

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane

Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF October 17, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Blankenship, Gregory Gilbert, Robert Smalls, George Williams, John Seno.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donnie Phillips, Rudy Glover

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman Wayne Blankenship at 7:09 p.m.

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Glass

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Connie stated a correction needed to be made on the April minutes. She did not attend the meeting in April, and it states that she did. It is not a big deal, but she would like it corrected. Connie also made a statement as follows: As a concerned tax payer, I would like the Board Members to know, that my attendance to these meetings should not, and do not, reflect that fact that my son is Assistant Fire Chief of the Sheldon Fire Department, and there should be no repercussions or judgements held against him for my attendance. I am a concerned tax payer, and that is the only reason I am here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of August 15, 2019. **MOTION** by George Williams to approve minutes from August 15, 2019. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

New Building - All paperwork is completed for permits on the new building, and we should start construction in November. The bond has been received, the county has funding in place in a separate construction account.

Bed Bug Heater - The new heater is in operation. We have not had any problems with bed bugs since we changed out all the bed frames. We will run the heater every quarter for precautionary measures.

New Business:

Fire Prevention Week - Fire prevention week was last week. We saw 320 students at James A. Davis and 63 at Agape. We handed out coloring books, hats, etc. to the students. This count is down from previous years since James A. Davis has a smaller attendance from previous years. We used to have another head start school where the library was located. I do believe that building was condemned and is not used anymore.

Debt Service Payments - We have made all our payments that were due so far this year. There will be a payment due on the new loan. On 10/01/20 \$61,934 is the balance due, but we will be looking into purchasing a new truck.

New Engine - We will look into purchasing a new engine next year. We will keep all the others in service so we have a spare just in case. We have had two break down at the same time before. We will have room to store them when the new building is complete.

Palmetto Fire - We just renewed our service apparatus maintenance contract with Palmetto Fire for two years.

Lawn Mower - We need to purchase a new mower for Lobeco Station. We had one quoted from Blanchard Equipment for \$2502.41 (John Deer with heavy deck). **MOTION** made by Gregory Gilbert, **SECOND** by John Seno. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LAWN MOWER APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report - Total drawn to date \$150,000, balance left to draw is \$1,469,862. We have an average of \$28,000 per week for expenses. We currently have an average expense of \$25,000 per week. We and begun the application for funding from FEMA for Hurricane Dorian. The audit will begin next month, Jody already has all the information together for the accountant. **MOTION** to approve Treasurer's Report made by George Williams. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief's Report:

Total Calls To Date: 634 Calls (65% are medical calls)

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall: All Inspection are Up to Date

Training Report: All Training is Up to Date

COMMENTS: Wayne asked how the new guys are doing learning the Roads. Chief stated that they are learning and doing good. Mr. Smalls asked how many new guys? Chief stated that we hired 2 new guys in July. When True comes back off Worker's Comp, I will have 5 per shift. Due to Holiday events, Chief suggested moving the next Board Meeting up a week to December the 12th and all agreed. Jody will notify the county of this change. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE MADE.**

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

MEETING ADJORNED by Wayne Blankenship at 7:25 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: These minutes were approved February 20, 2020.