

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane

Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Gilbert, George Williams, Sheri Phillips, Rudy Glover, Robert Smalls, Adrain Scott, Abraham Kelly

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Buddy Jones, Asst. Chief Dale Glass

GUESTS: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman Gregory Gilbert at 7:01 P.M.

AGENDA: Chief Jones has added Grants to Old Business in the Agenda. All in favor of proceeding with the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 20, 2025 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of February 20, 2025. **MOTION** by George Williams to approve minutes of February 20, 2024. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

Grants - Right before the meeting Chief Jones received and email that Sheldon Fire District (SFD) has been approved for the V-Save Grant with the State of South Carolina. The department has been awarded \$14,050. SFD will use this grant to purchase much needed gear. There has still been not news on the FEMA Grant.

Parking Lot - The county has put aside funds to redo the parking lot by paving it. The informed Chief Jones there is no schedule yet as to when that will be completed.

Apparatus Maintenance: SFD is still incurring large vehicle maintenance repairs. SFD had a recent repair of \$31,000 to rebuild the motor and another apparatus in repair for basically the same thing. Even with these high repairs, SFD will still not go over the total budget. The new budget has been increase an additional \$25,000 for vehicle maintenance.

New Squad: Chief Jones has called Fouts for an update. The chassis is due to be in on July 5, 2025 and should be completed by mid September.

New Business:

Budget 2025/2026 - The budget presentation will be Monday at 2:00 p.m. April 21st. Chief Jones reviews what has been increased since the last Board Meeting when the draft budget was presented to the Board. Personnel - \$16,000 in Payroll; \$10,000 in Overtime; \$34,000 in Health Insurance; (\$2,987) Worker's Compensation; Total increase in Personnel is \$63,563. Operations - \$1,352 Building Insurance; \$1,450 Equipment Insurance; \$4,500 Building Maint.; \$5,000 Equipment Maint.; \$25,000 Vehicle Maint.; Total Increase in Operations \$37,300. Debt Remains the same \$133,100. Last year the millage rate was 38.5 with debt at 2.9. Value of \$48,803 last FY. This upcoming FY the millage value is \$51,454. The millage rate for 2025/2026 is 38.3 with debt at 2.6. Total personal cost for FY2025/2026 will be \$1,697,442; Operations/Capital will be \$274,800; Total Debt will be \$133,100; Total FY2025/2026 is \$2,105,342. This will be a 5% increase over last FY. **MOTION** to approve FY2025/2026 Budget of \$2,105,342 made by Rude Glover, **SECOND** By Robert Smalls. **MOTION APPROVED UNANAMOUSLY.**

Treasurer's Report - Total Budget this year is \$1,871,379. SFD has drawn \$1,400,000 to date with \$471,379 left to draw. SFD is on average is spending \$35,589 per week and has \$37,661 per week available. Current checkbook balance is \$301,503. Total Funds available in Checkbook and left to draw is \$772,882. There is currently \$717,121 in the Cash on Hand Fund balance. After the Board Members review, **MOTION** made by George Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. **SECOND** by Sheri Phillips. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall Inspections: Up to Date

Training Report: Up to date.

Call Summary: 305 Calls through March 2025; 68% of those are Medical Calls.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED by Gregory Gilbert at 7:21 p.m.

MEETING APPROVED: June 19, 2025