, Walt Cooler, Walt Arlt, Alex Migliozzi, Tim Walsh, Dave Adams, Joel Martin, Doug Favors, Mike Tuten, Clay Daley, Scott Cochran, Dustin Brown, Don Matchette

Community Members: Doug Volk, Joe Paola

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Board Chairman Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Board of Directors Roll Call

- **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Chairman Reynolds stated that this was a historic meeting as it is the last meeting in which Chief Turner is in command. Chief Thompson has been selected to assume the duties. Thanks goes to John Oram for his leadership in the hiring process and working with the county.
- **OCTOBER MINUTES:** Chairman Reynolds called for approval of the minutes from the October 15, 2013 meeting. Director Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes and Director Olsen seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
- **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:** Director Oram made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2013 meeting. Director Olsen seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Chief Thompson stated that overtime was over budget due to several big projects and training but that should level out. Overall, we are slightly under budget. The auditor is still waiting on the county to release some information, but her report should be ready by the December meeting. Chief Thompson deferred to Chief Cramer regarding Directors' questions about EMT training. Chief Cramer stated that we currently have about 98% of our firefighters who are EMT certified. Director Olsen moved to approve the finance report. Motion was seconded by Director Raymond and approved with a unanimous vote.
- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- **Fire Prevention Statistics:** Fire Marshal Wiltse reviewed the monthly Fire Prevention Statistics, including running over 1,600 roads within the district to check for proper clearance. Letters will be sent to road owners and communities where clearance is hindered. PEO Stroud has been in contact with about 800 students and 125 adults as part of Fire Prevention Week.
- **Training Report:** Chief Cramer reported the District's recent events, both locally and state-wide. He also stated that all firefighters took part in benchmark PACE testing and performed well.
- **Run, Alarm and Trend Reports:** Chief Boulware reported the monthly statistics, which included 442 calls, 2 of which were fires. The new Pierce aerial platform truck is here and being prepared for use. The Pierce representative trained drivers when he was on site; training will continue when the truck is placed into service. Director Oram commended Chief Boulware for his efforts in acquiring the new truck.
- **Stations 36 and 37 Update:** Chief Turner stated Colleton River is looking at other options regarding the permanent station. There is no progress on Station 37 (Palmetto Bluff), but we are watching to see if any development requires further action.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - **Station 33 Construction Update:** Chief Boulware reported that Station 33 construction is moving forward, with guys moved into the new bunk room area and renovations starting on the old area of the building. The project completion date will probably be move back to January, 2014, due to delays in the water meter installation.
 - **Sun City Station:** Director Rogers would like to see BTFD take over Sun City Station 34. He believes that we could maintain the building better than the county. This will be addressed at future meetings.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **Director Terms Update:** Directors Meeder and Oram both have terms that expire on 12/31/2013. Chairman Reynolds stated that they needed to sign letters if they wanted to be re-appointed.
- **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**
 - **Boston Butts Fund Raiser:** Chief Harvey reminded everyone of the Boston Butt Fund Raiser, Friday, 11/22, at Katie O'Donald's in Kitties Crossing. Proceeds are being donated to Dax Scoggins, a 13 month old child with severe medical issues and huge medical bills. Chief Cramer announced a poker run with the Fire and Iron Motorcycle Club, and proceeds were being donated to Dax as well.
 - **Chief Turner Appreciation:** Director Bennett asked everyone to give Chief Turner a standing ovation for a job well done. Chief Turner thanked the Board of Directors for their professionalism. Director Olsen also commented on the morale due to Chief Turner's guidance.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Director Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Olsen seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42.