

# SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane  
Sheldon, SC 29941

## BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gregory Gilbert

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chief Buddy Jones, Asst. Chief Dale Glass, Jody Ward Administrative Assistant

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Public Comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED** minutes from meeting of October 22, 2020. **MOTION** by Donnie Phillips to approve minutes of October 22, 2020. **SECOND** by John Seno . **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **DISCUSSION**

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

**Station Renovation** - The construction is still moving slow. We have a meeting with the builder and architect next Tuesday.

**New Pumper:** The contract has been signed and the new pumper truck belongs to SFD. It is in storage at Palmetto Fire until the new bay area is complete.

#### ***New Business:***

**Computers** - The County has replaced all our office computers. The old ones were very slow and out of date.

**Camera System** - SFD installed a camera system at Lobeco for safety reasons. This will help the shifts see who may come to the door in the middle of the night, which happens often. The cost was \$1,700 and EMS will pay half.

**Fitness Tests** - SFD completed fitness tests in November

**Vehicle Maintenance:** SFD has had a lot of vehicle maintenance and it will be close on the budget. SFD has spent \$20,000 so far leaving \$7,000 left in this budget year. There will be funds left over in other categories in the budget the help with costs.

**Shift Lunches** - Since we were unable to have a Christmas party, next week SFD will purchase each shift lunch from money that was donated from a homeowner.

**Audit** - The audit is being completed now and will have ready for your review at our next meeting.

**State Grant** - Did not receive the FEMA grant, but SFD has applied for the V-Safe grant. If SFD receives this, these funds will go toward gear.

**Tax Bills** - The tax bills are going out late from the County. If a homeowner wants, they can pay an estimated tax bill online so they can deduct from the tax return. The Auditor and County Council are having a dispute over setting the millage for debt. They will also extend the due date and late fee due date as well.

**Executive Session** - Board went into executive session to discuss an employee issue and Town of Yemassee regarding SFD handling their Fire District. 7:12 p.m. to 7:19 p.m. No action taken on the personnel issue. The Board discussed having a meeting with the Town of Yemassee and County Administrator to discuss taking over the Fire Service under a contract. The Board voted and approved to begin negotiations with the Town of Yemassee.

**New Hires** - SFD is in the process of hiring two new Firefighters. One of our Firefighters retires at the end of December, and one was in a wreck and will not be able to return to duty. I will also promote one of our Firefighters to Lieutenant.

**Treasurer's Report** - SFD has drawn \$400,000 to date. SFD is on average spending is \$28,951 per week and has \$28,699 available. Current checkbook balance is \$309,125 with \$1,099,683 left to draw from the County. There is currently approximately a little over \$400,000 in the Cash on Hand Fund balance. After the Board Members review, **MOTION** made by Robert Smalls to approve the Treasurer's Report. **SECOND** by John Seno. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Up to Date

**Fire Marshall Inspections:** Up to Date

**Training Report:** Up to date.

**Call Summary:** 739 Calls through November 2020. 65% of SFD calls are medical.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED** by Chairman Wayne Blankenship at 7:31 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED: February 18, 2021**