SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane
Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2026 **REGULAR MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greggory Gilbert - Chairman, 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 Greggory Gilbert at 7:01 P.M.

AGENDA: MOTION made by Robert Smalls to approve the Agenda. **SECOND** by Abraham Kelly. Agenda **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 19, 2026 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of February 19, 2026. **MOTION** by George Williams to approve minutes of February 19, 2026. **SECOND** by Rudolf Glover. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

V-Safe Grant - This year it is around $14,000 and we usually receive this grant. It will be disbursed this month and be used to purchase gear.

Apparatus Maintenance - Engine is back with a new motor at a cost of $38,000. On the financial report SFD is over in vehicle maintenance. Changes have been made to help with those cost is the new Budget. Sheldon will no longer us Palmetto Fire for maintenance. Sheldon approached them regarding the engine that blew and they would not cover the cost since it only had a 90 day warranty. International put a new motor in it for SFD. That truck in now back at International due to a problem with the high pressure fuel pump, which is under warranty. Sheldon was advised not to pursue legal action since it would be hard to win a the case since Palmetto had a 90 day warranty.

Helmets - They have been ordered and should be here next month.

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New Business:

Budget FY 2026-2027 - All members have received a Budget package and it is summarized on page 2. Personnel is $2,022,450; Operations is $295,494; Total $2,317,944; Debt is $133,100; Overall budget is $2,451,044. Our Millage value is going to be $56,346, which is 7% increase over last FY. Divided by that millage we had, the department was a little bit short. This is mainly an increase in personnel to bring out starting salaries up. The department has lost nine people this year. Eight of them was due to salary. Since the Millage rate would not quite cover the budget with only a 1.1 Millage increase, which increases the taxes by $400 on every $100,000; law allows and increase of 1.0 Millage. $1,002,020 is the fund balance that the County has, which is money collected over the budget over the years. Chief will request council to use $86,643 or so of those funds to cover the shortage. Chief Jones has requested a motion to approve the above budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **MOTION** made by Robert Smalls. **SECOND** by George Williams. **MOTION** to approve the 2026-2027 FY Budget **APPROVED**.

Treasurer's Report - Total Budget this FISCAL YEAR is $1,972,242. SFD has drawn $1,600,000 to date with $372,242 left to draw. SFD is on average is spending $36,000 per week and has $44,000 per week available. There is currently $165,000 in the Cash on Hand in the SFD's checking account. 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 Rudy Glover. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MEETING ADJOURNED by Greggory Gilbert at 7:25 p.m.

MEETING APPROVED: June 18, 2026

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