

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
September 25th, 2013
Station 891**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Cecil Lanier
Commissioner John Harris
Commissioner Thomas Peeples
Commissioner Herbert Burnes

Attorney Fred Kuhn
Deputy Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:10.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the agenda as written.
Commissioner Peeples seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the May 29th, 2013 minutes
Commissioner Lanier seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the May, June, July & August 2013 financial statements.
Commissioner Peeples seconded.
Motion approved.

No need for Executive Session

Old Business

City/Town contract

Attorney Fred Kuhn attended the meeting to update where we stand on the suit we filed against the City of Beaufort and the Town of Port Royal. Both parties paid the District based on taxable property values rather than assessed values.

The Town replied with an answer (included in the packet) that states that it was their *intent* when the contract was put into effect to pay us based on taxable values.

Our position is that “assessed value” is clearly stated in the contract signed by all parties on 9/2/2010, and it was our intent for payments to be calculated based on those assessed values.

As of right now we are awaiting a court date from the Judge. Fred Kuhn is hoping that the county assessor or another representative will write an affidavit or be willing to testify and explain the difference and define taxed and assessed values.

When the hearing is set, the commission will be notified.

Seabrook Point

Commissioner Harris questioned if Mrs. Bukkosal from the Seabrook Point neighborhood has had anymore contact with Chief Rountree about the fire hydrants. Chief Webb stated that as far as he knew, Chief Rountree had some more conversations with her shortly after she expressed her concerns and she was looking into grants but knew that it was out of our control. We would still be willing to meet with, educate, and answer any questions the homeowners may have if they ever wish to do so.

New Business

None.

Chief's Report

- EMS recently repaired the door that was hit by an ambulance at the Shell Point station.
- Asa Davidson is our new hire. He comes to us as a recruit with no firefighting experience and will be attending the academy in October. He replaced Matthew Pennington who took a job with Parris Island Fire Department. FF Pennington is still on our roster as a volunteer.
- The training prop at pinewood is coming along great. The firefighters are getting a lot of use and good training out of it. Money very well spent.
- The bullet proof vests were ordered and have been issued. Everyone seems appreciative and feels a little safer. They are required to wear the vests on every medical call.
- The county is in the process of getting a loan approved for the reconstruction of the Perry Clear bridge. We are still looking at 9-12 months until it's fixed.

Commissioner Harris motioned to adjourn.
Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned 19:00