

## SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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### BOARD MEETING

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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2018**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Wayne Blankenship, Chief Buddy Jones, John Seno, Robert Smalls  
George Williams, Assistant Chief Glass, Rudy Glover, Donnie Phillips, Gregory Gilbert, Jody  
Ward

**ABSENT:** Robert Smalls (Left early due to an illness)

**GUESTS:** Connie Glass, Gerald Dawson, Jim Beckert

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Connie Glass - Reminding the board of the Ladies Auxiliary project she is working on. Just wanted the Board know she is working on that and will get a letter or email to us when it is finalized. No other comments were made.

**REVIEWED MINUTES** of October 18, 2018 meeting. Donnie Phillips pointed out a correction that needed to be made under New Business that Chief Jones was the one who commented regarding the mil increase. After the correction, there was a **MOTION** to approve the minutes by Robert Smalls. **SECOND** by Donnie Phillips. **APPROVED.**

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **Old Business:**

Station Renovations: Chief is still waiting on the County as far as the loan goes. They tabled the ordinance and any resolutions during the 2nd reading. Chief asked Mr. Dawson if they were waiting to hear. Mr. Dawson stated they are waiting on the County Administrator to advise. Mr. Blankenship stated the county wanted to do a lease purchase but the Board is trying to do a construction loan. Mr. Dawson is going to review the letter from the county and get back to the Board as soon as he knows something.

New Squad Truck is in the bay if anyone would like to take a look at it before the leave this evening. Have some things to install and mount. We will have it in service right after Christmas.

Engine 42 Repairs: Hope to get is back the week after Christmas.

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#### **New Business:**

Health Insurance: Chief has been dealing with this every year. We have come to find out the employees biggest complaint is that it is too high to put their family's on the coverage. We have been getting quotes from different places through our current agent, SC Fireman's Association, and PEBA (our retirement system). Jody gave a recap of the quotes received. PEBA has the lowest rates for the employees out of pocket cost. Our current plan is \$361/week out of pocket for the employee for Family coverage. With PEBA we can offer approximately \$60/week for the employee for family coverage. Going with PEBA would be an increase of \$25,359.12 annually to Sheldon Fire District. Robert Smalls makes a **MOTION** to approve the insurance plan through PEBA with Sheldon Fire District paying 100% of the employee portion, which is a \$25,359.12 increase annually to Sheldon Fire District. **SECOND** by Gregory Gilbert. **APPROVED.**

Review the June 30, 2018 Audit. Cash on Hand Fund balance will be reduced by \$106,000 for the new squad. The audit is also posted on the county website. Take your copy and review and if you have any questions, you can contact Chief Jones.

Chief Jones will begin working on the new budget in January.

**TREASURERY REPORT:** Our budget is \$1,408,269. We have already drawn \$450,000 from the County to date. \$958,269 left to draw. \$173,771 in Checking account. 28 weeks left in the current budget leaving an average of \$30,000 per week. Average expense is \$23,000 per week. Everyone has a copy of the expenditure report. **MOTION** by George Williams to approve Treasurer Report. **SECOND** by Rudy Glover. **APPROVED.**

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

TOTAL CALLS TO DATE: 787

VEHICLE MAINTENIENCE: Up to date.

FIRE MARSHALL: All inspections are up to date.

TRAINING REPORT: Attached for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Gerald Dawson wanted to address the Board and the District and let them know that the County appreciates all their hard work that they do and to wish everyone a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At this time the Board will go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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**NO FURTHER COMMENTS:** The Board Members have no further business or comments.

**MOTION:** by George Williams to adjourn the meeting. **SECOND** by John Seno. **APPROVED.**

**NEXT MEETING:** February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**MEETING ADJORNED:** 8:14 p.m.