



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on August 13, 2019
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

Don Thanars – Absent
Russell Lindsey - Present
Emile Lombard - Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

FINANCIAL REPORT

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everybody read and approved the minutes for the July 9th, meeting?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I reviewed them.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, Madam Chair, I reviewed the minutes. They seem to be in order, I would move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Okay, we will go into the Financial Report, Chief.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of July, we are looking at a target rate of 58%. Right now, we have received 93% ad valorem. We are at about 59% for EMS Service so we are right on that threshold. As for our every day expenses, we look to be in line. Most of our high points are non reoccurring expenses but, we will have to amend the budget eventually this year. We have the stations, I know we have some repairs here we are still looking at. So, we will definitely have to amend before that action is taken place. As for everything else on there, it is running in line.

Quickly for the EMS part of it, last month we brought in \$7,620.65. This is roughly \$2,500, less than our normal \$10,000, range. From the months prior, like I said, we are still running at 59% where our target goal is 58%. Hopefully, next month will be better on that side of it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anything, anybody have anything else on the Financial Report?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, I don't.

Mr. Trascher said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are you good.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, we will move on to the Chief's Report then.

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the Month of July, Fire District 11 responded to:

EMS (43 transported)	54
MVA	6
SERVICE CALLS/GOOD INTENT	4
RUBBISH/GRASS FIRES	4
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	5
FALSE ALARM	2
GAS LEAK/SPILL	2
PUBLIC ASSIST	8
POLICE MATTER	2
TOTAL	87

JOHNNY LEOS FAMILY – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery continued, last Thursday, we met at the Council Chamber and Johnny Leos' family was in attendance and we presented them, I hate to call it an award...

Mr. Trascher said, a Certificate of Recognition.

Chief Dockery said, yes, for his family. They were very grateful.

Mr. Trascher said, and I do apologize that I was unable to make it.

Chief Dockery said, it's fine. We had a couple Chief's from different departments come and we had some people from our department so, it was a good turn out. The family was really, really appreciative of it. His son Toby said, it's been 2 years and you all still acknowledge him. So, the family was really grateful.

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to thank the departments and the people that were involved for that recognition.

Mr. Lombard said, it looked like we had a good number of transports too this month, which is very odd.

Mr. Trascher said, what was the gas leak or spill? Was it a fuel spill or something?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Chief Little, Chief of Operations, said, no, it was natural gas. Somebody was cutting some brush on Highway 41 and hit the line.

Chief Dockery said, hit the meter or the line.

Mr. Lombard said, light the match and let it burn.

Chief Little said, oh, it would blow.

Mr. Lombard said, I bet it would blow.

Mr. Trascher said, I had employees that did that one time. We went out there one day and you all came out and put a temporary plug in but in the mean time, the employee was standing there with his foot on top of it. He said, listen to this (air pressure sound). It was a high pressure line.

Chief Dockery said, their not bad until they kick up dirt.

SWAMP FEST – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery continued, the Swamp Festival is going to be on September 14th, this year. They are going to have it one day. I want to say it is starting at 11:00 am til about 11:00 pm. We will have our truck out there and our bouncy house and probably a little first aid tent and bring our mister out there because, if it's like any other September day, it's going to be hot. Hopefully, we can keep everyone cooled down and hydrated throughout this event.

Mr. Trascher said, they seemed to enjoy it at the last event, the 4th of July.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, it's good public relations.

Mr. Lombard asked, it's going to be up here by City Hall?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's going to be in the City Hall/Town Hall area, off in that grassy area I believe is what Alderman Bennett emailed me on. So, in that whole general area which is actually probably going to be a good thing because, at least it will have a little bit of cover.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, it will take away from some of that heat. Other than that, I know Russell asked, me about some, possibly getting some shirts for the Board members. I wanted to see what you all thought. I mean, if everyone is in agreement, we can get sizes and what you all would like to have on them and we can go from there and get something orders.

Mr. Lindsey said, my thought was just, like if we had to attend something like the other night when we went to the, just to look professional.

Mr. Lombard said, sure, I we go to the festivals, they know who you are and have a badge on it.

Chief Dockery said, we will basically have the same deal and it will just say your name and Board of Commissioner's. So, I just need to...

Mr. Lombard said, or put Board of Commissioner's on the side or something.

Chief Dockery said, I will get with each one of you all and basically, it will look like Chief Little's shirt, in a way, maybe not gray but we will find a color that fits you all. What you all like. I will get with each one of you all and make sure you got your name how you want it spelled and what size and we can go from there on that. They do it local so it shouldn't be an issue.

Mr. Lombard said, good.

Chief Dockery said, other than that, that's all I have for the Chief's Report.

Mr. Lindsey asked, Chief, how are we looking on that reserve medic truck?

Chief Dockery said, the reserve medic truck is in service. It's actually been certified through the State. We had a temporary certificate for a little bit. They actually came in and did the inspection on it August 2nd. It's been certified so, it's actually running right now because our other truck, we are still having issues with it. We had the generator replaced in it but it still had a violent shake at 60-65. So, I asked the people there to look at it. They think they found some culprits to it and so, they are working on it right now, but, it is, the other one is up and running and that's what we are using as primary. Surprisingly, with how old it is, everyone loves it.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's a good thing we picked it up.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, if that's it for the Chief's Report, Chief do you have anything more on the EMS Report?

Chief Dockery said, no ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will move on to Old Business, to the Nuisance Alarm Ordinance, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Dockery said, okay, I brought this to the Board attention last month to let you all look over it and if it's the Board's will, I would like to have it placed or adopted. I think we have some paperwork.

Mr. Trascher said, I reviewed the ordinance and it's been developed extensively with all the fire district's and the Parish. They have worked on this for, I guess, a couple of years now. It's been a while. And while it may not at this time, really have a lot of application in Pearl River, it's something, I think, that we need to adopt, at least, as a policy so that we can move forward with it. With that said, if there is no further discussion by the Board, I would move that we adopt the ordinance.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

Mr. Trascher said, as purposed.

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

Mr. Trascher said, do we have any discussion?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any discussion from anybody in the audience? No? If no discussion, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Chief Dockery said, with this being adopted, I will bring a copy of it to Town Hall and have them look over it and I would like them to also adopt it onto their Rules and Regulations also.

So, I will be bringing a copy to them to let them also look over it.

Mr. Trascher said, and like we looked at it, I think it is geared, the agencies in this area would be like the schools and maybe the big commercial buildings over there that does that, but, it does give the department something to look at when you keep getting these alarms when there is a problem in the area, if it's something that they need to address.

Chief Dockery said, yes, and that's...

Mr. Trascher said, you know, it's not just a fine for having an alarm.

Chief Dockery said, it's written out very well. I mean, we try to give ample chances to correct.

Mr. Trascher said, and it's at the department's review, so, it's not cast in stone that if your alarm goes off 4 times, you pay. The department can review it and work with the people. I think it's a good idea and I hope the Town joins in.

Chief Dockery said, they are also putting together a Board to look at any discrepancy in it. If anyone wants to challenge a claim, they can look at it.

Mr. Trascher said, I guess like a Board of Appeals.

Chief Dockery said, an Appeals Board, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, if they felt aggrieved by the Department's decision, they could...

Chief Dockery said, it's for people all over St. Tammany, so, it's not just Fire Fighters, it's business people and so, they are setting together a Board to look at appeals also.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we need to adopt a resolution or anything for that?

Mr. Trascher said, we do have a resolution for it, right?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, that one right there.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, we've already voted on it, it's Resolution 2019-010. Do you believe there is a need to read it? All it does is, the resolution just clarifies the Fire District policy that was distributed at our last meeting for approval.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I think that's fine.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, the vote taking was for Resolution 2019-010, to approve the Nuisance Alarm Ordinance.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, we have no New Business

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

Mrs. Blackwell asked, so, do we want to move to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher asked, is there anything anyone would like to discuss? I did say that Mr. Finger, I think he said, he needs his appointment, he needs to do the Oath of Office. So, I will get Micheal Tassin or somebody to, we will fill out the Oath and get it notarized. It's the standard oath I think.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, we will get that taken care of.

Mr. Lombard said, we might want to recognize the alderman.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we want to recognize Ms. Kathryn Walsh, thank you for coming out tonight.

Alderman Walsh said, thank you and sorry I was late.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's okay. Mr. Peter Finger and Mrs. Kristi Buck, thank you for staying.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, before we adjourn, is there anything the Civil Service Board would like to share with us?

Mr. Finger said, we actually had no New Business on our agenda also. I touched base with the Chief and it was mentioned that, between meetings, that a new hire was there and I let the Chief know if there is anything the Board needs to do, you know, verify test, if it's a new test, then we are willing to take care of that. I think he informed me that it's not pending and we can do it next meeting or so. Everything else has been, pretty much, falling in place and now that we have all the back log taken care of, things are running pretty smooth, right Mrs. Buck.

Mrs. Buck said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, those dark clouds in the sky is not from you putting stuff to the clouds then.

Mrs. Buck said, no.

Mr. Lombard said, it's a good job you all have done.

Mr. Trascher said, good job, thank you.

Mrs. Buck said, we still put stuff in the clouds you know.

Mr. Trascher said, and Mrs. Rinkus, if you would get me the Resolution where Mr. Finger was approved. I will get it from you in the next couple of days so that we can get the Oath taken care of.

Mrs. Rinkus said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, with that said, if there is no further discussion I move that we adjourn.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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Mr. Trascher said, yes.