



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on September 12, 2017

ROLL CALL

Don Thanars - Present
Jackelyn Gallo – Present
Eugene Swann - Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell - Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everybody read and approved the minutes from the August 8th meeting?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes ma'am, I will make a motion to accept them with the video governing.

Mr. Trascher said I will second that.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mrs. Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

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

Mr. Swann said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will move on to the financial report. Chief Dockery?

FINANCIAL REPORET – Chief Jack Dockery, Chief of Operations

Chief Dockery said, I'm just going to move my stuff up here.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, you look like you got a hand full.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, you got the show.

Chief Dockery said, for the month of August, we should be at 67% for re-occurring purchases. We are falling into that category. Now, the items he has listed on here, line 23, line 24, line 43, line 72, line 73 and line 80 are all items over budget right now that will be corrected with the amended budget as of tonight.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Mr. Trascher asked, so those line items have been included in the amended budget we are introduced?

Chief Dockery said, yes. This just can't change until we actually...

Mr. Trascher said, we actually correct it.

Chief Dockery said, yes. Now, I looked, he said the following accounts would need to be added to the budget. The only account that I do not have for a line item is the first one, 3035, which is LA Supplemental Pay. The rest of them. I do have line items for. So, I will get with Moyle tomorrow and find out why his line items and my line items aren't matching up on this. It is on the amended budget, the one we are going to vote for tonight, all these line items are in there. I don't know what exactly we are looking at but I will try to find out tomorrow.

Mrs. Gallo said, isn't that odd Chief, because the Supplemental Pay is an ongoing item so where has it been in the past that he is saying it's a new line item?

Chief Dockery said, I think it's, we received the money this year and that's why it's a brand new line item.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it's right here, on line 4.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, we usually haven't received that in the past so that was \$35,000

that we received and yes, it is right there on 4. My questioning is why, well, I didn't mark it. That's why my question is they are saying this is not in the line items.

Mrs. Gallo said, I see.

Mr. Thanars asked, was it, in the previous budget, was it there?

Chief Dockery said, I would have to look.

Mr. Swann said, it's re-occurring pay, it's got to be there every month.

Chief Dockery said, but no, State Supplemental Pay, that's one thing, this month we received a check from them for \$35,000.

Mrs. Gallo said, income.

Chief Dockery said, income instead of it coming to the employees.

Mr. Thanars asked, and I am wondering was it rolled into another line item and it was reflected.

Mrs. Gallo said, that's what I am saying

Mr. Thanars said, so what he needs to do is reflect it in the budget.

Mrs. Gallo said, separately in the budget now.

Mr. Trascher said, if you look, look on this one it doesn't have that line item. So, he may be reviewing. This is the one the Board reviewed?

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, it doesn't have that line item. Maybe that's what he is trying to point out.

Chief Dockery said, I will have him correct what ever ones that are not on that amended. Try to get on the same playing field.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mr. Trascher asked, excuse me Chief, this was the budget that we had a, we are proposed to adopt tonight?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, because that one I don't think that one has a line item they requested.

Chief Dockery said, line 3035?

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, it's not included in the budget that we are proposed to adopt.

Chief Dockery said, but it's I the quick books. That's a question I will ask. Jump over to EMS. Briefly, EMS billing, I apologize I didn't have a chance to print out one.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so your, just to clarify, your finished with the financial report and are ready to go to the Chief's Report and the EMS Report?

Chief Dockery said, well the EMS billing I figured would go in with the Finances.

Mrs. Blackwell said, oh ok, that's fine, go ahead.

EMS BILLING – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, EMS Billing for the month of August brought in \$9,361.53. It's up from the month before which, I think was around \$4,000. So, it's about up to that \$10,000 mark again. Since the month before ran roughly 60 calls, this month we ran 90 calls so, the increase helped with the intake of revenue. So, that's all I have for the finances.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, Mrs. Jackelyn, do you have anything for finances?

Mrs. Gallo said, no ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, thank you. We will move to the Chief's Report and EMS Report, Chief Dockery.

CHEIF'S REPORT – Chief Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of August 2017:

EMS	64
MVA	5
Structure Fire	3
Service Call	4
False Alarm	4
Trash Fire	1
Down Power Lines	2
Canceled/No Incident	7
TOTAL	90

Chief Dockery said, like I just stated, the EMS brought in \$9,361.53

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me, Chief Dockery, is there any reason the EMS is down more now than, I mean, that's what we collected. Are we having a problem with invoices going out that we are not getting paid for?

Chief Dockery said, no, we are not having issues with the invoices going out.

Mr. Trascher said, we realize there is \$9,000 coming in but what did we bill?

Chief Dockery said, that, I don't have in front of me. I can let you know in a second.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, we don't want to hold up the meeting for it.

Mr. Swann said, we do need that though.

Mr. Thanars said, Madam Chair?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes sir, go ahead.

Mr. Thanars said, I am just going to ask Chief Dockery for in the future, since this question has come up several times, as a matter of reporting, let's just report what we have billed versus what we collected. That way, that eliminates the question as a part of the report because, that's a question that comes up every time. How much have we billed versus what we collected.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so we can see that in writing.

Mr. Thanars said, yeah, exactly.

Mr. Swann said, it's also up if your calls are up.

Mr. Thanars said, and then, I would like to just ask, secondly, as part of this, we should have that degree of visibility to be able to say if...

Mrs. Blackwell said, are we within our percentage rate or not.

Mr. Thanars said, yes, based on what we projected, you know, are we in line because that becomes the real question in terms of overall budget. Are we in line, are we under or over, those kinds of things.

Mr. Trascher said, on our budget, I think, \$10,000 is about what we budgeted for income. But, of course, we are also going to have the flexibility in the calls.

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, if you are doing 40 calls then you have 90 calls, your going to have a different amount and that's where the billing, how much we billed as opposed to what we collected.

Mr. Thanars said, but, just as a part of his report, and it would just make it easier for us sitting here just listening, if those answers are given then that answers all of the questions, the answers will follow.

Mr. Trascher said, I agree whole heartedly.

Chief Dockery said, I can't pull it up right now and I have it in the office but, just for the sake of the meeting, I'll have that for next meeting I will make sure y'all have how much we billed.

Mr. Swann asked, the new company we are using, are they doing good with the billing we have?

Chief Dockery said, yes, they are doing excellent with the billing. We have whatever we get in, we send them a copy, we scan it in, we get them a copy through an encrypted server. It's sent to them with everything, we have a lot of personal pay come in. More than we saw before.

Mrs. Gallo said, that's great. In the past it was near zero.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the billing company is doing great for that part. For the year we brought in, so far \$99,304.04. We are only \$20,695.96 away from our goal of \$120,000. So, we are at 82.75% for intake so far.

Mr. Thanars said, alright.

Chief Dockery said, But, I will make a note of that and have that for y'all next meeting.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, thank you Chief Dockery. Is that it with your EMS report?

Chief Dockery said, yes ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are going to move to old business. Transfer and Closure of Clearing Account.

OLD BUSINESS

TRANSFER AND CLOSURE OF CLEARING ACCOUNT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, yes, I brought it up last meeting. We have a Clearing Account that has, I believe, roughly \$26,000, in it. This was an account we had set up during our tenure with PMI. We have not used this in probably 8 months or 9 months. So, I ask the Board to have a Resolution just to close it this account and transfer the funds back into the General Account.

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me Chief, was the purpose of that Clearing Account, was that the funds that were set aside so that we can maintain our obligation of the \$120,000?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Trascher asked, what was the purpose of the Clearing Account.

Chief Dockery said, the Clearing Account was used, we kept most of the funds in an interest bearing account and we would set aside X amount of dollars at a time in the Clearing Account, which was a non interest bearing account, for payroll and accounts payable. PMI used it to pay the employees quicker. They would front the money and we would put the money in the Clearing Account for them to recoup their money.

Mr. Trascher said, to draw from.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, because I know we did transfers to them for payroll.

Mrs. Gallo said, it was ultimately a payroll account.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, we just used it.

Mrs. Gallo said, yeah, so it hasn't been used.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, so I move that we close the account.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's the resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, Resolution 2017-019 (reads resolution)

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 (“District”) was present on this date, September 12, 2017, for a properly advertised scheduled meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners 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”), finds it in the best interest of the Board, employees, citizens and taxpayers, whereby the District approves the following actions:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners wishes transfer the funds in the sum of \$25,767 from the Clearing Account, which is no longer active, to the General Fund Account.
2. The Board of Commissioner's also wishes to close the Clearing Account, account number 110097376.

Mr. Trascher said, I would so move that we adopt the Resolution.

Mrs. Gallo said, I second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

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. If that's it for that, Chief Dockery?

Chief Dockery said, yes ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move on to Amend the Budget, Chief Dockery.

AMENDED BUDGET – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, we have had our grace period of one month for the public to view. We've had no input from the public on this.

Mr. Trascher said, I just have a couple of questions. Like the Civil Service Board Supplies. There's nothing in there.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, do we need to put something in there?

Chief Dockery said, we have not used this in the last couple of years for any type of draw from it.

Mr. Trascher said, if the Civil Service Board did have any expenses, where would we take that from?

Chief Dockery said, usually, everything is furnished by the Fire Department for Civil Service.

Mr. Trascher said, exactly, but we need to be able to determine what cost the Civil Service Board, for example, we need to buy a computer. If they need to buy something, we need to be able to determine in the budget, how much of those expenses actually go to the Civil Service Board. I was just curious on why we wouldn't have a line item where we could charge to it...

Chief Dockery said, we actually have line item 6756 – Civil Service Board. We have \$3,000.

Mr. Trascher asked, 6756?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I'm sorry, that's CPA Fees on here.

Chief Dockery said, 6756, Civil Service Board. It's under professional fees, 6750 on the one we have here.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it says CPA Fees.

Mr. Trascher said, this is the budget you gave us last month. It says CPA Fees.

Mr. Swann said, yeah, it does.

Mr. Trascher said, that may be what is confusing Moyle, the difference between these two.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Gallo said, on the proposed budget, what Chief is referring to is Line item number or line number 99, Civil Service Board, had an original budget of \$3,000. It looks like on this Proposed Amended Budget that it is back to zero.

Chief Dockery said, that shouldn't...

Mrs. Gallo said, because no monies have been used.

Mr. Trascher said, Original Budget, the Proposed Amended Budget, we are taking everything out of it.

Mrs. Gallo said, but there was \$3,000 in there. And that could simply be Jeff Moyle's office not knowing that that Board has been filled and there may be some needs.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, ok, it must have been an error because there's no reason to take anything out of that.

Mrs. Gallo said, yes, so that's a line item we can follow up on Chief Dockery.

Mr. Thanars asked, what was it moved to?

Mrs. Gallo said, I don't know. It just shows from \$3,000 to \$0. Line 99.

Mr. Thanars asked, right here?

Mrs. Gallo said, yep. Don't know where it was moved to but it was used to balance the budget also. Don't know.

Mr. Swann asked, is there anyway to find that out?

Chief Dockery said, not tonight, I would have to call them.

Mrs. Gallo said, for instance, look at line item 105, you can see that went from \$4,000 to \$6,000. So, it is very typical when balancing a budget, \$2,000 was used there and the extra \$1,000 could have been used elsewhere.

Mr. Trascher said, in another purchase.

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, right, I understand that, when it was...

Mrs. Gallo said, but we don't have an itemized listing from Mr. Moyle's office of what those changes to are to be able to specifically state.

Mr. Trascher said, because, like the Training, which would be 88, we exceeded it and we moved a more significant amount into that line item.

Mrs. Gallo said, Engine 111, line 42, also had to increase based on the needs of serving that truck.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Gallo said, so, you can see that increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000. So, that is a significant line item as well.

Chief Dockery said, anything like in Maintenance wise, we try to take it from other areas in Maintenance. For instance, Station 111.

Mrs. Gallo said, I know the 111 was unforeseen expenses.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief Dockery and Mrs. Gallo, we anticipating another budget amendment prior to the end of the year. Because, we need to end the year within the 5%. So, we may need to revisit some of these issues, say by November so that we could adjust the other figures back to within that 5%. I think with the confusion, we got some confusion between Moyle with the line items and the amounts that were put into those things. If we approve this budget tonight as it is, I feel that there is some confusion. I don't necessarily have a problem adopting the changes that the Chief has proposed, it's just that, I think we just need to make it a mandate, if you will for a better word, that by November at our next meeting, we can have a look at it, have the line items corrected and so that November or December, we can adopt a budget that is going to end the year the way it should.

Mrs. Blackwell calls on Mr. Thanars.

Mr. Thanars said, I'm not sure if we even have enough clarity to vote on this because, the question is, what are the changes and what are the adjustments are being made. We can look at it and we are trying to make our own assessments that we can see, this is what happen. We can see that something is moved. What we really need is a notification of the changes and that arrogates into a sum number and reallocated to these line items. That's really what we need to vote on because it's not clear. We can say that \$4,000 was moved from here but we are speculating on where it was moved to.

Mr. Trascher asked, so, Mr. Thanars, would you want to maybe, want to table the budget tonight and that would give the department, the administration the opportunity to straighten out the line items and try to work the budget closer to the 5%?

Mr. Thanars said, I just don't think we have enough fidelity into what the changes are and how they are being reallocated to actually be able to vote on something.

Mr. Swann asked, do they do line item transfers? Do you have that?

Chief Dockery said, within the line item areas.

Mr. Swann said, Is there anyplace where you got the paper work where you do line item transfers?

Chief Dockery said, no, not here.

Mr. Swann said, ok.

Mr. Thanars said, and we should, equally as important, we should probably request that somebody from Mr. Moyle's office be here for the next meeting.

Mrs. Gallo said, I was going to go there.

Mr. Thanars said, it's just, that way if any other questions come up, they would have the documents to support a documentation, at least, to add clarity so that if we vote, we will know what we are voting on because I would be voting with speculation. Then, we would have to vote again to make any additional changes.

Mr. Trascher said, well, if you would like to make a motion to table it?

Mr. Thanars said, I move that we table voting on any of the budget adjustments until, at least, the next meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, I will second it.

Chief Dockery said, if y'all are going to wait until next meeting we may as well wait until November. If you take a quick break, I can go get a copy and show you where I subtracted and where I added. It might give some clarity on that.

Mr. Thanars said, there is a motion on the floor and it has been moved and seconded. I think that we at least table this until the next meeting so that if we do that, if we need to table for even further, I am willing to make a friendly amendment to table it to November if that is appropriate.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Mr. Thanars said, but, if we need to make a budgetary adjustment, my motion is to table it for one month.

Mr. Trascher said, I seconded the original motion for next month because with the end of the year rapidly approaching, whatever adjustments we make, we need to be able to have it and we may need to reintroduce this at our next meeting to actually vote on it in November because the budget that we intend to approve really needs to be available for public view. So, by next month if we can have a more clarified budget, to the questions then it would be appropriate to...

Mrs. Gallo said, and for significant changes, I would...

Mr. Thanars said, call for the question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so , the motion is made to table the budget for one month. I have a second for that. Let's vote. Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Eugene Swann, how do yo vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Chief Dockery said, I do have one question, Mr. Swann. For the line item transfer, we have something with Moyle, don't quote me to it. But, if I stay within a line, say like Supplies, I can move around X amount of money in that area. I can't take money out of my Supplies and pay for Repairs, as explained to me by Moyle. I don't know if that falls in line with what you are saying.

Mr. Swann said, anything you do on a line item transfer, you should have where it's coming from and where it is going and that should go to Jeff Moyle.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, and he should approve that. That's what I was asking if you had any paper trail on line item transfers.

Chief Dockery said, yes, anything done with line item transfers will be emailed and just let him know, hey, we want to move X amount of dollars from here to here but it has to be in the same area.

Mr. Swann said, we have a regular form and you put in where it is coming from and where it is going and it has to be approved before we can even do it. I don't know if we should not look at using something like that.

Mrs. Gallo asked, and that is something you use in the City of Slidell?

Mr. Swann said, that's correct. And you just can't move money, you have to have the paper work.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you have to have it on a ledger or spreadsheet or something so that you can look at it, too.

Mr. Swann said, you got a paper trail there.

Mr. Trascher said, I know in the past, Chief Leos has moved some line item forms around. So, there is probably is an established procedure.

Mrs. Gallo said, a protocol.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, a protocol. Because, I know he moved some funds around in order to purchase a truck before.

Mr. Swann said, see, on something like that we have to submit it and it has to go before the council, it's approved, then you go ahead and do it.

Mrs. Gallo said, but that is under the operating guidelines of the City of Slidell.

Mr. Swann said, right.

Mrs. Gallo said, so we, if that is something that this Board would wanted to put into place moving forward, that is a whole new procedure basically to be created and adopted.

Chief Dockery said, I would love just to see the procedure behind it to get some clarification. Not saying it would be implemented, but it would be nice to...

Mr. Trascher said, well, what it would do, if you have the ability to have access funds, lets say, in the Training bracket and your Utilities were running low, you could transfer from one line item to the other within the budget.

Mr. Swann said, but, then you got a paper trail of it where you can go back and track it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we've done that when we had major transfers before, was a budget amendment by the Board.

Mr. Thanars said, yes. Mr. Floyd, I believe you are correct. With Chief, he has moved money before and it's usually in the same area. Anything bigger or in a different areas would have to be amended.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if we are doing something, you know your going to do a big budget transfer, it's a budget amendment by the Board. It give them some flexibility to work to meet the obligations of the Department.

Chief Dockery said, ok, tabled until next meeting and I will try to get with Jeff and try to figure out this mess of line items and why we are having this issue.

Mrs. Gallo said, we have spoken in the past about having better representation from Moyle and Associates at the meetings and I think it would certainly helpful, especially when we have an agenda item like adopting a proposed budget or a new budget for the year. It would be important to have one of them here. So, when you speak to him, if he could have a representative here with a file and some history to answer some of questions that could come up, that would be very helpful.

Mr. Swann said, they use to do that.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, and I think within reason they do it but when we make a demand on them that they have someone here for every meeting, they charge us for it.

Mrs. Gallo said, no, I wouldn't say every meeting. I would say meetings when we are adopting a budget in case we have questions.

Mr. Trascher said, or if we have a budget amendment. Especially if they have something that they are proposing.

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, and they have worked with us in the past.

Mrs. Gallo said, so, that's twice a year on average. I think that's a very reasonable request.

Mr. Trascher said, but, at one point in the past, it got to where we demanded somebody from Moyle's office be here at every meeting and explain every financial report. And quite frankly, to do that they got a cost that they got to cover.

Chief Dockery said, they have in their contract, which...

Mrs. Blackwell said, I thought it was in their contract.

Mrs. Gallo said, it is in the contract because I reviewed it before.

Chief Dockery said, later, allow attendance at council meetings, Board meetings, one per quarter. For CPA they charge \$115 and for a partner it's \$180.

Mrs. Gallo said, and we have had someone here once in the time I have been on the Board.

Chief Dockery said, we haven't had anyone this year.

Mrs. Gallo said, it was a lady representative.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yea, like when we first started.

Mrs. Gallo said, and that's been in a year and a half.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it on amending the budget, Chief Dockery?

Chief Dockery said, yes ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, let's move on to your resolution, Superseding...

Mr. Swann said, I think that Don has something.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I'm sorry, Mr. Thanars?

Mr. Thanars said, I am just going to ask that, this is September, if we can get our eyes on a proposed 2018 budget sooner than later. One of the things that I know I said before, one of the things is I think, we approve budgets and shortly there after we have to amend budgets. There are significant changes. The budget at this point, if you go back and look over two or three years, you should have enough situation awareness and know what requirements you are going to have for the next year to have an idea of what your budget requirements needs are going to be. I think, if we start to look at that before we get into approving a budget and seeing what areas that maybe, you know, from what the signification changes from the budget we approved last year, we need to start thinking about that. Then, if we see it, we can kind of start thinking about how we are going to address it as opposed to immediately having to make changes.

Mr. Trascher said, than making one.

Mr. Thanars said, than having to make changes. It makes no sense.

Mr. Trascher said, and really September and October is when the budget should be presented to the Board.

Mr. Thanars said, right, and that's why I am saying what I am saying right now. This is the time before we move into the last quarter.

Chief Dockery said, we are at the mercy of the assessors and the recap.

Mr. Thanars said, no, I'm not talking about that. I am talking about budget requirements are. Not so much of how much money we are going to have, this is what our budget requirements are, that's all. How much are you really need for training. Because, that is going to change from year to year based on the number of people and the people you have at a particular time. So, all I am saying is that, having and being able to look at a budget and saying our budget requirements for 2018 are going to look like this. This is a 10, 20, 30% increase or decrease versus last year. The biggest changes are going to be in these areas. Maintenance, in my mind, is probably going to be one of those. You will be able to see it and it's all going to make sense to us because what is happening is, at least now on 2 years, is that we approve a budget and almost immediately, we have to make significant changes in maintenance, I said maintenance and training was the other area that we should have enough fore site to know what we are going to need those monies to do. That's all I am saying right now. So, we have a understanding of what that's going to look like and if there is going to be any shortages. The issue that Floyd has brought up is that, we have to have this kind of, safety net. We have to maintain that amount of money, that kind of outline here. So, we have to be sensitive to that. So, if we need to be tapping into that, we want to know that because that has a consequence for us. So, we need to be able to anticipate what it may be. All I am saying is that if we can get ahead of it and not be in the throws of it when something happens and now we are kind of like, we are forced to do something. I just want to be able to have visibility, that's all.

Mr. Trascher said, you shouldn't be reviewing next years budget in December. We should be reviewing it now.

Mr. Swann asked, does anybody from Moyle's office help y'all with this?

Chief Dockery asked, with the budget? No. They will view it but, usually Chief and myself do the budget each year.

Mr. Swann said, they should be able to look back at trends and tell you where things are going up now.

Mr. Trascher said, they have worked with the Chief in the past in preparing the budget.

Chief Dockery said, they will over look at what we are doing and yes, there are trends and for 90% of it, we follow in that trend. It's just, like you said, the maintenance, that's one that gets us every year it seems like. Training, this year we sent more people to different places and yes, it should have been bumped up. I will address that for next year. Maintenance, that's a crap roll. Last year I spent \$10,000 on the Ladder truck. I usually go across the board and put \$5,000 in for each vehicle. This year the Ladder truck is fine. I spent close to \$10,000 on my engine. Next year, hopefully nothing.

Mr. Thanars said, I understand there are no absolutes. You mentioned training, for example,

and trust me this is as an example. I don't know fire requirements. But, if you have 35 people in your department and 17 got training last year and 18 need training this year and that training cost \$1,000. That's \$18,000. That's a fixed cost. I mean, I can wrap my arms around that because those numbers, my department, you might hire one, you might lose one. But, that's about the numbers don't fluctuate that much. Consequently, if there's a need of however, because there is a piece of equipment that you know that is going out next year that's \$50,000, you should know that this year.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, and that is something that we incur this year. We would know that and that should be reflected likely. So, you should be able to come in and say, we need to spruce up a budget of \$100,000 for this piece of equipment is going out of service next year and we use it 99% of the time so that's a must. To us, that becomes significant to us to make a decision. We understand and we understand the need for it and we understand while it's a high dollar item, why it needs to happen and again, it takes it, it takes a lot of questions from it when you come in a present it to that way to us. That's all I am saying, is that, as apposed to we approve a budget and a month later we find out that after we got this litany of stuff, of equipment, that's going out of service, which is that happened this year, that's going out of service and cost a lot of money. It's almost like, we have to do it, we ain't got no choice because we need it all the time. So, all I am saying is for the department, you have to look at what your requirements are, what are your equipment needs that may be high dollar items. Everything you do is high dollar, but what I am saying is, let's identify what it is so that we can appropriately reflect it in your budget requirements next year. That allows us to make the kind of decisions that are necessary so that we can support you and so we don't have to come in a month later and make significant changes. Because, what we are going to do is ask all these same questions. Why didn't we know this four months ago. All I am saying is lets get ahead of it. Tell us what your needs and let us get our around it. If we have questions, ask them upfront. Have a budget that reflects what your true needs are and so when we approve the budget, that minimizes the need for changes. Grant it, if a vehicle breaks down or a high dollar piece of equipment breaks down and we didn't anticipate, we got it that we would have to adjust to that but those being an exception as opposed to the rule of what we are always doing. That's all I am saying.

Mr. Swann said, it goes back to what you were asking for before. You know, what is the life of it, when do we have to redo it, and stuff like that. I don't think that's been done either, has it?

Chief Dockery said, yes. It's in the process.

Mr. Trascher said, they are working on that right now. Working with Mrs. Gallo.

Chief Dockery said, it's in the process. I have all my apparatus and I am starting with all my high dollar equipment. My ALS monitors and so on. So, yes, it is in the works.

Mr. Trascher said, I believe that was a schedule wasn't there, that we adopted a schedule for it.

Mr. Thanars said, and that's going to be significant to help you out.

Chief Dockery said, I have all of my high dollar apparatus. I just even included the two pickups because I wanted them to be all in the same area.

Mrs. Gallo said, they should be. Yes, that's perfect.

Mr. Trascher said, I think, Mr. Thanars, we adopted, was it Mrs. Gallo, an asset tracker?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, that by January or February, we would have all the departments equipment listed with as much information that they can provide and as we purchased equipment. You know, the purchase date and all the N's and I's and everything is going to be on it so we, it was and objective to have that by February.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Chief Dockery said, just to throw it out there a little bit. We do see some things for, equipment wise, like last year we brought up, we purchased SCBA's and we purchased five, we will be looking at some more. We are kind holding off for a grant. We are working with some other fire districts to acquire a grant to purchase some more SCBA's but, if not, we will be looking to purchase some more SCBA's. That will be in the budget for next year to purchase some SCBA's because they do expire after X amount of time. So, I understand exactly where you are coming with it. We have always tried to run a budget lean. Maybe it's not the best for certain things but, like I said, 90% of the trend we fall in, we fall short in a couple of areas which we will address.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you for that Chief Dockery. Are you finished with the Amended Budget?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, let's move on to the Resolution Superseding 2017-013.

RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING 2017-013 – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, ok, I spoke with Mr. Dugas and Mrs. Shannon at the Assessor's Office and asked them for guidance on the Millage. They stated it would be best just to kill the old resolution and start from scratch. So, this is what this resolution is.

Mr. Trascher asked, is this also under the New Business, to adopt the millage rates?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I put it under Old Business to kill the old ones and right under New Business, our first measure would be to adopt the new one.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, Madam Chairman, if you would, I move that we open the agenda and we will do the resolution superseding and adopting the millage rates together because, ones going to cancel out the other.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, do we have a second?

Mr. Swann said, I will second it.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, this is going to be Resolution 2017-022. (Mr. Trascher reads the resolution)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt the Ad valorem Tax Resolution 2017-020 to supersede Resolution 2017-013 for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11.
2. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution, those prior Resolutions and actions are receded by this Resolution.
3. To extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution, those prior Resolutions and actions are rescinded by this Resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, and the millage rates, it don't have them listed.

Mrs. Blackwell said, right here, this is the resolution we are adopting to supersede that one.

Mr. Trascher said, this is the one?

Mrs. Blackwell said, this is the one we are canceling out. This is the resolution where we are canceling out. This is the one where we are picking up the new.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, well this would probably supersede it but, if we are going to do 2 of them, we need to act on this one first.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, all this Resolution 2017-022, is recending Resolution 2017-013. I move for adoption.

Mr. Swann said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will go for a vote, Mr. Don Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, just for clarification. Then there is a second resolution to adopt new rates?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that will be the next one I present.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I thought we should have done it on one.

Mr. Thanars said, I thought the other one did that.

Mr. Trascher said, right, because the resolution adopting the new rates should do away with the old one but, they put it in two resolutions, so...

Mr. Thanars said, ok, understood. Yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher read: Resolution 2017-020, Resolution for the Board of Commissioner's for St. Tammany:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 20 17 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by: St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11.

MILLAGES

<u>Acquisition & Maintenance 1069065</u>	<u>9.57</u> Mills – Adopt
<u>Acquisition & Maintenance 1069034</u>	<u>9.880</u> Mills – Adopt
<u>Acquisition & Maintenance 1069137</u>	<u>7.900</u> Mills – Adopt
<u>Acquisition & Maintenance 1069104</u>	<u>14.820</u> Mills – Adopt

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as herein above set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 20 17, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Mr. Trascher continued, these tax rates have been properly advertised and laid over and I would move for adoption of Resolution 2017-020, setting our rates.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Swann said, I will second it.

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

Mr. Thanars said, just a question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes sir?

Mr. Thanars said, Madam Chair, I know last year, well at the beginning of this year I believe, when we set out to adopt rates, are these rates in line, did they increase or...

Mr. Trascher said, this is a revenue neutral, Madam Chair, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to answer.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it's ok.

Mr. Trascher said, this is a revenue neutral proposal. This Board adopted a tax rate already but, because of the way the Assessor's Office adjusted our mills, I don't totally agree with it, but the way they had it adjusted, we needed to do it in this form. We are going to collect the same total millage. It's just that because we have four of them, we need to set them at those rates. We can go ahead and vote on that and then I would like to make one more comment after.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, you answered the question.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. You have a comment, sir?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I would like to make one more comment on our millage's. When I said I didn't agree with it, I don't agree with raising the millage's but, what I would like to see, we are going to have a millage that we are going to have to put on the ballot next year. So, by December, we are going to have to start looking at it and doing the preparations to get it advertised and we are going to have to go before the Parish Council. There is a big procedure that we have to do to put it on the ballot. At that time, we need to look at adjusting our millage rates so that... None of these millage's are up to the maximum. Every four years you have to roll all of your millage up and then collect it one year and then roll it back or this becomes your new maximum.

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, so, if we could deal with, let's say, roll three of them up to the maximum and roll one of them back to make it revenue neutral so that we would only have to adjust one millage each year rather than four. I would like to think on that and maybe in December when we begin our ardent process of putting it on the ballot and hopefully having it approved, we could take those steps at the same time. Thank you Madam Chair.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's ok. Mr. Thanars?

Mr. Thanars said, just for me, my concern is and has been and going back to the training that we attended. This question came up during the training by the State. It appears, and for the sake of rolling just to protect a millage but, it's not necessarily in line to budgetary needs. So, my concern is and has been, and I guess this goes back to the budget, we have an accurate budget in terms of whether or not the budget needs to be rolled up. I mean, lower millage makes more sense because it's in line with what the budgetary needs are, then, I don't have a problem with that. The problem I've had and I think everybody has had, they protect the millage on the high end because, for the sake of uncertainty. It's for the sake of uncertainty. So, you have that and I just think that the budget, and this takes me back I am just kind of going full circle. I just think that our millage rates should reflect what our budgetary needs are, what we project them to be and if we project them that there is a need that is going to go up to protect the higher rate. That makes sense. If it's on the lower side, then I'm ok with, you know, the new lower rate being the new millage rate. If it makes sense. All I am saying is that, when we get to that point, that's why the need to make sure we have a good reflection. The budget should accurately reflect it in terms of what our needs are. That's my only point with that.

Mr. Trascher said, I totally agree with you Mr. Thanars, on that. Again, it's a double edged sword because, when you look at these millage's and the maximum, they were actually voted on and there's a lot of departments that say, the people approved this amount of money and we should be collecting it. We have tried to be prudent stewards of the taxpayer's money and not spend our total millage's. But, at some point, if the life of a millage, if it's 10 years or 15 years, if we loose that flexibility to roll it up in the event we did need it. When we say protect it, I not talking about taking the taxpayer's money. They've approved this amount of money for us to operate on and we have been able to do it for less by rolling our millage back and not collecting it. So, the only thing we don't want to do is loose that flexibility for maybe 10 years of not being able to collect those extra funds if we needed to. I agree with your point and I understand.

Mr. Thanars said, understood.

Mrs. Gallo said, based on the equipment that we have had to talk about just in the last 18 months...

Mr. Trascher said, we are going to need it.

Mrs. Gallo said, I can't see that we wouldn't need it and I think that this asset tracker that Chief is working on completing for us and he has already started at the highest level items, is going to highlight that and it's going to be a great tool to have available when we do go to City Council and say, this is why we need to protect our previously approved millage's.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that we need to watch our revenue because we have...

Mrs. Gallo said, and all of those are going to fall right in line with each other.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely.

Mrs. Blackwell said, is that it? Ok, we will move to Donation of Radios, Chief Dockery.

DONATION OF RADIOS – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, ok, we have a letter here from Washington Parish Fire Protection District #7, dated August 1, 2017. It says:

To Whom it May Concern:

WPF7 is reaching out to you in the event that you may have any surplus 700mhz radios. We are a small paid/volunteer department in Washington Parish that services 155 sq miles of terrain. We are limited with the resources that our tax base provides us and often look at other departments that may be upgrading equipment to assist us in outfitting our personnel.

Any assistance that your department may be beneficial to WPF7 would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Richard Breedlove, Fire Chief

Chief Dockery said, I think this falls in with that Resolution for the surplus radios. It should have all the serial numbers.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, before we read the Resolution, Chief Dockery, have we reached out to the agencies in St. Tammany Parish to see if any of the agencies at home could use these devices?

Chief Dockery said, yes, Matt Parish, Chief Parish has worked with other resident's or other departments in St. Tammany. Most of them were in this last grant for radios. Those that were not were Slidell. They have their own system for their own surplus of radios. Any other department has had radios donated already to them. So the need has been met in St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Trascher asked, does that include the law enforcement agencies, like Pearl River PD or Covington PD?

Chief Dockery said, yes, they get everything from the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department has a ample surplus of radios that the majority of departments have. That has been address and Pearl River PD also. They have some old Sheriff Department Radios.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, I just like to be sure that we take care of people in St. Tammany first.

Chief Dockery said, I understand, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, one more comment and then I will read the resolution. This, we are able to donate this because it's a like agency. The only thing we don't have is a dollar amount of the donation but we can donate to another fire department or a police department or a public safety operation. (Mr. Trascher reads the resolution)

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 ("District") was present on this date, September 12, 2017, for a properly advertised, regular meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners 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 will Donate the following EF Johnson Radios identified below:

Mr. Trascher said, there's about 15 or 20. do you want to go through the serial numbers or will you accept it as it is?

Mrs. Gallo said, no sir, we don't need to do that.

Mr. Trascher continued to read:

Now Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Board of Commissioners wishes to donate the listed EF Johnson Radios which are located at 37546 Pine Street Extension.
2. The Board of Commissioners wishes to donate the EF Johnson Radios listed above to the Washington Parish Fire Protection District 7,
located at 17380 Bill Booty Road, Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427
3. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution, those prior resolutions and actions are superseded by this Resolution.

Mrs. Gallo said, I will make a motion to approve that resolution.

Mr. Thanars said, I second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, I move we adjourn, hurry.

Chief Dockery said, no, no, your not getting out that easy. Alright, I ask the Board to open the agenda. I have two items I just received. One of them is a cooperative endeavor agreement from, I got it from Troy Dugas. From what I can read from it, it is every taxing district in St. Tammany Parish joining together to purchase homestead exemption maps. I wanted to bring it to the Board. I feel that it should be a Board issue or a vote to approve this.

Mr. Swann asked, a homestead exemption map?

Mr. Trascher said, yes. This is not on our regular agenda. In order to discuss it, we are going to have to open the agenda. Before we open the agenda, is there be a purchase price in this?

Chief Dockery said, it will come straight out the ad velorem tax. The department will pay nothing, then the Sheriff's Department will take it strictly out of ad velorem tax per district. I ask that y'all just look over it and if you open the agenda just look over it.

Mrs. Gallo said, how do we vote on something we don't have an amount on?

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me, Chief Dockery, if I may ask, if you are just going to present this to the Board tonight for review we wouldn't necessarily have to open the agenda . You can just get copies for the Board members and we could include it on our next meeting.

Chief Dockery said, yes, no, I'm not, this is not a life or death thing.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, that's why I asked about opening the agenda for us to vote on something that we don't know what it's going to cost.

Chief Dockery said, we just received it day before yesterday, so.

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chairman, it's up to you.

Mr. Swann asked, why do we need that? Why do we need that?

Chief Dockery said, the assessor's office is wanting to use it to find any homestead exemptions that are faulty.

Mr. Swann said, shouldn't they pay for it? They the ones with a problem with it.

Mr. Thanars said, it's for the tax assessor, not necessarily for the fire district.

Chief Dockery said, it's every taxing body. From drainage to the mosquito control.

Mr. Trascher said, they are splitting their cost.

Mr. Swann said, but you will never use it, you just pay for it.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, we got it.

Mr. Trascher said, we will review it for the next meeting.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if you can make copies and give it to everybody before they leave?

Chief Dockery said, before y'all leave I will have copies for you. One other thing, we can probably adjourn and do this afterwards, so. It's just an agreement for Moyle. It's that time of year that we have to renew.

Mr. Trascher said, to renew his professional services, yeah, we do need it because we need to approve that. We need to act on the Board unless the Chief is empowered, is there an increase? The Chief is empowered to execute a professional service contract with Moyle. If you want to bring it to the Board for approval, we will need to on the agenda because, again, we will be approving funds for it. I'm sorry, I may be talking out of line.

Mr. Thanars said, no, I agree it needs to be on the agenda. I just want to review the contract.

Mr. Trascher asked, would that be something that you would like to present to us this evening, Chief Dockery? We don't have to approve it tonight but we will have the contract available for review and we can put it on the next meeting agenda.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I just let him know. I just received this yesterday.

Mr. Trascher said, I am sure we are going to have 30 days to do it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, can you make copies of this to, as well?

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, Chief

Chief Dockery said, that is all I have.

Mr. Trascher said, now we adjourn. Nobody else has anything to say?

Mrs. Gallo said, Madam Chair, before we adjourn?

Mrs. Blackwell said, I think Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo has a lot to say. Hurry up and adjourn.

Mrs. Gallo said, I would just like to share a paragraph or so with you. I shared with Mrs. Blackwell before the start of the meeting:

I am offering a letter of resignation from the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11, Board of Commissioner's due to an increase of travel requirements with my employer, I will miss numerous of our regularly scheduled meetings in the coming months and unable to reasonably fulfill my duties, commitments and responsibilities as a member of the board and Treasurer for Fire District 11. The regularly scheduled meeting on October 9, 2017 will be the last meeting that I can attend.

I am grateful for the opportunity that I have been given to serve my community on this board. I have come to know fine men and women who selflessly serve the Pearl River area, and it is heart-warming to know that our citizens are in the fine care of the firefighters at Pearl River District 11.

Mrs. Gallo said, so, I will work with Chief with Jeff Moyle's office with the items that we have outstanding and I will be at next month's meeting but, that's the last one through the end of this year and going into next year that I will be able to attend with the travel schedule that I have been assigned. I am going to be working on covering part of our Oklahoma district for work for a period of time. So, it's just become too much. I won't be able to be here. I'm sorry to leave you guys but, I think we have accomplished a lot and I am grateful to all you. I think we've come a long way. We've learned a lot, we've grown a lot. I am ecstatic to see the asset tracker get on pace because I think that's going to answer a lot of questions moving forward. I will stay in touch with the board and will be available to sign checks, of course, through the end of this period. That's all I have.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Mrs. Gallo. We hate to see you leave. We appreciated the time that you have been here and your thank you for your assistance.

Mr. Swann said, I hate to see you go.

Mrs. Gallo said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chair, Mrs. Gallo, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure serving with you on the board. I think you brought a lot of assets to the table and you have opened a lot of eyes and you have taught us a lot too. I really enjoyed it and I am very sorry to see you go. I wish I would have adjourned before you got this out.

Mr. Thanars said, I second that.

Mrs. Gallo said, thank you and it's been my pleasure. It has.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, now we have to find a replacement so we have any recommendations?

Mr. Trascher said, one other quick question. Has the department conducted it's election for the Civil Service Board member?

Chief Dockery said, not yet but we are in the process of it but, it hasn't been completed. So, we are ...

Mrs. Blackwell asked, how long does it take?

Mr. Trascher said, we do have one of our Civil Service Board members this evening. Mr. Finger, thank you for coming out.

Chief Dockery said, we are waiting for Sid to speak with Civil Service and get the process started with his resignation from them if he needs paper work to give to them.

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, the video wasn't his resignation? We don't have a letter or anything? Because it's only 90 days from the resignation. With him saying that on video, that would make him resign that night.

Chief Dockery said, ok.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do you understand what I am saying?

Mr. Trascher said, the department has expressed that they had needs for the board to convene and take care of some business.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, we have two members but I don't think anything has been conducted yet.

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, I mean, did he resign that night or does he have a date in mind that he's resigned?

Chief Dockery said, technically, I think he resigned that night..

Mrs. Blackwell said, that night. We only have 90 days.

Chief Dockery said, whether or not that is acceptable for resignation...

Mrs. Blackwell said, he would have to have a letter to date with that day of resignation.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so...

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, from that day forward, they only give us 90 days.

Mrs. Gallo asked, to fill the spot?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, and then that meeting has to happen every quarter, is it, at a certain time. So, we have not had a meeting in many quarters.

Mr. Trascher said, in a year.

Chief Dockery said, probably a year.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, we're out our whole... what are they going to penalize us. What is the next thing.

Mr. Thanars asked, that date is the effective date, having him sign it.

Chief Dockery said, we can do that.

Mr. Thanars said, and that would do it to move.

Mrs. Blackwell said, forward.

Mr. Thanars said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, because the board needs representation. The board can convene because it has two members but, we have to get back on track because they have to deal with salaries and they have to deal with a lot of issues and they not dealing with them.

Mr. Thanars said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, I'm sorry, that wasn't on the agenda, I just wanted to ask the question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Chief Dockery.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, if there is no further business, I move we adjourn and let Mrs. Gallo leave.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, all in favor, Mr. Don Thanars?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Eugene Swann?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion adjourned, I mean, motion carried, meeting adjourned.