



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's
Minutes of the Meeting on January 10, 2023
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:02 pm – 8:04 pm

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Ryan Dreux - Present
Eugene Swann – Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approve the meeting from December 13th meeting?

Mr. Dreux said, all good.

Mr. Lindsey said, I browsed over them and everything looked to be in order.

Mr. Trascher said, I also reviewed them and they seemed to be in order. I move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Dreux, how do you vote?

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will move on to the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, I'm sorry I am fighting off a chest cold right now. For the month of December, we are looking at a target of 100%. So, looking through, fuel of course, if you look at what you have, we came out \$8,876.58, over what we budgeted. Of course, at Station 111, with adding a new well, we came out \$43,240.32, over. Let's see, Engine 111 came out \$3,268.08, over budget as well as both med trucks. Medic 112 was \$4,936.06 and the reserve medic was \$1,620.

Medical Supplies, for as many calls as we ran, we only went over by \$3,869.19. The rest of it pretty much fell in line except for the Audit Fee. We had \$1,257.47, over for the audit fee. Everything else fell under the 100% mark so, it's in the agenda, later on I will present the amended budget.

EMS

For the EMS side, we brought in \$23,012.53, for the month of December. Does anyone have any questions?

Mr. Trascher asked, on these ones that we went over, are we able to pull funds from the other ones so that we can amend the budget so we can bring everything inline?

Chief Dockery said, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher said, because basically, the ones that did run over, I as a Board Member, feel that they have been adequately explained with the break downs on the trucks and of course the cost of the fuel. It's just so we can end the year within our 5% range. It seems like there are some other areas in here that we should be able to take some funds from to make those amendments.

Chief Dockery said, correct. Also in front of you, so you can look over, is the list of our accounts and what is in them as of today.

Mr. Trascher asked, do we have those figures for the amended budget?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it should be another sheet up there.

Mr. Trascher asked, this one?

Chief Dockery said, yes, that's the sheet right there.

Mr. Trascher said, so, this brings all of our categories in line?

Chief Dockery said, yes, this will.

Mr. Trascher asked, do we have any additional revenue from last year that would be unaccounted for that we need to...

Chief Dockery said, we do. I don't know if we want to jump into that right now.

Mr. Trascher said, I just thought when we were discussing the budget, the amended budget but, we will be discussing that later?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it will be the first one under New Business.

Mr. Trascher said, okay. So, for now this is just the budget, the actuals.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the actuals for December.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any other questions?

Mr. Lindsey said, not for that, no.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if there are no other questions, we will move forward to the Chief's Report.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of December we responded to:

EMS	57
MVA	5

Mr. Trascher said, I'm sorry, what was that for the EMS, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, MVA?

Mrs. Blackwell said, you have two of them.

Chief Dockery said, one will say December.

Mrs. Blackwell said, this is for the year.

Mr. Dreux said, this has got to be the total.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I was freaking out, 900 and something.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I am sorry, I made a year end for you all to look at.

Mr. Trascher said, okay.

Chief Dockery said, for the month of December we ran:

EMS	57
MVA	5
VEHICLE FIRE	1
GRASS FIRES	2
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	14
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	9
FALSE ALARM	7
POLICE MATTERS	6
TOTAL	101

Chief Dockery continued, of course, next month, February 5th, we will have the Pearl River Parade, I don't know if it's the Lions Club Parade.

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, we will try to have a truck in that and try to have some crews floating around because it always seems like what happens is, we always have multiple calls at the same time.

Something I didn't write on here and I wasn't going to print out some more paper so, I will just tell it to you all. We just got our packet in for PIAL which is, Property Insurance Association of Louisiana. We get it normally every 5 years and they give us a set amount of time, which is 45 days from yesterday, to turn in the packet to them and they look over all of our training, all of our testing, any type of fires, manpower, on and on. That is where we get our insurance rating at. So, right now, we are working on getting all of the information put into a packet to where we can bring it to them. Once we bring it to them they will assign a date for them to come down and actually visit us. So, this is something that is usually every 5 years. Sometimes they come sooner but, the standard is 5 years.

Mr. Trascher asked, and this is for whether we test the hydrants or?

Chief Dockery said, yes, basically.

Mr. Trascher asked, are there any areas that we may have looked at that we could have

improved over the last rating? I know our water shuttle, I think was something.

Chief Dockery said, the water got better being we got the water tower up in town. Most the time it's manpower. Manpower we have been filling through the year so, we have done everything in our power to get every area we can. Of course, more manpower always would be better but, it's more money too. So, we are getting that packet ready for them and we will get it turned in and wait for their visit. There are multiple Fire Departments around the area that just got it so.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are we good on equipment or is there any equipment that we need to purchase to make sure that we are good?

Chief Dockery said, we are looking good.

Mr. Trascher said, so we should be able to at least hold our rating.

Chief Dockery said, we are going to give it hell.

Mr. Dreux asked, what is our rating right now?

Mr. Lindsey said, it's tough.

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, we are a 2 right now. With that being said, I also have just the runs of the year:

EMS	997
STRUCTURE FIRES	3
GRASS FIRES	34
VEHICLE FIRE	11
MVA	8
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	145
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	110
FALSE ALARM	43
POLICE MATTERS	26
TOTAL	1369

Mr. Lindsey asked, is that MVA number correct? That's got to be off, 8?

Mr. Trascher said, it seems like I saw that many or more.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, we have 5 in the month of January.

Chief Dockery said, I have to double check. I might have messed that one up. I will double check with that one. I know the number was 1369.

Mr. Lindsey said, the other question I had, the MVA Vehicle Fire, are we on board for billing on those?

Chief Dockery said, we are if they are in our area, we are billing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean the ones for December.

Chief Dockery said, the ones for December, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, we had 5 MVA's and one vehicle fire so, we should have bill for those 6, correct?

Chief Dockery said, as long as they are in our area. If they are in Fire District 1, they are billing for it.

Mr. Trascher said, what you are saying Chief is that, all the motor vehicle accidents may not have been in District 11. We may have responded to mutual aid to some of these that we can't or didn't bill for.

Chief Dockery said, that is correct, I am sure I messed up on that 8. I will get it for you all.

Mr. Trascher said, for the year, I think I had that many in front my house.

Chief Dockery said, I definitely messed up on that one. I'll find out and get you all one.

Mr. Lindsey said, maybe 80.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, I looked at 8 and (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, yes, the Interstate and all.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I am missing something definitely behind it.

Mr. Swann asked, what is your False Alarms on?

Chief Dockery said, False Alarms would be Rooms to Go, Micro-tel, AWG, the high school. Anytime lightening strikes, Pearl River High's alarm goes off. So, that's just where the False Alarms come in.

Mr. Swann said, okay.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any other discussion on the Chief's Report?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, sounds good.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Blackwell said, if there's nothing there, we will go to Old Business, we want to discuss the February, our next meeting will be February 14th, do we want to move it?

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see if we could move it if it's okay with y'all. If there is another time good with you all. When I proposed it to the wife, she was like, I had plans to go out to eat.

Mr. Dreux said, that is not surprising.

Mr. Swann said, I think it's a good idea to move it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, what date would you all choose to pick?

Mr. Lindsey said, that, it don't matter. Other than that date, we can do it...

Mrs. Blackwell asked, okay, do you all want to do it on a Wednesday or something?

Mr. Trascher said, we can do it Monday or Wednesday or Friday maybe.

Mr. Lindsey said, we could do it the day before or...

Mr. Swann said, the day after.

Mr. Trascher said, let's do it the day after maybe. Wednesday the 15th?

Mr. Lindsey said, okay. Is that okay with you Chief?

Chief Dockery said, that is fine with me.

Mr. Dreux said, I am good, buddy.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay, let's do it Wednesday the 15th.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we need to vote on that.

Mr. Trascher said, I would move that we move our regular meeting date from February 14th to Wednesday, February 15th, 2023.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Dreux, how do you vote?

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Gene, I will have to remind you that it going to be a Wednesday. We just got you broke in for Tuesday.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we need say the Resolution number or something for that?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, we did a Resolution for that and I am sure Georgette will type it and memorialize and assign it a number.

Mrs. Blackwell said, this is a Resolution for February date change. I am sorry, I was slacking.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, we can just change it to February 15, and she has prepared a Resolution. That resolution is Resolution 2023-002, that the Board of Commissioner's wish to reschedule the February 14, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting to February 15th, 2023, and that is the Resolution 2023-002, that we just voted on.

Mr. Swann said, do I have to sign that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDED BUDGET – Chief Jack Dockery

Mrs. Blackwell said, now that that is taken care of, we can move to New Business, Introduction of Amended Budget, Chief Dockery.

Chief Dockery said, alright, in front of you, you will have the Amended Budget. Going through, basically, I went back and took the actual from December and I, used that as the amended amount so everything would be at 100%, so, I would have a 0% fluctuation for the end of the year. With that being said, the very last page, the second row over, very bottom, you should see \$511,782.94, that is the un-allocated amount that we have left over after everything is paid. I bring it to the Board to, I would like to move some of that out and ear mark it for either acquisition of equipment or remodel of station. But, I would like to move that over to a different, either the...

Mr. Trascher said, similar to a restricted account and really, with a surplus like this we cannot leave this money undedicated because we would need to roll back our millage's.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see us move a portion of it into a fund dedicated to remodeling the station.

Mr. Dreux said, I was going to bring that up.

Mr. Trascher said, we have talked a lot about changing the electricity here and the gas and putting in the additional bathrooms. I think we have asked for some preliminary...

Mr. Lindsey said, the bathrooms, everything. I would like to see, being we have to move this money, I would like to see us move a portion of it into...

Mr. Trascher asked, so, Chief do you have some preliminary figures on the remodeling?

Chief Dockery said, I'm still working on drawings on this building. I would ask that we at least move 400 into a restricted fund which is the Rolling Stock Account and we will just earmark that for, what ever you want to call it, renovations or remodel or...

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know if we want to tie ourselves just to this building but, if the 400, that leaves us with \$100,000, that we can put into equipment purchases.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, maybe we can put, earmark \$400,000, into a restricted account for building upgrades.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's up to the Board, I don't think we need that much. I think if we put about \$200,000, towards the building upgrades and then the \$311,000, towards...

Mr. Trascher said, we are looking at 2 buildings because we do need repairs at the other building also.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think the other one needs a lot but that's up to the Chief.

Chief Dockery said, it doesn't need as much as here. It needs a little bit of sheet rock work.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, maybe \$250,000, but I think with even \$250,000...

Mr. Trascher said, but we were talking about taking this building and almost gutting the inside and redoing the whole thing.

Mr. Dreux said, that building needs some...

Mr. Lindsey said, it needs a major overhaul. That's one of my main focuses for wanting to be on this Board, is to get this facility up to speed.

Mr. Trascher said, we are still may have to have to come back and do something with the pump and tank that we are putting back here.

Mr. Lindsey said, we may have to put a cover or some kind of enclosure.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I am saying. That is going to come out of that fund also. I mean, if you feel comfortable with maybe \$300,000, for the building upgrades and then we will put the other \$170,000 into the equipment.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's up to y'all.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what we are here for, let's discuss it. What do you think?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think it will be \$400,000.

Mr. Dreux said, I don't think it will be either but, we probably going to do some work anyway with it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, if dedicate the \$300,000, and we don't use it, can we move it to the equipment purchases later on by resolution?

Mr. Trascher said, we can, yes, but...

Mrs. Blackwell said, I am just saying.

Mr. Trascher said, it needs, for budgetary purposes we should have some kind of sound reasoning to do it. That's why I was wondering if we had some type of preliminary estimate on the repairs.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's a little hard to do if you have to say so much for...

Mr. Trascher said, even if we could say so much per square foot for the building.

Mr. Dreux said, you can square foot a price on a commercial build in a general range.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if we could take the square footage, because we talked about maybe remodeling the bays. Didn't we talk about adding some sleeping quarters upstairs?

Chief Dockery said, we talked about gutting it and revamping just the layout of the whole living section.

Mr. Trascher said, right and while we are doing that, we may need to put some temporary accommodations here also.

Mr. Lindsey said, temporary housing would cost us some money too.

Mr. Trascher said, that could come out of...

Mr. Lindsey said, so, maybe we should go ahead and roll the \$400,000. That way it would

cover temporary housing.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because we might have to buy a trailer or buy something.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see us hire somebody to draw this thing out where it is all laid out. It isn't just going to be a...

Mr. Trascher said, nail it here or move it over. Absolutely.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, how's pole look over here. No, we need somebody to come in and do some plans on it.

Mr. Dreux said, (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, and I think we would have to because of the Parish ordinances we will need architectural drawings.

Mr. Dreux asked, we are under the Parish as far as any kind of building?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, your going to have to have architectural drawings I would think.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, we are going to have to have drawings and permits and all that stuff.

Chief Dockery asked, do you have anybody in mind for the drawings?

Mr. Lindsey said, we are just going to have to make some phone calls and get some multiple prices. I would recommend some decent, known contractors to our area is what we should go after. As far as the plans go, I will have to research that.

Mr. Dreux asked, have you got your guys together and kind of spit balled on what, you know their input?

Chief Dockery said, that's what we are trying to get some input from them on how they would like it laid out and try to stay within the shell that we have now. It's been brought up about maybe closing in the first bay and adding more space there but then, that takes away from having a truck there. On the other hand, I was thinking on the lines of coming around the back or where the living area comes out, where we have the washer and dryer, we still have that high spot come out this way a little bit. So, whatever it's going to take, it's going to be a very extinguished remodel. I got guys coming right now getting quotes for the roof to get it sealed up with the same stuff we used on here because we have had some leaks.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we need to get all of that insulation in the bays and all that redone because it's all hanging. It's been taped up a 1,000 times.

Mr. Swann said, yes, we probably going to have to go with all new air and heat and everything else too.

Mr. Dreux said, I think you all are raising spiders over there too. I heard a couple of guys tell me they grabbed their gear and those big wolf spider were in it.

Chief Dockery said, I wouldn't doubt it.

Mr. Lindsey said, well yeah, I would say let's...

Mr. Trascher said, I wouldn't have a problem putting the \$400,000, because we have got this facility and I know the other one does need some work. The floors and the sleeping areas.

Mr. Dreux said, and move it to your equipment or what ever else after we finished.

Mr. Trascher said, well, you know if we ever come up with something on the other side of the tracks, you know, a station over there. We could use that money if we just say building upgrades and acquisition. If we had, like Rooms to Go say, we will help you build a fire house and you got \$100,000, for seating money and put that in acquisition to put to another station. The only other thing would be with a surplus that size, what could we look at as far as manpower. Because manpower is our biggest shortage. Could we put on, could we take like maybe \$300,000, for the building upgrades and then take some of the other money and actually put it into salaries and hire another fireman or two.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we could.

Mr. Trascher said, and that would help our PIAL and everything.

Mr. Lindsey said, the only problem with that is I know we are going to have some trucks that we are going to have to replace in the near future. I know we rolled what \$400,000, over last year?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, for that purpose but still, we are going to need a new medic truck.

Mr. Dreux asked, you don't have a capital outlay for new trucks?

Chief Dockery said, we have it and this...

Mr. Trascher said, we have done a lease purchase for most of the equipment like that.

Mr. Swann asked, do you have a breakdown of what it cost you for one man? I mean everything, uniforms, insurance, anything.

Chief Dockery said, I can get you that real quick.

Mr. Trascher said, because manpower has been our most critical need on our PIAL.

Mr. Dreux said, my question is, is it that nobody wants to work or is it...

Mr. Trascher said, it's money.

Mr. Dreux said, money?

Chief Dockery said, it's kind of both.

Mr. Lindsey said, we are not in State system.

Chief Dockery said, we are competitive...

Mr. Dreux said, I get that.

Chief Dockery said, we are competitive with hourly with departments around us and even if we are not in the State Retirement, the retirement that we are offering is as good of what they are getting there. Lots of times, we are just not busy enough.

Mr. Trascher said, we are always going to be a department...

Mr. Dreux said, you get the older ones that are retiring, that's what you do.

Mr. Trascher said, we are always going to be where they come in and we train them and we get them certified and they move on to New Orleans or something.

Mr. Dreux said, well, you know the pension is a big thing. It's huge.

Mr. Lindsey said, the pension is huge.

Mr. Dreux said, it is.

Mr. Trascher said, this is just me thinking, I know staffing has always been a critical issue in this department.

Mr. Dreux asked, even with the part timers?

Chief Dockery said, even the part timers, staffers.

Mr. Trascher said, even if the building fairy came down and said, okay, here's a new fire house over here, where you want it. We need people to put in it.

Mr. Dreux said, if we brighten up the station a little bit maybe they will like that.

Mr. Swann said, that's why we need to see what it cost for one more man.

Mr. Trascher said, I want to say it was somewhere around \$60,000.

Chief Dockery said, yes, you are looking at about \$67,000, that's including insurance, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, that's insurance, uniforms, training, that's around \$60,000.

Mr. Dreux said, that's to hire one firefighter?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I know back when we looked at it before it was around \$50,000, but,

you would be safe around \$65,000, for a firefighter.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because you got benefits, you got sick time, split time shift coverage, you have all of that.

Mr. Lindsey asked, how are we looking on manpower coverage now, where are we at?

Chief Dockery said we are short 1 right now and we are fixing to be short 2. We had one of our guys left in November and we are trying to fill that spot and we have another one going, leaving to go work in Covington at the end of this month.

Mr. Dreux asked, 2 of your full time?

Chief Dockery said, yes, 2 of our full times. So, I will be short 2 full timers right now. I am in the process of searching, looking online, searching online and looking at the Civil Service website. They have a good list on there and we can go through and give people a call.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, it sounds like even if we had money to hire somebody else, we have to hire 2 just to recoup.

Mr. Trascher said, I know we would be able to look, that's 2. If we have those 2 hired, Chief, in your opinion, how would our manpower situation be? I think we would still be a little short.

Chief Dockery said, we still a little short. Just because that just takes care of my full timers that doesn't take care of my swing shifts which, usually, I have one at each station for a 24 hour period or they can break it down into 12 hour periods. But, even then, it's still hard to fill both stations with part timers.

Mr. Trascher said, let me ask this, maybe in a business perspective, the revenue that we are looking at here is pretty much going to be a recurring revenue.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, if we took the \$300,000, and we put that in for the Building Acquisition and Improvements, that would leave us somewhere around \$150,000, that we could put on at least 2, maybe 3 other firefighters which would help us with our PIAL rating.

Mr. Dreux asked, how many do you run on a truck?

Chief Dockery said, at this station, I have 2 and at my other station I have 3. I try to have 5 total a day, not including me during the day so, it's usually 5.

Mr. Dreux asked, that's the ladder and the pump?

Chief Dockery said, that's usually the Engine over at the other station, 2 on the Med truck, one on the Service here and one on the Engine here so, that's 5.

Mr. Dreux said, sounds like old Slidell.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, we definitely need more manpower. There's no doubt about that.

Mr. Trascher said, I think that would be almost reasonable to do it. It's a recurring revenue source. We have because we do have some money set aside for it now, you know, for the building and repairs. I think if we did the \$300,000, it would be enough with what we have set aside to effectively put this station back to what you want it to be.

Mr. Lindsey said, and the \$211,000, to hire more people?

Mr. Trascher said, and it may give us 3 additional firefighters. I mean, Chief, would 3 additional firefighters help you?

Chief Dockery said, anything would help so 3 would definitely.

Mr. Lindsey said, at \$67,000, that would cover 3 because you have that \$211,000.

Mr. Trascher said, that would be right at 3 with that.

Mr. Dreux asked, do you have to train them?

Chief Dockery said, we usually have a class every year here.

Mr. Dreux said, no what I am saying is, would you hire someone with experience?

Mr. Trascher said, anybody we can get.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, if they have experience.

Mr. Dreux said, that would save you with the training. It's going to cost you money to train them.

Chief Dockery said, if they have experience, that's great. If not, we have a class starting next month or the month after, somewhere up in there.

Chief Dockery said, well, I mean Chief, you are sitting in the seat there with the steering wheel and I am just looking at it more from a business perspective that would help us with both of them.

Mr. Swann said, and hopefully we will get some money in from this accident stuff too.

Chief Dockery said, we should start getting some feed in from that.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, and with that and the increase with the Medic fees, it should help us out where we can put 3 additional firefighters on as well as accomplish those buildings. Now, it doesn't do us much for the vehicles but, I think we do have some put in and we will get to it on your list of accounts. Right now, we have some set aside for vehicle purchases.

Mr. Lindsey said, hiring these three people, which we do need more people but, hiring these three people, is it going to effect this rating?

Chief Dockery said, it wouldn't effect the immediate one but, the next one. Of course it would, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, on the next one. Because, we are being rated on how many we had for the last...

Chief Dockery said, we are being rated on 2022.

Mr. Swann said, it would be hard to get a 1 rating, wouldn't it?

Chief Dockery said, oh yes, it would be very hard.

Mr. Lindsey said, almost impossible.

Mr. Trascher said, we are a weak 2.

Mr. Dreux said, your talking about full trucks.

Mr. Trascher said, it would sure it up at least.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, your talking about some serious...

Mr. Trascher said, and as traditionally what we've done is on our lease purchases, as those pay out, we enter into another agreement to replace another piece of equipment.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know, Chief, it's up to the Board, Gene, Dreux, Russell, whatever you think?

Mr. Lindsey said, if we are putting \$300,000, towards the station, I am fine with moving it.

Mr. Dreux said, I say that's pretty important. Get that station rolling and then use that money for your manpower or however you deem fit. It's here, you may as well use it.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, how do you feel about that?

Chief Dockery said, I am good with that.

Mr. Lindsey said, if Chief is good with that, I make a motion that we move \$300,000, into the Restricted account for building maintenance and...

Mr. Trascher said, acquisition.

Mr. Lindsey said, and acquisition and then, the \$211,000, into hiring some manpower.

Mr. Trascher asked, would that be in salaries Chief, would we put that in salaries

Chief Dockery said, yes. That would basically stay in the account that it is in now.

Mr. Trascher said, but, we would have to amend the operating budget for 2023, to put it in the salaries and you will have to start implementing the additional manpower.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, we will be looking at that. With that understanding, I will second that motion.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Dreux, how do you vote?

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Swann asked, are those going to require an architect or stamp plans?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, for the building.

Mr. Dreux said, probably, if it's with the Parish.

Mr. Trascher said, because this is considered commercial.

Mr. Swann said, that's going to be tight on \$300,000.

Mr. Dreux said, this?

Mr. Trascher said, well we do have some other money set aside.

Mr. Dreux said, don't let them walk in here before it.

Mr. Trascher said, it's hard to say anything until we actually get something, what the hell we doing.

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, you know, we need something to say that, we can sit here and say that you know in Disney Land they have all these different rides but, we need to know what ride do we need? What do we want to do with this building. This is what we have, this is the property we have. How can we best put this to use for this Department.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, if we start with that, this station right here and get somebody out here, an architect to start drawing up some ideas along with the guys input with what they would like to have. Definitely, you know, some bigger showers, two showers, two nice big showers, things like that.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we need to put down what we want and we need to put New Orleans in New Orleans. Not New Orleans in Algiers and then, this is what we can do and we may have to adjust some of it depending on the funding or we discuss that this is a recurring revenue and I don't think the next 12 months we will have this plan put together and on the ground. So, if we are looking at the end of next year, we will probably have the same \$300,000, recurring, barring any major expenses.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, so, that is more money we can put towards it. This is the second step. We have some money. Chief, can you tell us how we have now? I know we had the list of the accounts.

Chief Dockery said, in our Operating Account, as of today we had 1.375 million. In our Money Market Account we have 1.198 million. In our Surplus Bond Account, bless you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you.

Chief Dockery continued, which of course is the one that is in limbo, we have \$137,971.05 and in our Rolling Stock, which is what we usually earmark as restricted, we have \$801,690.23.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, the Money Market, the million 5, that's undedicated funds.

Chief Dockery said, the million.

Mr. Trascher said, in the CD or whatever it is, yes.

Chief Dockery said, the very top one, that is our regular Operating Account.

Mr. Trascher said, right, that's what we have to operate with. But, the other one with 1.1 million, that's undedicated, technically, undedicated funds.

Chief Dockery said, undedicated, rainy day.

Mr. Trascher said, right, that's if we need a truck or something like that.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, and the \$800,000, is also restricted and is not to be put in there so, we can pull from the \$800,000.

Mr. Lindsey said, the \$800,000, that's where we rolled that \$400,000, into last year.

Chief Dockery said, we rolled \$400,000, for trucks and...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, so now we are going to roll another \$300,000, pretty much, into that. So, I believe the money will be there. We need to go ahead, like we said, to put on the 3 additional firemen with this reoccurring revenue. If it was a one time shot, I'd be more hesitant to do it but, because it is recurring money, I think that that's what we need to do.

Mr. Swann said, let me ask you, is there a set of plans for this building?

Chief Dockery said, what's that?

Mr. Lindsey said, I've never seen a set of plans.

Mr. Trascher said, no, prisoners and Gary Singletary built this building.

Mr. Swann said, you will play hell with the plumbing and everything else.

Chief Dockery said, I want to say they built it back in the 70's.

Mr. Trascher said, they put a metal building up, they bought a metal building and Gary got people to come in and neighbors come in and they put it together. That's the long and short.

Chief Dockery said, long and short, it would be gutted down to the exterior.

Mr. Trascher said, the metal building.

Chief Dockery said, and go from there.

Mr. Swann said, still, it would be nice to know where your plumbing is and stuff like that.

Mr. Dreux said, jack hammer...

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, you can take a stethoscope and listen to the sound, and yell flush the toilet.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, flush the toilet.

Mr. Lindsey said, some of these companies today have technology where they can locate it.

Mr. Dreux said, yeah, they can do it.

Mr. Swann said, yes, they can do it with a camera.

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, listen, a contractor will be able to come in and when you are able to put together what we want, they can look at this and say, well, there's a bathroom here. Maybe if we move this over a little bit, bust the slab and move the drain over 2 feet or something like that, we can accomplish it. So, what we need on this building is, we need to know what we want.

Mr. Dreux said, that's step one.

Mr. Trascher said, what we need.

Mr. Swann asked, what kind of slab is it? Is it post tension, rod, wire or what?

Mr. Dreux said, the 70's, I don't think it would be post tension.

Mr. Trascher said, no, it's not post tension, that's just probably got rods.

Mr. Dreux said, it's probably re-bar.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's just regular re-bar slab, I think. I think we had some pictures around.

Chief Dockery said, I can ask Steve Koch, I think he was around at that time.

Mr. Trascher said, I spread the dirt out here when they put that building, with a dozier out here, with the Parish.

Mr. Lindsey said, we had a book somewhere with photos of when it was being built.

Mr. Trascher said, that was in the 80's.

Mr. Dreux said, so maybe highway mesh and re-bar.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Chief, if you agree, I think we agree that the way we will address the surplus funds because, we really do need to be in compliance. If we start developing a huge surplus, somebody is going to step in. We need to have sound reasoning of what we are going to do with this money.

Mr. Lindsey said, and I would agree with that. That, we have a while before we get to that point, I mean, we have to hire more manpower, we need new trucks and all of that.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely.

Mr. Lindsey said, if we ever do get to the point to where we are like, we have an overage of

money after, then we should give it back to the taxpayers.

Mr. Trascher said, that's exactly right. That's what I am saying, because this is recurring funds, we need to look at it like that. Now, something could happen, we could have a hurricane and it comes in and you have major damage and then your assessor reduces the millage, and of course, you have less money. That's what District 1 went through after Katrina. At this point, that seems like the most sound course of action for the Department.

Mr. Dreux asked, did you all get Federal help after Katrina?

Mr. Trascher said, we didn't. District 1 did. If you could show a reduction in revenue, and Chief, I don't mean to take your thunder. Robbie Crowe borrowed \$75,000, from FEMA after the storm with the thought that everything would be forgiven and I think this was the last year or so, the last \$30,000, of it was but, we had to make payments on that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it grew interest since Katrina so, it was over \$100,000, and we were making \$30,000, payments. I think we made 1 or 2 of them and they finally forgave us.

Mr. Trascher said, after a couple of annual payments they said, you poor suckers, go ahead and we will leave you alone.

Chief Dockery said, because actually, in 2022's budget, \$30,000, was set aside for FEMA and they gave us the forgiveness and we were able to...

Mr. Trascher said, that was for our FEMA payment. Now, the other quick story on this one is the...

Mr. Lindsey said, the \$134?

Mr. Trascher said, the \$137, this is money that we had a millage pass, it was a bond, but the wording of the bond was incorrect and the Department treated it as a millage. The wording on the bond was only suppose to collect \$100,000, to pay for a truck and the Board, because it was a millage up to a certain amount, collected the maximum for a number of years. We went through, and of course they caught us and it was in the 19th year of a 20 year bond, and we had to put so much money aside that we could not touch and the Attorney General and the attorneys and every body else got involved and said that we may need to refund the money to the tax payers. When they start looking at it, it's physically impossible to do.

Mr. Lindsey said, it would cost more money to figure it out it would...

Mr. Trascher said, you can't because you have people who died, you know that you can't give them the money. You can't give it to their estate, there's just, it's a logistical nightmare.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, that was going to be one of my questions.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what that was for. It's sitting somewhat in limbo because it's there if we ever have to pay it. Nobody is every going to tell us that you won't have to pay it. What we are going to have to do is, we are going to have to look at it and we have to just take that fund and we are going to have to say it sat idle for so long and that we believe anybody who

would have filed a claim to get that money back, their prescription has expired. It's too late because, if a tax payer filed for it, they can come and get it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yeah, and I would agree...

Mr. Trascher said, after 8 or 10 years sitting there...

Mr. Lindsey said, I would agree with that at this point, I think it has sat long enough because we've talked about this...

Mr. Trascher said, well, we need to look back. Chief, see if you can, on the records. I'm old and have been here a while so I know what it was.

Chief Dockery said, Chief Leos found it.

Mr. Lindsey said, but, we have been talking about this for years.

Mr. Trascher said, but, if we can say 10 years and nobody has filed a claim, I would make a motion to put the money back in...

Mr. Dreux asked, what did the AG say about it?

Mr. Trascher said, just what I am telling you. That we just have to hold on to it because, if somebody would have filed a claim that they want their money. It's never going to happen but, your not going to get a lawyer to come up and say just go ahead and take it. What we need to do is to say like, prescription 10 years. That's the longest I know of on something like that.

Chief Dockery said, I can see when the account was actually opened for that too and that would give us a...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if it's been sitting that long...

Mr. Dreux said, if it's been sitting in, it's not in a bank collecting interest?

Chief Dockery said, it collects very little but, it collects.

Mr. Trascher said, very little interest.

Mr. Lindsey said, and I think it's a waste of taxpayer's money to just sit there and do nothing when we can be using it.

Mr. Trascher said, well, we went through the attorney's and oh God, talk about a mess and Johnny Leos...

Mr. Lindsey said, but this was a long time ago.

Mr. Trascher said, it wasn't that long ago. What happened was, they said that over 19 years

you collected I don't know how many millions of dollars and now you have to show where you spent that many million dollars on equipment.

Mr. Dreux said, it was supposed to be only a one time...

Mr. Trascher said, it was supposed to be for one truck, one truck.

Mr. Dreux said, no, what I am saying is whatever monies they collected, they kept collecting?

Chief Dockery said, it was a bond instead of a millage.

Mr. Trascher said, to buy a truck.

Chief Dockery said, to buy a truck. It was suppose to decrease every year as they paid the truck off. Well, when they paid the truck off they decided to move that money to the General fund and that's where it stayed until the basically, until the bond was about to expire.

Mr. Lindsey said, if I remember right, I think that was for the original Spartan. That was in 98? That was like in 1998.

Mr. Swann said, that's the old truck.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that truck was raggedy and we sold it to Covington.

Mr. Lindsey said, that was around 1998 when we passed that millage for that truck. When we got that Spartan. If you look back and see what year that Spartan was, I think it was around 98.

Mr. Trascher said, it turned into a fiasco and Johnny did go back and look from the time the truck was bought to when we found it, when he found it, that we had spent, over whatever that \$1 million was that we collected, was spent on equipment. So, that's when the attorney was...

Mr. Dreux said, which was kind of what it was intended for?

Mr. Trascher said, no, it was for equipment. It was specifically for that one piece of equipment but the Department didn't use the money and we were able to show where the Department didn't use if for salary, we used it for equipment and that's what kind of saved us. That's when they said this years revenue needs to be put in a holding account and if somebody files a claim and wants their money back, and there's no way we could give it to them, we will address the claim with those funds. But, I think if we show 10 years it's been in there, we could liquidate that fund.

Mr. Dreux said, and you are saying the AG and the lawyers are not going to tell you one way or the other?

Mr. Trascher said, all they will tell you is what I am telling you.

Mr. Lindsey said, if it's impossible then there is no reason to hold it.

Mr. Trascher said, but they said to hold it, they told us just hold it.

Mr. Lindsey asked, but they didn't tell you an amount of time to hold it.

Mr. Dreux asked, there's no statutes on it?

Mr. Trascher said, no, they didn't. That's what I am saying. If it's going on 10 years and nobody has filed a claim.

Mr. Dreux said, nobody is going to because they don't really know.

Mr. Lindsey said, they don't even know what it is.

Mr. Dreux said, I mean the Fire Chief knows but...

Mr. Trascher said, we would have to go back and see what the millage was that year, what was collected that year for that time and who is entitled to it.

Mr. Lindsey said, it would cost more money trying to find out.

Mr. Trascher said, that's exactly right.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and if somebody died, you have to go down to their kids and if they are dead you have to go down to their kids. It would be never ending.

Mr. Lindsey said, and each person is not going to be that much money anyway. It's just added up between all the different people.

Mr. Trascher said, over the period of time.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, if somebody wanted their \$15 back, if they walk up and ask for their \$15 back, we will give them their \$15 back.

Mr. Dreux said, I'm sure you got enough.

Mr. Lindsey said, I'll give them their \$15 back.

Mr. Trascher said, well, if nobody has asked for it in 10 years, nobody is going to. Okay, so, Madam Chair, where are we?

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are, Introduction of the Budget. This is a resolution. Are we ready to amend the budget, Chief?

Mr. Trascher said, we discussed it.

Chief Dockery said, I was introducing it. If you all wanted to...

Mr. Trascher said, now, this is the budget for last year, right?

Chief Dockery said, yes, 2022.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, we've discussed the 2022 budget. There were some amendments that the Chief presented so that all the accounts fall within the 5% for the year end. Do we all remember that?

The Board said yes.

Mr. Trascher said, this is a resolution relating to Operating Budget and Expenses for the year 2022:

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioner's ("the Board") of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 ("District") was present on this date, January 10, 2023, for a properly advertised meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner's of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), find it in the best interest of the Board, employees, citizens and taxpayers, whereby the District approved the following:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Operating Budget of Revenues for the District, during the same period.

Mr. Trascher said, so, what we are doing is adopting the amended budget that we have tonight where all our revenues are...

Mr. Dreux asked, does that include what we are saying about, does he have to add that?

Mr. Trascher said, no, this is just, we took a specific amount of money from the expenses and we dedicated \$300,000, to the building acquisition and we put, set aside the balance of those funds for salaries and acquisition for employees. This is the total budget where all the line items are here, we budgeted, we spent this much and we ended within the 5%.

Mr. Dreux said, that money was already in that budget.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, this money was at the end of the budget that we moved before. Now we are amending, approving all of the other line items with this resolution and this is Resolution 2023-003, okay. I would move that we adopt the resolution for the amended operating budget.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Dreux, how do you vote?

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Georgette, you will prepare us a resolution for the funds that we didn't give it a number but, for the wishes of the Board.

Mrs. Rinkus said, the next number is 2023-004.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, 004, and that is going to be for the \$300,000 and the balance of the money. The Chief will tell you what that was for the salaries. Chief, you will begin working on that so that we can start actively seeking the, to enlarge our staff, right? Maybe?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, okay.

Mrs. Blackwell said, he is trying to save his voice.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, just nod or give us a finger or something.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, every year Georgette does a Summary of Resolutions.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, Chief, do you think by next meeting would it be reasonable to expect a list of what they guys may want to see in the...

Mr. Dreux said, I am sure they already know what they want.

Chief Dockery said, I am getting bits and pieces but I will get them all together in one group and gather it.

Mr. Lindsey said, and put it on paper and the Board can look it over and discuss it a little bit and then we can move forward with trying to find an architect that will draw it. After that, after we have the plans, then we can move forward with getting a contractor or a few contractors to

bid on it. But, to start with if we have it on paper of kind of, what we are looking for, by next meeting would be helpful.

Chief Dockery said, I will have you a wish list.

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to add, not just a wish list but, maybe like a sketch.

Mr. Lindsey said, a sketch.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, with like, the building is 60 feet, so many feet dedicated to this...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, just a rough idea.

Mr. Trascher said, it doesn't have to be to scale or anything like that, just something that we would, because you can say you want 4 bathrooms and 10 bedrooms and it wind up being matchbox bedrooms. If we have some more with some measurements.

Chief Dockery said, submarine bedrooms.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we can stack them, you know.

Mr. Lindsey said, you may want to go and contact an architect to come out and meet with the guys. That way they can hear the input of what they are looking for and they can work off of that and come up with some ideas. Okay, this is what the guys said that you all said that you want.

Mr. Trascher said, it might be better to go ahead and cause, with 40 people you will come up with 40 different ideas.

Mr. Lindsey said, you probably need a small committee, form a small committee

Mr. Trascher said, if the Chief could get with his employees and an understanding of what they'd like and then just measurements of the building and something like that. Then we can give it to the architect where we can negotiate with him.

Mr. Dreux said, absolutely. You know, you can have dorms for firefighters. Other words, have you don't have, each one does not have one room and then usually your Captains or your Chief's have their own, if that can be done. I don't know what you are looking at but I am just saying from experience, you know.

Mr. Trascher said, you have to see what space is going to be available, what do they have to work with.

Chief Dockery said, yes, that's kind of what I thought about before. To just have an open area for the...

Mr. Swann said, they need a list of what they want to give it to the architect.

Mr. Dreux said, you can have dorm rooms and captains.

Mr. Swann asked, what do you have to do to hire an architect?

Mr. Trascher said, pay them.

Mr. Swann said, I know that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know, I don't even think we need a Board members office anymore because, at one time, we had a Board members office in there.

Mr. Dreux said, doesn't she work there?

Mr. Trascher said, the one that we would have would be for Georgette.

Mr. Dreux said, that would be a Georgette office not a Board members office.

Mr. Trascher said, she sort of took over the Board members office and then we, that was another whole thing. We put a secretary in that office or stenographer in that office and we finally came to terms where we can give the Department back that office and the stenographer and who is it, Matt, shares an office or something like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, and the old front radio room is kind of a waste of space.

Chief Dockery said, that's a waste of space.

Mr. Dreux said, that used to be for whoever was on watch. You would lay by the radio because when it would went off you went through the roof and your heart would attack.

Mr. Lindsey said, well the communications used to be in people's homes. Everybody would swap up and take the communications into their house.

Mr. Trascher asked, okay, did we vote on this resolution for the Amended budget?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we did.

Mr. Trascher asked, did you sign it?

Mr. Swann said, I signed it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are we ready to go to, nope this is something new. This is something else.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, yes, this is Georgette's.

Mrs. Blackwell said, this is Georgette's end of the year resolution that she likes to do.

Mr. Trascher said, what we do every year, we memorialize all of our resolutions that we did the prior year into one thing where it's numbered and it goes on from there. Georgette has prepared the list of resolutions for 2022. If you would like to review them, we have the Resolution 2023-001, where we will adopt this as our official record of the resolutions that we passed in 2022. With that said, I move that we adopt Resolution 2023-001, memorializing our 2022 Resolutions for the department.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Dreux, how do you vote?

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will move on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any Public Comment?

Mr. Trascher asked, do we have any public?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no.

Mr. Lindsey said, we don't have any public comment but, I would like to. I don't know what the Board thinks about it or what the Chief thinks about it but I know they had a long term dispatcher pass away and I don't know if maybe our department might should send them, the family flowers or a card or something.

Chief Dockery said, I found out about it the day of the funeral that they had in Hammond a couple days ago.

Mr. Lindsey said, maybe it's too late to send anything now but, I know she was a long term dispatcher.

Mr. Dreux asked, who was it?

Chief Dockery said, CC.

Mr. Lindsey said, Mrs. Carter.

Chief Dockery said, I don't know, I always called her CC.

Mr. Dreux asked, she worked in Slidell?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, like for 100 years.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Georgette, Emile is on here.

Mrs. Rinkus said, I will change it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, She will just resend it when it's changed.

Mr. Swann said, okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, like when I was 4 years old or something.

Mr. Trascher said, was it the dispatcher with the department?

Mr. Dreux said, she was with Slidell.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I mean, she dispatched for us.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, could you send maybe a sympathy card or something to the family?

Chief Dockery said, I will get something together.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think it would be nice to send something from our department.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we can do that.

Mr. Dreux said, it use to be at Station 4 right there on Cross Gates.

Mr. Trascher said, well, Chief, I would like to say I am proud that financially, we seemed to have crossed the river Jordan. It looks like the little department is on a sound footing at this point and I think that we are doing well to move forward by increasing our manpower and really solidifying our PIAL Rating. I think that's done some good leadership and prudent spending.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Dreux said, now he just needs some Luden's cough drops.

Chief Dockery said, I need this dang gum cold to go away.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Dreux said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Dreux, how do you vote?

Mr. Dreux said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.