

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane
Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF August 15, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Blankenship, Gregory Gilbert, Robert Smalls, George Williams, Donnie Phillips, Rudy Glover.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Seno

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Buddy Jones, Asst. Chief Dale Glass, Admin. Asst. Jody Ward

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman Wayne Blankenship at 7:03 p.m.

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Glass

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NO COMMENTS WERE MADE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of June 20, 2019. **MOTION** by George Williams to approve minutes from June 20, 2019. **SECOND** by Donnie Phillips. **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

New Building - Sprinkler system has been approved and the loan is being finalized. The earthquake bore testing has been completed. Plans have been revised to compensate for the Sprinkler system that needs to be installed. The bond is complete and the County has been funded for the project. Zone's Bank won the bid at 2.37% with annually payments around \$72,000 to \$75,000 for 15 years.

Budget - The 2019/2020 budget did pass. We are working off the new budget as of July 1, 2019.

New Business:

New Employees - We did fill the two firefighter positions we had open. We are now at full capacity and will have 5 per shift when True comes back off of Worker's Comp.

Bed Bugs - Bed bugs have come back. We have treated both stations. We retreated station 40 today. I have ordered all new box springs, metal frames, and mattress covers to help with this issue. We would like to purchase a bed bug heater so we do not have to borrow one. The cost would be approximately \$9,000. We are asking the Board to approve this purchase. **MOTION** by Donnie Phillips to approve the purchase of Bed Bug Heater. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **MOTION TO PURCHASE HEATER APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Protective Clothing - We have ordered booties and alcohol spray to be used on calls that are known to have bed bugs. Sometimes we do not know if a home has them unless previously determined. An alarm will announce "Environmental Precaution" if they have previously been detected at a residence.

Vehicle Repair - Foam system on Squad 40 was repaired. Also the electrical and new computer was installed.

Treasurer's Report - Total drawn to date \$150,000, balance left to draw is \$1,469,862, with \$1,514,684 left in our budget with \$384,762 Cash on Hand fund balance. Forty-five weeks left in the year. We have an average of \$29,000 per week for expenses. We have an average expense of \$21,000 per week. We currently spent \$1500 for new metal frames, box springs, and mattress covers to help with the bed bug problem. **MOTION** to approve Treasurer's Report made by George Williams. **SECOND** by Rudy Glover. **MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief's Report:

Total Calls To Date: 497 (We average 62 calls per month)

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall: All Inspection are Up to Date

Training Report: All Training is Up to Date

COMMENTS: Dale mentioned we are using the new training props. We purchased a forcible door prop. It gives the guys good training on simulated commercial doors, cutting locks, etc. It is a two door system with a cutting prop and we can make our own materials for it. The mill has already donated some wood for us. Also, a new life-like mannequin 198 lb., 6'3". It is dead weight simulated. Also, the Kyser Machine for roof ax training. All of these were purchased with 1% fund. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE MADE.**

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION to adjourn meeting by George Williams. **SECOND** by Gregory Gilbert. **MOTION TO ADJORN MEETING APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MEETING ADJORNED by Wayne Blankenship at 7:21 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: Approved 10/17/2019