

Sheldon Fire District  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: John Seno, Chief Buddy Jones, George Williams, Wayne Blankenship, Rudy Glover, Greg Gilbert, Donnie Phillips, Robert Smalls, and Asst. Chief Dale Glass.

Guest : Councilman G. Dawson  
Architect John Crouch

The minutes, dated December 15, 2016 were approved. **Motion** to accept minutes by John Seno , **Second** by Robert Smalls. Passed

Architect John Crouch presented a proposed budget for the station construction and renovation, pointing out however that the sewage safety system had not yet been approved. Discussion regarding cat box, conventional systems and/or engineered systems were discussed. Decision made that John Crouch and Sheldon Fire District Board Member Wayne Blankenship will meet with DHEC to seek direction in getting approval for a sewage system. Proposed budget included cost of which ever system would be required.

Motion made by George Williams to accept proposed budget for station construction and renovation, Second by Robert Smalls. Motion approved.

Councilman Dawson recently attended the County Legislators Conference, meeting with several Beaufort delegates. They discussed bills that will be coming forward that will impact county government funds. Discussions about State Mandates, Road Construction, Business Licensing, County and State Taxes, and Retirement were among some of the discussion topics.

Old Business:

Chief Jones submitted all the expenses of Hurricane Mathew to FEMA. The total expected to be reimbursed is \$75,730. Chief Jones is unaware of the date these funds will be sent.

New Business:

Chief Jones requested permission to purchase a new vehicle (2017 Ford E350 DRW White 138" Chassis) that will replace a squad from the cash on hand budget. The cost of this vehicle is \$41,916 which included the lights, bars, and lettering on the vehicle. This vehicle is in the Master Plan.

**Motion** to approve the purchase of this vehicle made by Robert Smalls, **Second** by Rudy Glover. Motion approved.

Chief Jones presented board members a copy of the Annual Financial Report for Sheldon Township, ending June 30, 2016. Chief Jones stated they had done well this year, and would be submitting a similar budget moving forward. Total General Fund Balance is \$497,245. With Debt Services, Impact Fee Fund, and 1% fund, Total is \$636,521. Some increases that occurred for this year were \$44,900 due to salary increases based on longevity and retirement. We'll see the addition of debt services for \$66,759 for the new station renovations.

**Motion** made by George Williams to approve moving forward with budget presented by Chief Jones. **Second** by Robert Smalls. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report:

Our weekly amount available for withdrawal is \$28,811. Our average expense has been \$22,897. We're doing good.

**Motion** to approve Treasurers Report made by Rudy Glover . **Second** by John Seno. Passed

Chiefs Report

Sheldon Fire has responded to 126 calls to date.

**Motion** to adjourn made by George Williams; **second** by Rudy Glover  
Passed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 p.m.