

SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane
Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman Gregory Gilbert at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA: All in favor of proceeding with the Agenda as outlined and going into Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting. **MOTION** made by George Williams to proceed with agenda as outlined. **SECOND** by Robert Smalls. **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NO ACTION TAKEN.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NO COMMENTS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2025 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of October 16, 2025. **MOTION** made by Robert Smalls to approve minutes of October 16, 2024. **SECOND** by George Williams. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

Parking Lot and Driveway Paving Project: Chief is still waiting on word from the County. They have not really said much about it since our last meeting. Not sure if the County will fund it at this point. It may have to do with the change of County Administrators. \$276,000 was allocated to complete the project in the prior year's budget. Chief will check on it again and hopefully have an answer for the next Board Meeting.

Vehicle Maintenance - The department is getting some of the repairs done with the county and it has been 80% cheaper. Our contract runs out in February with Palmetto Fire and we will not renew it. They will have to come out to do pump work, but the county is now in the process of getting certified to do pump inspections.

New Business:

Audit Summary/Budget 2026-2027 - Chief passed out a Audit Summary for the Board Members to review. Last year the department went \$42,943 over budget. Vehicle maintenance was a big overage as we discussed, Building Repairs, maintenance equipment, and uniforms. The County Collected \$374,290 more than we budgeted. That goes into our County Fund. Right now we have a little over \$1 Million in Cash on Hand with the County and \$194,545 Cash on Hand in our checking. Page 1-9 of the Audit will summarize it for the Board Members. You can also pull the Audit up on the County Website. Chief is working on next year's budget on getting the salaries up so the department does not keep losing members to other department's for more pay. The only way to make this happen will probable result in a tax increase next year. The growth in our district last year was right at 9%, which is the highest growth we have had.

Speed Bump on Curve by Department / Security in Office Building - Dale has not hear back about the speed bump but will check on it again for Sheri Phillips. Sheri also was concerned about no Security Cameras in the Office Building should all the members on a call and the Administrative Staff cannot see if someone is coming around or into the building. Chief will check on getting security cameras and suggest Jody locks the doors when they are out on a call.

Treasurer's Report - Board members received a copy of the Treasurer Report. Total Budget this year is \$1,972,242 . SFD has drawn \$1,200,000 to date with \$772,242, left to draw. SFD is on average is spending \$36,770 per week and have \$38,999 funds available per week. Current checkbook balance is \$313,440. There is currently \$194,545 cash on hand funds available. **MOTION WAS MADE** by George Williams to approved the treasury report. **SECOND** by Rudy Glover. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall Inspections: Up to Date

Training Report: Training is up to date.

Call Summary: 1044 Calls through November 2025; 65% of those are Medical Calls.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED by Gregory Gilbert at 7:04 p.m.

MEETING APPROVED: February 19, 2026