

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Blankenship, Gregory Gilbert, Robert Smalls, George Williams, Sheri Phillips, John Seno, Rudy Glover

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Wayne Blankenship at 7:12 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 18, 2024 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of April 18, 2024. **MOTION** by Robert Smalls to approve minutes of April 18, 2024 **SECOND** by George Williams. **MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

Parking Area Station 40 - Chief emailed the county administrator, and it is included in the upcoming budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and should pass through the 3rd reading on June 27th.

Overtime - SFD had a lot over time. Even will all the overtime SFD has not gone over their budget for Fiscal Year ending June 2024. **Comments:** Sheri Phillips asked why there was so much over time. Chief stated it is due to covering shifts for the new members while in training. The new members are getting the training the need for driving the apparatus and some have passed their Firefighter I recently. One member will be going to Rookie School in August for 10 weeks at the Fire Academy. The cost is around \$1000, which includes lodging and meals.

Grants - SFD did receive the V-Save Grant and the gear has been received and paid for. SFD is still waiting on approval for the FEMA Grant.

New Business:

Budget for 2024/2025 - There is one more reading on June 24th. There is one week left in this Budget year.

Master Plan - Chief will begin working on the Five-Year Master Plan after the final approval of SFD's new budget. The last Master Plan goes to 2026, and SFD is withing the budget as projected. The upcoming plan will include new equipment, new tanker (we will then have 3 total which will bring SFD to a Class 3 ISO rating), add a smaller squad to run medical calls. Last tanker was purchased in 2006 at a cost of approximately \$200,000. That cost today is \$405,000. Last squad purchased was \$110,000. A new squad today is over \$200,000. Chief wants to also work on hiring three more members within the next five years. As we all know, the county does not approve any commercial in our district, which effects it's growth and tax income. The County just purchased some property on Hwy 17 to build a park possibly. Also, Family Dollar is rebuilding soon. They are in the final approval of their plans now. There are plans to build 25 houses near Binden Plantation off the Ace Basin.

New Alarm System: The County has purchased a new alarm system for all the Districts so they can alert each District individually. The alert will add lights and a gradual alarm that does not wake 1st responders out of a dead sleep abruptly. It will cost each station approximately \$45,000 per station. They will start here in October. This will do away with all the pagers and the alert will come over your cell phones. Comments: Sheri Phillips asked will the members be supplied a phone. Chief stated they can use their existing phone unless they don't want to. They cannot be forced to use their own phone. Android will be limited to text messages. Chief stated it will be all computerized with voices of your choice. Members will still have their radios so this will mostly effect them while off duty and Volunteer Members.

Treasurer's Report - SFD has drawn \$1,765,470, to date with \$0 left to draw and \$0 left in Dept. Service. SFD is on average is spending \$31,000 per week and have \$142,122 available. Current checkbook balance is \$455,507. There is currently \$313,537 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 Robert Smalls. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall Inspections: Up to Date

Training Report: Up to date.

Call Summary: 423 Calls through May 2024, 61% is Medical Calls

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

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chairman Wayne Blankenship at 7:36 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: August 15, 2024