



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on February 9, 2021
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

FINANCIALS

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approved the minutes from the January 12th?

Mr. Lindsey said, I browsed through them and everything looked in order to me.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Gene, too or do we have to do the resolution first?

Mr. Trascher said, we need to do the resolution first.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Jack Dockery said, alright, for the month of January 8.34% target range. Of course, you see a lot of zeros because we are at the beginning of the year. We have already brought in 44% for our Ad valorem. EMS Services are at 12%, so we are ahead in that area. The only ones that Jeff had marked out was Line 58, Software and Maintenance, which, a lot of that is just the beginning of the year for renewals for the software, Microsoft, and the different programs we use. Number 96, the Audit Fee, we had the first initial bill for the audit for this year. Other than that, everything else is running within range for the everyday expenses.

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me Chief, the Postage, I guess that would be Line 66.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir, it is Line 66, it's \$165 and that was three rolls of stamps. So, that should last us throughout most of the year.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, so we just stock up on stamps. I was wondering if it was related to our millage's.

Chief Dockery said, no sir.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, thank you.

EMS SERVICE

Chief Dockery said, as for the medical side, we brought in total deposits of \$21,615.23. We had a big, which word do I want to use for it, a big payment from two of the insurance companies from checks, or from invoices that were out from last year that we never received any payment on so, at the beginning of the year we got basically, a big bundle full of checks so it add up to \$15,736, and it was deposited on the 14th.

Mr. Trascher said, it was actually delayed payments.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it was delayed payments.

Mr. Trascher said, it was payments that were in the pipeline that we haven't seen.

Chief Dockery said, so, we brought in \$21,615.23, for the month. So, that put us at 12% for the year starting out. So, that was a good start for the year keeping it.

Mr. Trascher said, and our budget is roughly \$10,000, a month what we budget on revenue.

Chief Dockery said, yes, sir.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody have any questions?

Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, on the budget on Line 31, you got \$27,000, for Vehicles Truck, are we looking at purchasing another truck?

Chief Dockery said, that is insurance for the trucks.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay, I am sorry, it's under insurance.

Chief Dockery said, we do have, back on line 124, on the final page, it says Fire Truck, we have \$45,000, that's for a new Chief's truck to replace the old Ford we have.

Mr. Trascher asked, that's a carry over isn't it?

Chief Dockery said, that one is not carry over, anything we had last year it went into, it was taken out of budget and put back into the general account.

Mr. Trascher said, because, when we say replace the old Ford truck, are we going to surplus that vehicle?

Chief Dockery said, I thought about surplussing that vehicle, yes sir. It's a 2010 and it has 150,000 miles on it.

Mr. Trascher said, because, with the elimination of the Chief of Operations, that is not a assigned vehicle is it?

Chief Dockery said, I let my Deputy Chief use it so he is able to go to calls when I am not available when he is in town. We still use it to this day, both trucks and if we have any type of class that we need to send somebody, we will designate that vehicle for them to go to class in.

Mr. Lindsey said, do we have an idea when we will need to replace that one or just sometime this year?

Chief Dockery said, just sometime this year.

Mr. Trascher said, what are we looking at, another pickup truck to replace it?

Chief Dockery said, I will have to look to see what they have on the state site. What kind of trucks they have.

Mr. Trascher said, because, in looking at that we were moving down because the pickup trucks are kind of useful I think and if we go to another type vehicle, we will not be able to pass that truck down to the Deputy Chief.

Chief Dockery said, we would still look at pickup trucks. I just have to see what brand new ones that they have on there.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to move on our pumper and all first.

Chief Dockery said, I am working on getting prices for that right now. I have a couple of, I have talked to a couple different people and I am trying to get some plans of what we are looking for in a pumper and get a basic price for it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, so, we still have 2 take home vehicles or does that truck stay here?

Chief Dockery said, it's a take home. I let him use it for when he is home at night, he will respond to another type of call.

Mr. Trascher said, but, if he works a shift in Slidell, the truck still stays at his house? Is it not accessible to the department?

Chief Dockery said, it's not. I not accessible to, I put it for him to let him use for that purpose to use. I mean, if I need it, I can get it from him.

Mr. Trascher said, like you said, if they had school or something or if they guys needed it during the day and he had to work a shift or two days in Slidell, they would have to go to his house and get the truck and take it. When he is working a shift here, I can certainly appreciate that. But, if he is working a shift in Slidell, he wouldn't be able to respond anyway, would he?

Chief Dockery said, no, he wouldn't. It's mostly when he is at home at night. He would be able to respond to anything we have at night. Most of the time, the day, he is working during the day. So, it's just another way of getting a chief officer on the scene if I am not available, he's available 99% of the time. As of classes, this is stuff we have planned out ahead of time.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I have, Chief.

Chief Dockery said, thank you, sir.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any other questions? We will move to the Chief's Report and the EMS Report.

CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

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

EMS	55
MVA	4
STRUCTURE FIRE (Mutual Aid District #7)	1
GRASS FIRES	7
VEHICLE FIRE	1
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	12
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	4
FALSE ALARMS	3
GAS LEAK	2
POLICE MATTER	2
TOTAL	91

FIRE FIGHTER 1 CLASS STARTING MARCH 16

Chief Dockery continued, we have our Firefighter 1, class starting March 16th. I think we have roughly 7 people right now willing to attend. We are still talking to more departments to see if any body would like to attend this class.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know 1 or 2 that wants to sign up but, I think they came a time or two and they said that whoever they had to sign up with was out with COVID. So anyway, I know 1 or 2 that is wanting to get in that class.

Chief Dockery said, okay. Captain Smith was out with COVID for a couple of weeks and he is back now. Actually, I spoke with him yesterday and today on some different matters. Yesterday we did talk about the class and touching base with anyone else that is interested.

Mr. Lindsey said, I will let them know because I know they told me they came by here twice and they were unable to get with him because he was still out. I will give him a call and see I know he was really interested in getting in the class.

Chief Dockery said, okay. By all means, if he needs to just contact me and I will steer him in the right direction. I will give him Roy's number or something. That way he can get in contact with him.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay.

Chief Dockery said, class is going to be running Monday and Wednesday and every other Saturday. They are looking to be done around the end of May. So, it should be a pretty good venture for us this year. We seem to do pretty well each year with the Firefighter 1 class. We are looking forward to it.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and what is the cost that we are going to charge on that?

Chief Dockery said, it's \$1,500, is the cost and it includes their book and their test.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are the funds going to be rolled back into the training?

SIGNS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR MARCH 20 MILLAGE ELECTION

Chief Dockery said, yes. I set up on there on the table, we have our signs being made for our March 20th, millage. I went and spoke with Mirror Image to have the other one fit and printed up. They will be paid for by the Fireman's Association. That way there is no...

Mr. Trascher said, the Fireman's Association is a private group that is organized?

Chief Dockery said, it was the union members and so, they agreed to pay the \$400 to purchase the signs for the District. That way there is nothing against us on any type of audit. I know there was something before that we could not purchase them for the election.

Mr. Trascher said, right.

Chief Dockery said, that way it is done by the personnel, it has nothing to do with the Department, itself.

Mr. Trascher asked, and when will those be ready?

Chief Dockery said, it should be by the end of the week. That's all I have on the Chief's Report.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody have anything on that?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think so.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move to old business, Amend the 2020 Budget, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I spoke with Jeff, I sent him a copy of what I moved around and he came back with the blue section. Basically, I only changed the things that were out of the 5% and he went back and put everything at 100%. So, the blue section is everything for 100%, of coverage of last year. I am sorry it's blue and black, it's kind of hard to read.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's contrasting.

Mr. Trascher said, so, to do this, did we have to move some?

Chief Dockery said, yes, we moved some of, one into another. But, he basically went back and if it was at 96%, he just moved it to 100%.

Mr. Trascher said, he moved some revenue to make it 100%, right. Again, did we come up with a surplus or less by moving it around?

Chief Dockery said, we are at, it didn't print out on there. We should have been at probably \$400,000, but it didn't print on that line at the very bottom. We are projected to spend \$1.387 and we would have had amend \$1.568. That would have gave us \$382,000, so, another...

Mr. Trascher said, that looks like...it looks like we budgeted \$1,759,612, and we wound up with budget at \$1.3 million. What was the revenue?

Chief Dockery said, we budgeted \$1.487, and we took in \$1.508 of ad valorem.

Mr. Trascher asked, where was this \$1.4, okay, \$1.4, that's for revenue, right? For the 2020 Budget.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the 2020 Budget, the very first page. We budgeted, we are looking at a total of \$1.8 million. We amended to \$1.951 million and we actually took in \$1,960,000, so we were off \$8,000, on that one.

Mr. Trascher asked, from?

Chief Dockery said, from what we amended.

Mr. Trascher said, to actual revenue.

Chief Dockery said, actual revenue was \$1,960,473.97.

Mr. Trascher said, you said it was \$30,000, roughly, I don't see that figure on here.

Chief Dockery said, \$30,000.

Mr. Trascher asked, the difference between revenue and expenses?

Chief Dockery said, no, I am figuring that up right now.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you see what I am asking?

Chief Dockery said, I see, that's what I am figuring right now. Alright, \$573,044, to the good.

Mr. Trascher said, over, collections over expenses, where is that money?

Chief Dockery asked, what are you asking again?

Mr. Trascher said, if we took in \$500,000, more than we spent, right?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, where is the \$500,000?

Chief Dockery said, the general fund. It is not allocated for anything. That is just in the general fund. That's what we use to roll over into this year for the beginning of the year until we actually get ad valorem in.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, that's what I am saying, so that is going to be in this year's budget showing as a roll over?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, when we amend this, that's going to affect the 2021 budget because we didn't know about the \$500,000, was in there to roll over.

Chief Dockery said, there's always, every year there is a roll over.

Mr. Trascher said, right, but how much did we put into this years budget?

Chief Dockery said, I have to look.

Mr. Trascher said, is that the amount, probably not because, if we are amending this budget, we are changing that dollar figure, I would imagine.

Chief Dockery said, the only dollar figure that would matter for this one is the actual dollar figure we budgeted for this year. It doesn't matter what we have set in the general fund it's self. The 5% runs into the next.

Mr. Trascher said, right, maybe I am not asking right for what I am wanting to know. To get everything at 100%, did we come up with a surplus or a deficit?

Chief Dockery said, we came up with a surplus.

Mr. Trascher said, of \$500,000. So, the figure we used, it's \$500,000, more than we thought we were going to have.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we are could to put that \$500,000, into the 2021 Budget. We didn't know we had it until now.

Chief Dockery said, we didn't know we had it until now.

Mr. Trascher said, so, that's what I am saying. So, the budget that we have for 2021, that needs to be amended also for that to show what we are rolling over or we have to put that \$500,000, in a dedicated fund like, for a fire truck or something like that. We cannot make a big profit like that. Am I correct? We need to look at something to do with that money when we amend this budget.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, I have something we can do with it, trust me.

Mr. Trascher said, let me correct the record, I didn't mean it exactly like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, didn't we wind up rolling forward \$80,000, towards the end of the year, we moved it to a different account?

Chief Dockery said, we have moved money before into the restricted account for payments on the trucks. Like, for the new Tender we have coming in, for a couple of years we rolled money into that dedicated account to pay for that. If we wanted to buy it outright, we roughly have \$460,000, sitting in that account right now but, that is also for Station repairs.

Mr. Lindsey said, what I am getting at is, I think or I thought I remembered us rolling or moving \$80,000, over. So, if we are moving \$80,000, over and we wind up with \$500,000, then...

Mr. Trascher said, what I think, I don't think we can take just the \$500,000, as a surplus and leave it in the general fund.

Mr. Lindsey said, oh no, I agree.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to take that money and put it into a restricted account for a dedicated major purchase. Be it the fire station repairs or another vehicle or something like that.

Chief Dockery said, we can definitely do something like that because...

Mr. Trascher said, I am sure the auditor is going to look at that because if you keep showing, we are asking for a millage and if you are showing that you keep rolling over \$500,000, they are going to say you don't need it and then you have a problem. We have too many needs that are identified in this department to not address that.

Chief Dockery said, I would say, we can absolutely roll over to the restricted account to put for fire apparatus.

Mr. Trascher said, what we need to do is, we need to amend, I think, we need to amend this budget tonight and this will be our final numbers. With these final numbers, we need to look at the 2021 Budget because we are adding this money to it and we need to put funds in the restricted accounts for major purchases for this department.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, and we could amend, we could have proposals for the next meeting to where we are going to put it.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so that when the auditor comes up we can address it that, when we ended our year, we found this money and we've identified a need that we need to put the money in.

Mr. Lindsey said, if we are looking for a recommendation, I would like to see us pump some money into this station and bring this thing up to par because we have a lot of traffic that passes here and it looks terrible.

Chief Dockery said, it is...

Mr. Lindsey said, and the inside needs to be done.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, if we keep kicking the can down the road and...

Mr. Trascher said, I know we talking about amending this budget but, when we amend it, if we are going to have a surplus, we need to put that money into something. Be it the station or whatever, what ever the most pressing needs that will help our PIAL rating.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, I know we are going to have to buy a new pumper. We talked about that last meeting.

Chief Dockery said, yes, our oldest one is a 2004 so, it's starting to get there. Like I said, I started putting...

Mr. Trascher said, \$500,000, almost covers a fire truck.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I think the one I priced not too long ago that was about \$550,000.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I am saying, it does make sense to do that, if the Board agrees.

Mr. Lindsey said, plus, we have \$400,000 or something sitting in that account for that.

Mr. Trascher said, that was for a Tender wasn't it?

Chief Dockery said, that was for the Tender, to buy it outright but we decided to finance and we were just going to take money out each year and let the rest of it grow interest and help pay for it. We had some money set aside to put the brick, or to do the front of the station. I am going to get off track here a tad bit. I know we are still talking about budget but, if it's to the Board, I would like to open it up to talk about the station a little bit.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, you want to, let's amend the budget first and then we will open the floor?

Chief Dockery said, that's fine.

Mr. Trascher said, if we can do that, I would move that we approve this final budget for 2020 and also in that motion, in our next meeting we will address the 2021 budget as far as rededicating any funds that haven't been encumbered.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Chief Dockery said, the funny thing about this is, the grand recap every year, it keeps changing. You get half a dozen of them in there and you have to try and...

Mr. Trascher said, work between them.

Chief Dockery said, get your magic ball out and figure where you are going to fall there.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely. That's why it is hard to come up with a bottom line figure until everything is in. Like, at the end of the year, we know what we got. But, I do know that we can't, that's what the Coroner did, you can't keep rolling money over and just keep buying things that you feel like.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do you want to do the resolutions first?

Chief Dockery said, yes, we can roll through those resolutions first.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we are going to go all the way to the end before we do that.

Mr. Floyd Trascher said, Public Comment?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, before Public Comment, we will open the floor and talk about the building. But, let's run through our resolutions real quick.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Blackwell continued, under New Business, we have a resolution for resigning of Emile Lombard. Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, as we all know, Mr. Lombard did resigned so, we have Resolution number 2021-003, and this is to recognize Mr. Lombard's resignation in his service and also, to remove him from the signature cards at the bank. The bank does require a resolution by the Board to change any of the members. Any questions or do you want me to read it into the record?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't have any questions.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a motion? Do we need a motion?

Mr. Lindsey said, I will make a motion. That way we can accept the resolution.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Trascher said, I will second.

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

Mr. Lindsey 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 Resolution to appoint Mr. Gene Swann to the Board. That's Resolution 2021-004.

Mr. Trascher said, 2021-004, it recognizes Mr. Swann appointment to the Board. He was appointed by the Mayor of Pearl River, by his letter. We have that and Mr. Swann did take the Oath and I hand delivered the Oath to the Council's Office and they are going to mail it to the Secretary of State. With that, I move that we approve the resolution recognizing Mr. Swann.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, the next Resolution also, is to deal with Mr. Swann. It is Resolution 2021-005, and it authorizes the bank to put him on as a signature on our accounts. I move that we approve Mr. Swann's resolution.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. The next Resolution is 2021-006, relating to the appointment of Mr. Floyd Trascher as Vice-Chair to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Trascher said, let me say just a little bit. Our Bylaws require that we annually elect the officer's of the Board. We usually did it in January and we amended our Bylaws so that we do it annually. This Board appoints the Chairman. Her appointment expires next year. So, next year we will have to elect the Chairman. The positions that would be open now would be the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, Treasurer and we have a Vice-Secretary in the event the Secretary is not available to sign anything. We are short one member so, at this point, let's leave that one off for now. If somebody will open the nominations for the Vice-Chair, if anybody wants to do it, nominate them.

Mr. Lindsey said, I nominate Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, there's a nomination. Any second?

Mr. Swann said, second.

Mr. Trascher asked, any other nominations? Nominations closed. Mr. Trascher is appointed is elected Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Trascher is appointed Vice-Chair.

Mr. Trascher said, okay open nominations for Secretary.

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, wait, we have to go in order. The Resolution for Russell Lindsey is 2021-007, we nominate him for Treasurer.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you want to be Treasurer?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't mind staying Treasurer.

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

Mr. Swann said, second.

Mr. Trascher asked, any other nominations?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any other nominations? You can't nomination yourself and nobody else here...

Mr. Trascher said, nominations closed.

Mr. Trascher said, you have been elected Treasurer.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you have been elected Treasurer.

Mr. Trascher said, guess who is Secretary.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Swann, we nominate you.

Mr. Trascher said, we nominate Mr. Swann as Secretary.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, who else nominate him, do you have to nominate? Do you nominate Mr. Swann?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, thank you for being Secretary.

Mr. Lindsey said, that means you picked the short straw.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will sign all of these in second. I need a motion to open the floor.

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion.

Mr. Trascher said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I almost called you Mr. Emile Lombard.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we are going to open the floor. Chief, do you want to speak about the building?

Chief Dockery said, yes, ma'am, thank you. I know we kicked around an idea of this weird siding stuff and it seems like there is one person in the whole damn Parish that can actually do it. I am to the point now that I would be happy to just do brick. I mean, I want to get this

project done and it seems like this one guy is not the person that we need.

Mr. Trascher said, well, Chief, my feeling are on that is that you bring us three proposals. If you can get three proposals to accomplish what you want and what we need to do to the building, and then, let's look at those proposals and, of course, financially, what we can afford and the most bang for our buck and we will move forward on that if that's the most pressing need at this station. If that is worse than the electrical and the gas, or whatever else needs to be done. Our generator, is it up to snuff?

Chief Dockery said, yes, they get checked every year. We do need a new transfer switch but I do have Chief Parish working on that for the transfer switch. But, as for the generator itself, it is running and got a new panel for it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we need to look at that equipment as we are going along and if the most pressing thing is the brick, I personally don't have a problem with redoing the brick. Is that the whole front or just up and something on top of it?

Chief Dockery said, the whole front. The whole front but, do it correctly. I mean, unfortunately, they didn't do it correctly. They just threw it up there and didn't even put flashing on top. That's why it looks disgusting.

Mr. Trascher said, so, you can't put a flashing in now or save it?

Chief Dockery said, it has seeped behind it and probably rotted out half of the anchors.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, it's a safety issue at this point because it's loose and it's starting to crack. Sooner or later, it's going to start falling down.

Mr. Trascher said, move it brick by brick.

Chief Dockery said, rip it down.

Mr. Trascher asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you feel about it?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't really care if we use brick or siding. I just want to make sure we get something that is going to last. I am not into trying to put a little bit of money into it to band aid it. I rather fix it.

Mr. Trascher said, don't put weather boards that we have to paint every year.

Mr. Lindsey said, I want to make it look good to where it is top notch, professional, top notch when people pass by.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, I even thought about, I would love to do the whole station but, at least do the front and maybe the side. You know when you have the view from the road, it's brick. It's nice looking. It's not a metal part.

Mr. Lindsey said, the only issue down the side is, it would have to have a brick ledge poured

to support the brick.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, across the front it's sitting on an apron. That's all that is sitting on but, typically, if you are going to have a brick building, you pour a brick ledge all the way around for it to sit on.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, because that's a lot of weight.

Mr. Lindsey said, across the front, all it is sitting on is an apron.

Mr. Swann said, that's probably why it is cracking.

Mr. Lindsey said, the cement is probably thick there because of driving the trucks on it so, it can probably support the weight but, come around the side of the building, it would have to have something to hold the brick.

Mr. Trascher said, there may be some other things that you can do on the side like landscaping. How long did that old school shed sat there. Just some basic landscaping would be an improvement.

Chief Dockery said, let's get the school shed back.

Mr. Trascher said, don't go there you said? That would help with aesthetics. It may not be brick but...

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see us pump some money into the budget to get the station up to par. It's been one of my big pet peeves coming into here is to get this place top notch looking

Chief Dockery said, let's get the front done and the inside, yes truthfully the inside, in order for them to fix all of the electrical, it would have to be gutted out for them to run new wires. That's going to be...

Mr. Swann asked, did they ever get the panel out of the cabinet?

Chief Dockery said, it's still there.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, we have to think long term, we are going to be here. It's not ideal and it may have to be gutted but, at some point we have to do it.

Chief Dockery said, well, I mean, gutting wouldn't be a bad thing because we can maybe change some things up that we want, different ideas of how to proceed with the lay out.

Mr. Lindsey said, if we need to, we may need to come up with some temporary living quarters to, you know, to deal with the renovation. But, that shower down stairs, that needs to be just gutted, that's trash.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, that doesn't even look like something that I wouldn't want to go in and I wouldn't even fit it. It's this big. It's like this wide.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's a single wide shower.

Mr. Lindsey said, you have to come out of it to turn around and then go back in it.

Mr. Trascher said, that is exactly what I am saying. We need to identify our most pressing needs for the department and put the money towards it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like Chief to come up with a list of what needs to be addressed and let's work towards getting prices on it.

Mr. Trascher said, prioritize and get bids on it.

Mr. Lindsey said, you know the bathrooms, new showers, new toilets, new everything, all that. Whatever we have to do with this electrical, it's going to have to be done.

Chief Dockery said, we've talked about it in the past, if we did a remodel, to actually take the shower completely out of that area or expand that one, the small bathroom, to include a shower in the bathroom on the other side. Make a shower in there also.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think that's a good idea because the shower that is in there now is useless.

Mr. Trascher asked, what about the drain, I mean, would they have to tear the slab up or can they just raise it and just put everything like a step up?

Mr. Lindsey said, you just cut the slab.

Chief Dockery said, yes, you just cut that little bit.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's to a tension slab so it can be cut and just add a shower so, that's not a problem.

Mr. Trascher said, that sounds great to me but...

Chief Dockery said, I will work on getting you a list for the most pressing.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you want a resolution to that effect to the next meeting or do you think a verbal direct to the Chief from the Board right now would suffice?

Mr. Lindsey said, whatever it takes to get this moving.

Mr. Trascher said, so, at our March meeting, Chief, we will put on the agenda, that you will have a list of priorities for the station and tentative bids on the cost of that work.

Mr. Lindsey said, we do know that, at least I realize that, electrical may vary some until they

tear into it and see what to do but...

Chief Dockery said, give me a ball park...

Mr. Trascher said, electric you may be able to do some at a time.

Chief Dockery said, at least for the estimate, they can give some type of ball park figure. They are not going to tell you exactly because they are going to have to take everything out to see what they have behind there.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, then you have to have someone come in and do the sheet rock, put it all back together. You know, do the electric like it needs to be done. We have been talking about this for a few years, several years and we just keep talking and talking and not doing.

Chief Dockery said, since I have been here. Alright, so I will have that for you at the next meeting. A list of priorities for the station.

Mr. Trascher said, a list of repairs that we need and prioritize it. If the showers are the most critical need, then we need to address that. I think that safety and the comfort may be more important than aesthetics. But, if we can address the both of them, certainly we will do it.

Chief Dockery said, well, unfortunately, the front is more unsafe.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely, like I said, the safety. If the bricks are going to fall, that is a priority. We can hose the fireman off in the yard but, we don't want the bricks to hit them. Obviously, I gist at that.

Chief Dockery said, alright, that's what I have on that and thank you. I will hit the ground running tomorrow on that.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have anything else on that?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any public comment? No?

Mr. Trascher said, no public.

Mrs. Blackwell said, no public comments.

Mr. Lindsey said, your the only public, you don't want to say anything?

Georgette Rinkus said, not at this time.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Georgette, you don't want to say anything? No, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher said, well, Mr. Swann, welcome back to the Board, before we adjourn. I know everybody is going to have a wonderful Mardi Gras next week. It's going to be about 25 degrees over here they said. With that I move we adjourn.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey 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.