

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
5 Fire Station Lane
Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Glover, Robert Smalls, George Williams, John Seno, Donnie Phillips, Wayne Blankenship

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Gilbert (Out of Town)

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Wayne Blankenship at 7:00 p.m.

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of February 20, 2020 **MOTION** by Robert Smalls to approve. **SECOND** by George Williams. **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

COVID 19 - Each person attending the meeting was screened for COVID-19, and all persons attending wore a mask and sat six feet apart. We currently have 33 new cases in our area, and 78 in Beaufort just today. As the numbers continue to climb, the County will again close to the public beginning tomorrow July 17, 2020 until further notice.

Station Renovation - The construction is moving a little slow, but we are making progress. They are installing the siding now. Just a reminder that we will use \$81,000 out of our Fund Balance toward the construction.

FEMA Grant - It has been applied for Bunker Gear for \$89,047 in grant funds and \$4,452 will be our share. It will probably be December or January before when know if we will receive it.

Mutual Aid Agreement - We signed a mutual aid agreement with Jasper County to help with the Point South area, and they will assist us if we have a tanker fire.

Debt - All Debt Loans have been paid off as approved in our last meeting. This allows us to discuss the new Pumper Truck which was approved in our new Budget and is on our five year plan.

Air Pack Cylinders - This project is now complete and all cylinders have been purchased. We will not have to replace them for 15 years.

New Business:

Budget Millage Information - The County directed us to go with the same millage rate as last year. We will be required to use \$27,000 of our fund balance this year with no tax increase. This is the same budget that was approved by the Board Members.

Yemassee 710 District - We have been covering a lot of that area and not getting compensated for it. 710 District will now be on our tax docket. The County Attorney is working on a new Charter to include us to cover the Beaufort County portion in Yemassee.

New Pumper Truck - The new truck out on the front pad is the truck we are wanting to purchase. This will be on a 12 year note at 2% interest. It was bid out to seven banks and only 2 replied with a proposal. Palmetto State Bank came in the lowest at 2% with payments around \$52,124.58 per year. A Resolution is required by Palmetto State Bank and must be signed by the Commissioner and Secretary of the Board. The Truck is a 2020 HME Pumper for \$551,200, which includes \$45,000 worth of equipment, and radios around \$7,000. This truck is a demo with around 2000 miles on it and saves us around \$65,000. Warranty begins when the purchase is made. The Pump warranty is 10 years with a three year bumper to bumper warranty. The dealer will come out to us and train our men. (Short recess to look at Demo truck and Building Construction) \$499,000 (Truck), \$7,459.53 (Radio), \$44,740.49 (Equipment), Total \$551,200. **MOTION** made by Robert Smalls to approve purchase of new truck with financing through Palmetto State Bank, **SECOND** by Rudy Glover. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Resolution & Buyers Order - Chief Jones asked the Board if they could sign the Resolution and Buyers Order so it is ready to go when approved by Finance. Chairman Wayne Blankenship wants to wait until approved by finance before signing these documents. **MOTION** by George Williams to approve the Resolution and Buyers Order and authorization by Chairman Wayne Blankenship and Secretary Donnie Phillips upon approval by County Finance. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report - We have spent \$253,175 out of the Construction bond with a balance of \$735,525 left to draw. The Expenditure Report is through June 30, 2020. There are some categories that are over, but over all is under Budget. Mainly equipment maintenance and Health Insurance. Due to two new employees adding their spouses, which was not figured into last year's budget. After the Board Members review, **MOTION** made by George Williams to approve. **SECOND** by John Seno. **APPROVED.**

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall Inspections: Up to Date

Training Report: Up to date. They have been doing good at training.

Call Summary: 446 Calls to Date. Most being 67.7% medical calls.

COMMENTS: NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE MADE.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** to adjourn meeting by George Williams. **SECOND** by Rudy Glover. **MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING APPROVED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chairman Wayne Blankenship at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: August 20, 2020