

**Burton Fire District  
Commissioners Meeting  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Station 891**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Gary Bright  
Commissioner John Harris  
Commissioner Herbert Burnes

Chief Rountree  
Deputy Chief Thomas Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:06.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the agenda.  
Commissioner Burnes seconded.  
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 minutes.  
Commissioner Burnes seconded.  
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the January & February 2018 Financials.  
Commissioner Burnes seconded.  
Motion approved.

**Executive Session**

Tabled to the end of the meeting in the event Attorney Fred Kuhn is able to make the meeting.  
(no executive session was held)

**Old Business**

**Contract Payments**

Both payments were hand delivered. The City of Beaufort's was delivered the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. The town of Port Royal's wasn't delivered until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The late payment will be addressed at the attorneys discretion.

**Current call response**

We are still responding to the annexed properties at the best interest of the citizens of Beaufort County, under the closest station method. Since January we have also started operating under the same dispatch tones with the city/town fire department to simplify the responses.

### MCAS Agreement

Burton Fire District recently signed the agreement with MCAS Fire Department that automatically places one of their fire engines at all of our structure fires. In return we send an engine to any of their fires or haz-mat related incidents.

### Windsor Rd. Property

The note that was taken out in 2016 for the Windsor road (old Ron's barbershop) properties was paid off in March.

### **New Business/Chief's Report**

#### New hires

We recently hired two recruits to fill openings. Chase Davidson and Hunter Varone-Chenard. Chase just started recruit school last week. Hunter graduated the academy in early March after getting out of the Marine Corp and putting himself through recruit school.

We currently have one spot left to be filled. The testing and hiring process for that has been started and will take place later this month.

#### Pinewood theft

Assistant Chief Still had 4 items stolen from the training room at Pinewood. A personal iPad, Mac computer, a laptop and a small thermal imaging camera. Once the iPad was turned in the location was pinged and the Sheriff's office was able to recover the iPad and the Mac from the suspects house. The suspect has since been arrested. The other two items have still not been located.

#### Well at Work program

Lt. Wagner has set us up with BMH's new Well at Work program. They will now be conducting our drug screens, annual physicals as well as seeing our workers comp injuries as much as possible.

#### Rescue Tools evaluation process

Our department currently has ResQtec tools that are 8-9 years old. Two sets went out of service recently and they were nearly impossible to get serviced. Both sets were out of service for 6 months.

We got with Bluffton Fire and LISH FD and invited several vendors to come and demonstrate their tools. Each department set up committees and were able to use the tools themselves, cut up cars etc.

Our committee has chosen the company Holmatro and presented a quote for 5 sets and a service contract to Chief Rountree.

The tools will be included on the budget proposal under capital items.

#### Medal of Valor

Chief Webb has been selected to receive the Medal of Valor award through the SC Firefighter's Association for rescuing two kayakers in April 2017. He will be recognized at the firefighter's conference in June.

### Fuel

County finance sent a letter stating that they will be implementing a 5% admin fee for using the county garage. The only thing we use through the garage is the fuel farm so Chief Rountree is exploring some alternate fleet programs to hopefully save a little money. The new admin fee is estimated to cost us an additional \$2,774 a year.

### Septic

The pump was replaced at Grays Hill and Station 83 continues to have issues and had to be pumped out again.

The Bon Aire neighborhood has been awarded a grant to be placed on sewage. Hopefully our station will be tied in and the issues at St. 83 will be taken care of.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Harris motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:03.

*\*A budget meeting will be scheduled for later this month.*