SHELDON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

5 Fire Station Lane

Sheldon, SC 29941

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2026 **REGULAR MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greggory Gilbert, George Williams, Rudy Glover, Robert Smalls, Adrain Scott, Abraham Kelly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sheri Phillips

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

GUESTS: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman Greggory Gilbert at 7:15 p.m.

AGENDA: All in favor of proceeding with the Agenda as outlined. **MOTION** made by Robert Smalls to proceed with agenda as outlined. SECOND by George Williams. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 16, 2026 BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED minutes from meeting of April 16, 2026. **MOTION** made by Rudy Glover to approve minutes of April 16, 2026. **SECOND** by Adrain Scott. **MOTION CARRIED**

DISCUSSION

Old Business:

V-Safe Grant - Sheldon Fire did receive the V-Safe Grant. SFD received $14,700 toward 3 sets of gear with gloves and flash hoods.

Equipment Purchase - The helmet and boots purchase that was approved at the last Board Meeting have been ordered and received.

New Business:

Budget Reading - SFD has been through two budget hearings. Chief presented the budget and the county council was very perceptive to it. Chief did not receive a lot of questions on the budget. It was passed the 1st and 2nd reading. The 3rd reading will be June 22nd, next Monday. The new budget will use $86,643 of the cash on hand County fund balance about $1 million.

Equipment Purchases - The department needs to replace the engine at Station 41. Bring the old engine to Station 40 as a back up and get rid of one of the back up engine at Station 40. Also looking to purchase an additional Tanker. This tanker will be used as an extra apparatus. 70% of our district does not have water access. When there is a huge house fire, a back up tanker will be needed. We will have three tankers here and one for Jasper County at Point South. That will supply 8000 gallons of water on a scene immediately. Chief is only planning to finance one of the purchases. There is over $1 Million in fund balance. A tanker is approximately $450,000. The department can pay cash for that purchase and still meet the fund balance obligation in reserve the county requires to have on hand. Chief and Assistant Chief will go over the specification needed on these apparatus'. The pumper is the apparatus that will have to be financed. The fire district debt limitation is 8% of your total assets. The department can borrow up to $3,589,518. SFD's current debt is $630,000 on the bond with 8 years left, and $364,872 on the Engine with 6 years left. SFD plans to finance an engine for 12 years, putting the department in the window of debt service next year. At the present time, Chief Jones would like the Board's permission to purchase the two new apparatus so he begin the bidding process. Chief will still have to get the County Council to approve these purchases as well. The department still has to wait until the audit is complete to see what the Cash on Hand Fund balance is that the County will be holding in reserve. Current balance with the County is $933,000. **MOTION** made by George Williams to authorize the department to begin the bidding process of the two aforementioned apparatus' to both the manufactures and lending institutions. **SECOND** by Abraham Kelly. **MOTION CARRIED.** When bidding process is completed, the Board Members will be presenting with the final price and financing terms for their final approval before it is presented to the County Council.

Treasurer's Report - Board members received a copy of the Treasurer Report. There is $108,000 left in the Budget. Total Budget this year is $1,871,379. SFD has drawn $1,871,379 to date with $0 left to draw. There is currently $165,000 in the Cash on Hand Fund balance in the checking account. After the Board Members review, **MOTION** made by _____ to approve the Treasurer's Report. **SECOND** by _____. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Vehicle Maintenance: Up to Date

Fire Marshall Inspections: Up to Date

Training Report: Training has improved over the past two months.

Call Summary: 548 Calls through May 2025; 69% of those are Medical Calls and lift and assist.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED by Greggory Gilbert at 7:33 p.m.

MEETING APPROVED: August 20, 2026

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