

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

**5 Fire Station Lane
Sheldon, SC 29941**

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Blankenship, Robert Smalls, Rudy Glover, John Seno, Sheri Phillips

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Gilbert (Out of town on business), George Williams (Death in the family)

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

GUEST PRESENT: Gerald Neal, Contractor

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 18, 2022 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of August 18, 2022. **MOTION** by Robert Smalls to approve minutes of August 18, 2022 **SECOND** by Sheri Phillips. **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

Building Construction - Mr. Neal informed the Board Members of the progress on Phase 2. The steel is on site and we will begin erection next week after the new poured concrete has cured. Completion is still scheduled for December. The Contractor received a draw for work completed to date for \$115,950, leaving \$147,845 in the contract. This does not include any change orders that were previously discussed. When the job is complete SFD will sit down with the contractor to go over any overages on the project. Chief would like to appoint a committee from the Board to sit down with himself, the contractor, the architect, Assistant Chief Glass, and Jody Ward - Admin. Assist. Chief suggested Sherry Phillips and Gregory Gilbert, but that can be decided when the project is complete and the contractor wants to discuss his final billing.

FEMA Grant - SFD did get the FEMA grant for the 5 air packs. We have already bought the air packs and received the funds from FEMA. SFD was awarded \$34,743. SFD's portion was \$1800

Bay Doors at Station 41 - Bay doors are complete.

New Business:

48/96 Shifts - The Firefighters would like to go to 48/96 shifts with 2 days on with 4 days off. Most Fire Departments in the county are doing this. Chief's only concern with doing this, it will cause fatigue if on their first day on shift if they had a lot of calls, they will be fatigued on the second day. Next week the Chief will talk to each Firefighter one on one to see who would like to go to 48/96 or remain at 24/48. Unless 100% agree, SFD will not agree to 48/96.

Vehicle Maintenance - This year so far SFD's biggest cost is on vehicle maintenance. We had to replace the pump on one of the tankers, which cost around \$6,000. Tires need to be replaced on one of the trucks at a cost of \$2000. When Palmetto Fire does annual inspections, it runs around \$1,000 per truck.

Christmas Party/Award Banquet - This year SFD will have a Christmas Party/Award Banquet on December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Bull Point. We will send out reminders in November. Fletchers will be catering it this year.

Treasurer's Report - SFD has drawn \$400,000 to date with \$1,253,328 left to draw and \$123,471 left in Debt Service. SFD is on average is spending \$30,057 per week and has \$32,566 per week available. Current checkbook balance is \$ 333,833. There is approximately \$435,855 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 Rudy Glover. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall Inspections: Up to Date

Training Report: Up to date.

Call Summary: 777 Calls through September 2022 - 60% is Medical Calls. This is up 141 calls from last year at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** to adjourn meeting by Sherry Phillips. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING APPROVED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chairman Wayne Blankenship at 7:28 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: December 15, 2022