



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on January 9, 2018
Interim Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

Don Thanars – Present
Eugene Swann - Absent
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell - Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approve the minutes for the December 12th meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, Madam Chairman, I had a little trouble opening the minutes. I don't know if anybody else had that problem but, I was able to open them and review them and they seem to be in order. I would move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, all in favor, Mr. Don, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Ok, we will move to the Financial Report for December. Chief Matt Parish (Chief of Volunteers) said, he's been trying to die for a week now.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I am stressing too.

Chief Jack Dockery said, we do not have a Financial Report. I contacted Moyle's earlier to find out where it was at and I guess, bestowed upon them, they must have forgot because they were running against the clock on us. So, I do not have a Financial Report for the month of December as of tonight.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Chief Dockery said, what I do have...

Mr. Thanars said, before you...

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Don?

Mr. Thanars said, per our contract, they are suppose to provide a quarterly report, I mean, financial reports?

Chief Dockery said, that and I want to say quarterly support by one of their members to come here and speak.

Mr. Thanars said, and you said, they forgot.

Chief Dockery said, when I contacted them, my impression was that they forgot all about us because, they asked what time the meeting was for and this was at 4:00 and and I told them 7:00 and...

Chief Parish said, our last message was at 5:30.

Mr. Thanars said, I'm sorry?

Chief Parish said, the last message was at 5:30, they were like, just keep an eye on your email.

Chief Dockery said, so, I watched it all the way up until I walked in.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, do we want to move to the Chief Report and the EMS Report, Chief Dockery?

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, last month I didn't have a page for you for EMS. This is last month's. Now, this month, we spoke with them today and our actual billing cycle ends tomorrow. Which we don't really know why it fell out of cycle, behind our meeting. So, Chief Parish spoke with them and is going to have them move it back to before the Board meeting for the next meeting. That way we get back on track but, as of last month or, I'm sorry, for the month of November, EMS brought in \$13,399.19. That's with a \$1,767.57 refund.

Mr. Trascher said, I'm sorry, a refund?

Chief Parish said, it was an over payment for some customers that overpaid for what ever reason. We've had a couple people send us checks twice. I guess they are older.

Mr. Trascher said, so they actually took that away.

Chief Parish said, we had to refund it back to them. I think it was three refunds that we had to provide back for over payment and that's what that was.

Chief Dockery said, even with that said, we still brought in \$13,399.19 for the month of November. By next month I am hoping to have both December and January, along with a Financial Report. But, moving on, excuse me.

Chief Parish said, while he is drinking, I did ask them, like I said, I don't know how we got off of the months where we were getting those reports before but, I guess the months just played out to where it pushed it back, because they were going by date. So, we let them know that, the billing companies, that every second Tuesday of the month was our Board meeting so, they are going to adjust accordingly to make sure we get those reports prior to the second Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the Chief's Report, runs of December 2017

EMS	41
MVA	9
SERVICE CALL	1
FALSE ALARM	8
TRASH/GRASS	3
STRUCTURE FIRE	4
GOOD INTENT	4
DOWN POWER LINE	2
TOTAL	72

Chief Dockery said, for the year, we actually, I want to say for the year the total is 1004 calls. So, we did break the thousand mark.

Mr. Thanars asked, it was 1,000 what?

Chief Dockery said, 1004. earlier this week, or actually, early last week, I received the package from the PIAL. Myself, Chief Parish, and Captain Geissler have been working on this in our areas to get it completed and turned in, in the correct amount of time. Once it is turned in, they will talk with us and get a date set up to come and inspect. So, this is, we will be graded this year. Last year was our grading year but we will have them here this year and we will, the rating will be affected. Either the same, we are hoping positive, but this is the year.

Mr. Trascher asked, have they done anything else this year, for the grading, that would help improve it?

Chief Dockery said, any where we could get points, we have spent money to get points. Anything that we could do, we are in the process of doing to make sure we get every available point. Some areas we just can't touch. Our water system, unfortunately, it's not in our hands. They keep changing the rules every couple of years. Personnel count for different than they did years ago.

Chief Parish said, like 2013.

Chief Dockery said, yes, like in 2013, if I was off duty I would count 1 for 1. Now if I am off duty, I count 3 to 1. It takes 3 of me to equal 1 person on duty. I still have the same amount of training but that's just how they grade it.

Chief Parish said, just think of the volunteer. A volunteer who has all the same training that a paid person has on duty, a volunteer takes three of them to equal one person on duty. We can't control that. That's how they make their money.

Chief Dockery said, but, we will be addressing this in a timely fashion. Now, I have on here 2018 Ethics Training. Of course every year, all the paid personnel and, I try to get all of the volunteers, everyone in the department should have their ethics training turned in. This includes Board members. It takes about an hour to do. We are aiming to have everyone's turned for around February 16th.

Chief Parish said, they changed it this year if y'all haven't done it yet. It's a different format and there's a no test this time.

Mr. Trascher said, it's only three questions.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yeah, only three questions.

Chief Parish said, well, yeah but...

Mr. Trascher said, I did it the other day as well.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I did the whole three formats. Mine is sitting on the desk back there.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, if you have a copy, by all means, email it.

Chief Parish said, yeah, it's kind of nice.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I like the cartoon guy.

Chief Dockery said, audit RFPS, I have a template made up to send to the CPA's in St. Tammany for our audit. The only information that I am lacking on it is the due date for the audit. I cannot seem to find that any where. I am going to try to call Parish Council, or someone in the Parish tomorrow to see what they have set for it. I couldn't find anything on the LLA website for it but, once I get a date, I will be able to send out the RFP's and have them for opening for our next meeting. So, we can go from there and try to tidy up our audit choice for this year.

Chief Dockery continued, right underneath it, there's an LLA Workshop Level 2. I went to this Workshop about a month or two ago in Baton Rouge and it was a Level 1. It was two days and it was very interesting and it just came out to Level 2 so, I will be attending this one. It is in Mandeville on January 23rd. This will help assist with setting the millage's and just general audit information. If your interested, they say you don't need Level 1. So, if you are interested in going, let me know and I can send you the information to register for it. Also, we have a millage workshop in, I want to say Covington at the Courthouse, April 4th. I know it's a little ways out but, last year it filled up pretty good. If you would like to attend, by all means, sign up. I want to say each Board member received an email from Mr. Dugas on it. If not, I can give you the contact information for the lady putting it together. Other than that, that's all I have on the Chief's Report.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, and that was it for EMS, too?

Chief Dockery said, yes Ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, let's move to Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, ok, I guess our Bylaws say that we elect our officers the first meeting of the year and the Chairman is a two year term and it is time to reappoint the Chairman. Would the Board want to entertain doing it all as one or doing it individually? Madam Chair, that would be up to you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it depends on how y'all want to do it.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, I think Mr. Thanars indicated, we talked briefly about it, he indicated that he would like to go through each one individually. With that said, I would move that we reappoint Michele Blackwell as Chairman of the Fire District.

Mr. Thanars said, my discussion is that we open it up for nominations for the Chair.

Mr. Trascher said, it's open. That's why I moved to appoint. Do you have a nomination?

Mr. Thanars said, yes, myself. I nominate myself.

Mr. Trascher said, you are ineligible for Chairman.

Mr. Thanars said, why?

Mr. Trascher said, because the Chairman, the Board appoints the Chairman. The four Board members that would be on this Board appoint the Chairman to be the fifth member.

Mr. Thanars said, ok so, my unreadiness remains that I would defer to our next meeting for two reasons. One, I am not sure that's the spirit intent that reads and two, I think it's, you don't get any change and what you maintain is the status quo and I don't think that was the intent behind it.

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Thanars, I think we have been through this before and we got the laws and we brought the laws in and where this District was created...

Mr. Thanars said, no, I understand about the District creation. What I am saying is about the appointment of or the reappointment of...

Mr. Trascher said, you can nominate anybody that is not a Board member.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, so I guess to be nominated, and I don't want to belabor the meeting. If a Board member wants, you basically have to resign your position and be nominated?

Mr. Trascher said, yes sir.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, you would, the way the District was created and structured is that, the Town of Pearl River makes two appointments, St. Tammany Parish makes two appointments and those four appoint the Chairman. All for two year terms.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, so, if we wanted to appoint somebody, we would have to nominate them.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you would have to find someone that would be interested in it.

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and you would have to nominate them, bring it up before...

Mr. Trascher said, bring it up before the Board and we vote on it.

Mr. Thanars said, alright, so my unreadiness remains that we defer the appointments until February.

Mr. Trascher said, if that's a motion, I am not going to second that either.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, if nobody seconds either one of those, both of those fall. So, they both fell so, we will bring it up later. We might have to put it on the February agenda.

Mr. Trascher said, well, we will just move forward to Vice-Chairman and I nominate Floyd Trascher, for Vice-Chairman. Any other nominations? Madam Chair, do you want to ask?

Mrs. Blackwell said, well if there are no other...

Mr. Thanars said, I will second that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you'll second that?

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, with a second, Mr. Don Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, I guess the next officer would be Secretary, and I would nominate Mr. Thanars.

Mr. Thanars said, for the purposes to continue, for the time being, I will accept that nomination.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, you are accepting the motion?

Mr. Thanars said, I accept.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carried.

Mr. Trascher said, I guess that would leave us Treasurer and at the time, the only Board member would be Mr. Swann.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we need to make a motion to nominate him as...

Mr. Trascher said, I nominate Mr. Swann for Treasurer.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a second?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carried.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, we are not going to appoint or reappoint the Chairman tonight then.

Mr. Thanars said, correct.

Mr. Trascher said, well, the Chairman continues to serve until such time.

Mr. Trascher said, I think you said to defer to the February meeting? Mrs. Blackwell mentioned something about our February, our meeting being on Mardi Gras.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, it's on the 13th, falls the second Tuesday. We need to clear that issue.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, what we could do is, we can open the agenda later. We can open it and maybe move it to the 7th or something.

Mrs. Blackwell said, the 13th being Mardi Gras day, I don't think they'll be anybody around for that day.

Chief Parish said, y'all did it on Mardi Gras Day last year, just to remind you. Y'all refused to, because Chief had asked you to swap last year on the 14th of February, on Mardi Gras day.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I don't remember. I don't know. I mean, it's up to the Board. If the Board is going to be here then we are going to have a meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, if everybody is available, if there's a quorum.

Mrs. Blackwell said, by all means, if everybody shows up, then, if there's a quorum, we will have a meeting. If not, we will make if a different day.

Mr. Thanars said, I'm not going anywhere, so, it's fine for me.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I am off that week but, I don't think I am going anywhere.

Mr. Trascher said, I think I will be out of town. On the issue of Chairman, do we need to ask Council to come to the next meeting in case there's any questions on how they should be appointed?

Mr. Thanars said, yeah, we can or we can send a request to them, you know, for some direction and guidance.

Mr. Trascher asked, would you, Madam Chairman, would you send it, or Mr. Thanars, you seem to have questions.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Thanars, if you want to send it, you...

Mr. Thanars said, ok, I will send it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if that's it on Election of Officers, we will move to Substitute Appointment.

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, we had a discussion at our last meeting on the substitute appointment for Chief of Operations. We did contact Civil Service and Civil Service informed us that there is, you are in fact, correct that, there is a list. There's one applicant on the list or one test score on the list. Because its a promotional appointment, that person would be eligible and should get the appointment. That would be Captain Geissler. Captain Geissler, are you interested in that position at this time?

Captain Geissler said, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher said, the reason I am asking is so we do, there was an email at a time, that you said you were not interested in the position. If you are interested in the position, then you would be the substitute appointment.

Captain Geissler said, yes sir.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, thank you Mitchell.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, they did say that it wasn't necessary for us to do a Resolution to that effect because there was only one applicant or one test score that was available. We only had to have it in the meeting minutes. That we did discuss it and the Board did make the appointment. With that said, Captain Geissler, thank you or I guess Chief Geissler.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you for help filling that position.

Mr. Trascher said, we cleared that up.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I guess we have a Resolution, do we have to do a resolution for that?

Mr. Trascher said, they said we didn't have to because we weren't actually picking an application. It was one person that had a test score. Now, we can do a Resolution if you would like.

Chief Parish said, it's the Civil Service Boards job, not y'all.

Mr. Trascher said, no, it is our job to make the appointment. Now, it's their job to provide us with a list of test scores but, Civil Service told us that this is the appointing authority. Is that correct Mrs. Buck?

Mrs. Kriste Buck said, I remember seeing the email with the one person's name on it, so yeah..

Mrs. Blackwell said, I do have a Resolution ready if we need to.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, they said we didn't have to but, if you would like, we can vote on a resolution but it's fruitless because there's only one person.

Mrs. Blackwell said, because we only have one person who could get it.

Mr. Trascher said, there's only one person eligible.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, with that all said and done, we will move to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL REVIEW/REVISION AND ADOPTION OF BYLAWS – Don Thanars

Mr. Thanars said, around April 2017, we adopted Bylaws that were out of date, grossly out of date, about 20 years old. We have a requirement to review these Bylaws annually. Over the past 12, well almost 12 months now, we have had some issues. One would be, and I will talk, and unfortunately, some of the items on the agenda are related to this annual review so, I may jump. For example, review of contracts. I know we have had other issues with respect to contractual issues. But, no where does it talk about how we address contracts, the review of them in terms of procedural for this Board. I think we should, at this time, I am highlighting this so every Board member does a deep dive, takes a detailed look at the existing Bylaws and identify areas that we need to clean up, provide more detail or areas that may be absent so that we can do this now and so, when April rolls around, we will be in a position to formally approve a revised set of Bylaws. The contracts are just one of those areas that we don't have any, and are procedural laid out on how and when we would conduct a review as a body or Board. When we want to re-approve a contract or we want to do something different, we want to revise the contract itself, there is no process that lays that out specifically for the Board. So, my purpose for putting this on the agenda, so we don't wait til the last minute and we can get an early start to look at the Bylaws, get clarification and start making whatever

edits we want to get made so we will be in the position again, come April 2018, to move smartly to adopt a revised set of Bylaws.

Mrs. Catherine Walsh said, I have a question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes ma'am.

Mrs. Walsh said, are those available online for review? Do y'all have it anywhere that the public can review of the Bylaws? Are they anywhere?

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think they are on the website. I think...

Mrs. Blackwell asked, can we put them on there?

Chief Geissler said, absolutely, if you can get them to me I can put them on it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, sure thing.

Mrs. Walsh said, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Don, would you please him a electronic document so he can put them on there?

Mr. Thanars said, I can do that.

Mr. Trascher said, I think we had them. Georgette might have them.

Mr. Thanars said, this is not a signed copy. This is my electronic copy.

Mrs. Blackwell said, he wants it electronically so he can put it on the web page. Do you know what I am saying.

Mr. Thanars said, what should be posted, if you want me to continue, I can. Part of our Bylaws is the posting of our minutes and we had this conversation last year during the initial adoption of the Bylaws concerning, do we post a draft. We can do that and when we actually adopt them or formally adopt them or approve those minutes...

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, I think we decided to do it when it's accepted because we had issues in the past as a draft.

Mr. Thanars said, and your correct and so, to the point that those items are not readily available on the website...

Mr. Trascher said, we have been posting them.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Georgette sends them to Mitchell every month.

Mr. Trascher said, to the best of my knowledge, every month when we approve the minutes.

Mr. Thanars said, and the Bylaws should be posted. It's a public document. It should be posted.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely. There's no problem with that.

Mr. Thanars said, and it shouldn't be the unsigned copy. It should be the, once we sign and adopt them or approving them. That's what should be standing in place on it.

Mr. Trascher said, right.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Georgette, do you have a signed copy of the Bylaws?

Georgette Rinkus said, I have a signed copy but, he is talking about revising them. Is that what...

Mrs. Blackwell said, no,

Mr. Thanars said, the signed copy should be posted on the website.

Mrs. Rinkus said, I don't have them electronically but we can scan it in.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, can you give Mitchell a copy, a signed copy and Mitchell, can you scan them in and put them on...

Chief Geissler said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you. I think that would resolve that problem.

Mr. Trascher said, and we have been posting the minutes?

Mrs. Rinkus said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, once they have been approved.

Mrs. Blackwell said, she sends a letter out to all of us when she sends it to Geissler, we all get a notice.

Mrs. Rinkus said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, maybe I was at the wrong location.

Mrs. Blackwell said, to Chief Geissler now. He gets it, she sends everybody a notice saying, I am sending it to Chief Geissler, and he gets them and he puts them on our web page.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, is there any other discussion? Ok we are going to go into Official Update/Resolution of Money Owed to Troy Dugas, which I think you meant Troy Ingram.

OFFICIAL UPDATE/RESOLUTION OF MONEY OWED TO TROY INGRAM – Don Thanars

Mr. Thanars said, well yes, in the email that I sent, I wasn't clear on the last. But what I asked is that you send a request. You as the Chair, send a request to our legal council, requesting an update. I've been on this Board almost 20 months now and that was an unresolved issue that was out there and it remains unresolved. You know, this is a new year and I think it should be a point on our agenda to try to clean the slate. You, know, instead of allowing things like that to just linger and not pursue to get some form of resolution, formal resolution in terms of response on how we can bring closure to that issue or any others. Like I said, 20 months and it was an issue then and it remains an issue today.

Mr. Trascher said, where it stands right now, it sat in the District Attorney's office for a couple of years. They didn't do anything. We, as a Board...

Mrs. Blackwell said, just recently.

Mr. Trascher said, you brought this up. We brought the Chairman, and I, the District Attorney's office released all the records and we brought them to our Council, Mr. Hand. We brought it to his office. At this point, I guess what you would ask is that we or the Chairman, contact Mr. Hand and ask for the resolution or disposition or status of...

Mr. Thanars said, and that's what I requested in an email so we can come here and hear what he had to say.

Mr. Trascher said, well, we may be able to combine the two things. We could ask that they attend the next meeting because we had, we may have the issue with the Chairman and where the Chairman should come from. So, if we ask council to come and address us on that, they may be able to address us on maybe, Mr. Ingram at that time.

Mr. Thanars said, I think those two items are separate but, you can send it on one email.

Mrs. Blackwell said, they are going to be here anyway, so...

Mr. Thanars said, we can do that but, what I am asking, if it requires, what I don't want to happen is that them to show up here and say, we haven't had chance to look at it or there are some unresolved issues. What the issues are have been unresolved for a long period time and we sent that information to the council. I mean, it's been several months. Now, with no followup and the issue remains and had it not been on this agenda, it would be not follow up. I am not just asking for followup, I looking for resolution. Either some guidance from them so,

we as a Board, can take some action to resolve it. Either paying the guy or having a mediator to, but some form of resolution so that's no longer an issue for us. I think if I recall, there were two issues that were, like I said, it's been almost 2 years now and it had been a few years since that matter had come, you know that it had happen. They just remain unresolved and I just don't think that if we don't push it to get resolution on it, it just won't be resolved.

Mr. Trascher said, alright, so what, exactly, are you wanting done?

Mr. Thanars said, it be resolved. Why did we send it to legal? Why did we send it to legal?

Mr. Trascher asked, why?

Mr. Thanars said, yeah, why did we send it to legal?

Mr. Trascher said, to the best of my recollection, the Board approved a certain amount.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, and we exceeded that amount by \$6,000.

Mr. Thanars said, ok. So, what are you asking legal to do? You want them to provide guidance to do what?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, to determine if we should have exceeded that amount in the contract that was signed.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, if the contract was legal. Ok, so that's what I am asking for. Their legal, if it's a legal contract, then we need to, as a Board, to approve to pay him his, whatever the amount is \$6,000, \$10,000, whatever it is. Then we resolve it. We need to get the legal, for whatever reason we submitted it, that's what we need. That's what I am looking for.

Mr. Trascher said, we maybe, like I said, if we ask them to come to the meeting and explain it to us, maybe they can tell us at that time or that way, at least you can address them and ask the questions.

Mr. Thanars said, well, I mean, I really think that as a Chair, I think this is a Chair matter to do to raise the issue. But, that's what I...

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, the Chair can send an email.

Mr. Thanars said, think that's, but again, what I am asking is because, if we don't do that, cause it hasn't been done...

Mr. Trascher said, I don't understand what you are asking to do.

Mr. Thanars said, I want it resolved. I want it resolved. Nobody is asking for resolution. I am. I am asking for resolution. Simply, we could pay the money. We could, do you need me to make a motion to pay him because that would resolve it. We don't need any guidance from legal. If you guys, y'all had a contract and you said it went over the amount, you were billed for an amount. Ok, he thinks his charges were fair and reasonable and he preformed a service. You think that the fees that he charged were unreasonable. So, how do we, we need to resolve that. We either need to pay him or not. Make a decision to do it or not. But, if we are going to do it with legal guidance and direction, well, let's get it. We haven't gotten that. I am just saying it continues to linger without getting disposed of. I am just asking that we dispose of it. One way or the other.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will send an email asking them to attend the next meeting with these, resolutions to both of these issues and if they'd show up to the meeting and...

Mr. Thanars said, or send us, if they can't show up, send us, you know, a formal opinion. That's what I am asking, a formal opinion on our request.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we can do that.

Mr. Thanars said, so, we as a Board, can act on that.

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright, that is going to be on Troy Ingram's bill and also Chair, status.

REVIEW OF CONTRACTS (signed by Board/Incorp into Bylaws) – Don Thanars

POSTING ANNUAL MEETINGS/MINUTES (Incorp into Bylaws) – Don Thanars

Mrs. Blackwell said, so review of Contracts and Posting of Minutes, we've already discussed that. Do we have anything to go?

Mr. Thanars said, we don't need anything.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we don't need anything?

Mr. Thanars said, that's just part of the, with the review of the Bylaws. With the areas that needed to be added to the Bylaws. Just identifying those, it's not limited to that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright.

Mr. Trascher said, if I may at this time, Madam Chair, we need to, the Civil Service Board has requested we do a resolution requesting the test for Chief of Operations and Captain, be called by them. So, at this time, I would ask that we open the agenda to discuss that resolution and I would so move.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries, excuse me.

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to introduce at this time, Fire District 11 Board requesting the Civil Service Board call for examinations for the Chief of Operations and Captain's test. Two promotional positions from within the department.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a second?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries and that is going to be Resolutions 2018-005 and that is for Chief of Operations position. The testing for Chief of Operations position and 2018-004 is for Civil Service to open for testing for the Captains position. Do we need to, this is just a year end resolution while we have the agenda open, can we do this one? It's just a list of resolutions for the year.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, we really don't have to because we approved the resolutions and we only opened the agenda for that one item.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, is there anything else?

Mr. Trascher said, one other thing. Chief Dockery, I wanted to ask a quick question. I know you were busy up there. On the financials, how did we end expense wise with the department?

Chief Dockery said, we, on our part got it down to the lowest we can get it. I am waiting on a final from Moyle.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, did we have any major expenses that would have kicked it out of line too bad?

Chief Dockery said, no, we made sure we had a gross amount in and we made sure we dwindled down with equipment and supplies. So, we...

Mr. Trascher said, so, we ended within, pretty much, within the 5%.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, thank you.

Chief Matt Parish said, the only major repair we had was under warranty. Engine 111, we just went and picked up today.

Chief Dockery said, I know the agenda is open. I apologize, I did have that quick note. We went and picked up Engine 111 today from the shop. Fortunately, they pretty much, went through the whole engine and did four different claims of warranty work which totaled, I want to say the bill said, around \$5,000. It cost us \$100 for a deductible. So, we were able to get all the warranty work done.

Mr. Trascher said, I like those prices.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we got it back today. Also, we wanted to talk about, next month, on Mardi Gras. Will we still have a meeting on Mardi Gras?

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chair, if, it's up to the Board. I will not be able to make it because I do plan to be out of town that week.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Swann is pretty sick. I don't know his status. He is pretty sick, coughing up blood.

Mr. Trascher said, if Mr. Thanars...

Mr. Thanars said, I am available. I am available if we are going to have it.

Mr. Trascher said, we can move it up to the 7th, or whatever. That would be the first Tuesday.

Mrs. Blackwell said, the only other day would be the 30th and that is pushing it quite close to our other meeting.

Chief Parish said, wait and see how it goes, you got 24 hours that it has to be posted. See how Mr. Gene is feeling.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Gene is coughing up blood right now. I don't know what, if...

Mr. Trascher said, he said, it's a form of pneumonia.

Mr. Thanars said, I am just saying, I am available so, whatever the...

Mr. Trascher said, the only thing, in order to move our meeting, we have to do it by Resolution by the Board. If we don't do a resolution and we are obligated to be here. On Mardi Gras, if a quorum doesn't show up, then the Chairman would have to call a meeting at a later date.

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and with Mr. Gene being sick now, we don't know his status.

Mr. Trascher said, if it's not the wishes of the Board...

Mr. Thanars said, and the following week is Town Hall meeting.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and he isn't going to be here the following week either. So, the only two days we have is, I am sorry, February 13 and the 20th. So, February 6th, or the 27th.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, if it's the wishes of the Board, we can do it by Resolution. If not...

Mr. Thanars said, either day, I am flexible. But, I think to the point that, well, you are going to be gone so, we are going to meet.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we need to do it now if we are going to change the meeting time. I would rather do it now by Board vote.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, ,you can't change it other than by Resolution of the Board or if you just don't show up, then you have to call a special meeting.

Mrs. Blackwell said, because we don't know the status of Mr. Gene. He is pretty sick.

Mr. Thanars said, because, you know, he's going to be the next two weeks out so. The 7th works for me. That Tuesday.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, do you want to make a motion to move it to the 7th?

Mr. Trascher said, ok, before we do that, let's move to open the agenda again. I move that we open the agenda to discuss a possible move of our February meeting due to Mardi Gras holiday.

Mrs. Blackwell said, do I have a second?

Mr. Trascher said, I believe somebody wanted to speak. If you could.

Audience speaker said, it's just real quick, the 7th is a Wednesday. So, the 6th would be that Tuesday.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we are correct. The 6th, we need to make it the 6th.

Mr. Thanars said, I move that we adjust February's meeting to February 6th.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, he is making a motion to open the floor so we can.

Mr. Trascher said, to open the agenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so we have to open the agenda again. So do you have a second?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Now do we have a motion to move February 13th meeting to February 6th, at 7:00 pm.?

Mr. Thanars said, I move that we move the February meeting from February 13th, to February 6th, at 7:00.

Mr. Trascher said, I will second that.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Is there anything else, any discussion?

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to thank everybody for coming out this evening and thank you for your service.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Mrs. Walsh, for coming out. Thank you Mrs. Buck.

Mr. Trascher said, and with that, I move we adjourn.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mr. Trascher said, that was the quickest second you ever made.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.