

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
March 27th, 2013
Station 891**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Cecil Lanier
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner John Harris
Commissioner Thomas Peeples

Chief Rountree
Dep. Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:05.

A discussion immediately took place regarding the bridge on Perryclear Drive off of Bruce K Smalls – a neighborhood of about 35 homes. The load limit was reduced from 10 tons to 33 tons back in November which means our engines cannot cross that bridge. We were never notified of the change. Luckily the neighborhood backs up to the Marine Corp Air Station and there is an access gate we will be able to use. Chief Rountree, Chief Webb and the firefighters have all been working to come up with a temporary plan to get us to that neighborhood, should there be a call back there. The Air Station Fire Department has agreed to respond if there happened to be a fire emergency so we can get an Engine out there as quickly as possible. Currently we have the FSI truck stationed out at Grays Hill to respond to medical calls.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the agenda as written. There is no need for an executive session.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the February 6th, 2013 minutes

Commissioner Lanier seconded.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the January and February 2013 financial statements.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Motion approved.

Old Business

Seabrook Point - Mrs. Bukkosal, a homeowner in Seabrook Point, sent an email to Councilman Dawson expressing her concern and frustration about the lack of hydrants in their area and the extremely high insurance rates. She then called to speak to Chief Rountree and he answered her questions and explained the millage rate, ISO ratings, and Hydrants and how they all work and play factors into the insurance as best he could. Chief Rountree felt that she had a better understanding about how those things are not in

our control. He said he would be happy to come to any homeowners assoc. meetings to help explain things or answer any questions they may still have.

Mrs. Bukkosal wrote another email to Councilman Dawson explaining that she spoke to Chief Rountree and that she appreciated his help. She plans to look into funding and grant possibilities for more water supply out there.

New Business

Pecan Bay – Fire Marshal Bostain had a conversation with the developer of the new subdivision that is going in across from Whale Branch Elementary School. They would like to see a fire station in their subdivision and would like to offer us a piece of property to eventually build one. This area is the area that we would like to see a station built sometime in the future, so it is something worth looking in to. Chief Rountree hasn't had any conversations with these developers yet, so there aren't any details as to when, how, or what exactly they are looking for. This was just for informational purposes only.

Checks – We have received both the Town of Port Royal and City of Beaufort contract money payments on time this year. The total of the two checks is roughly \$368,000.

Budget FY 2014 – There is a budget meeting with the county fire Chiefs on April 4th at 2:00pm. Presentations will be on April 29th. The commission will need to meet again sometime mid April to approve a budget. (likely the week of the 15th-19th).

Station maintenance – We have had to replace two refrigerators recently; 1 for Burton Hill and one for Grays Hill. They cost around \$900 each. We are selling our old recliners. All 20 were replaced with new ones under warranty because several chairs were breaking. They are listed at a price from \$200 down to \$100 based on their quality. The money will go to F.A.S.T.

Chief's Report

none

Commissioner Burnes motioned to adjourn.
Commissioner Bright seconded.

Meeting adjourned 19:40

*Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday May 29th, 2013