



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on April 10, 2018
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everybody read and approved the minutes from the March 13th, meeting?

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

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, no, I haven't read them.

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

Mt said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Has everybody read and approved the March 27th meeting? That was a Special Meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I have reviewed the minutes and they also seem to be in order and I would move that we approve them, with the video governing. There was a section of the meeting that was in Executive Session which, of course, will not appear in the minutes.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, I haven't read them.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Thanars, do you second the motion?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and Mr. Russell, we understand that you haven't read them yet.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you. Motion carries. Ok, we have one more Special Meeting. Has everybody read and approved the March 30th meeting? Also, it was in Executive Session so that part will be exempt from the meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I've reviewed the section of the that were proper. They seem to be in order and I would move that we approve them, with the video governing.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Thanars, do you second?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Russel?

Mr. Lindsey said, I haven't read them.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Let's move to the Financial Report, I see we have, well, Chief Dockery we will let you go but, thank you for coming out from Mr. Moyle's office.

Mr. Robert Gowan said, thank you for having me and if anyone here has any questions for our office, feel free to call us at anytime. If Jeff is unavailable, my name is Bobby Gowan and I will be happy to help you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you. Chief Dockery, do you have anything?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will let you go first then, if he has anything, he can (inaudible).

Chief Dockery said, I don't have anything other than what he would have.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Mr. Thanars said, Madam Chair, I have a question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, sir.

Mr. Thanars said, Mr. Gowan, my question is really a contractual one in terms of a representative from Mr. Moyle's office being present at the Board Meeting to present. Are you all going to be able to, in the future, insure that we have a representative to provide updates on where we stand with respect to our finances?

Mr. Gowan said, yes, we can provide one if that's the Board's request. If they would like it quarterly or at every meeting? It's going to be your decision. We would be more than happy to attend.

Mr. Thanars said, I believe, and I am not looking at the contract but, I believe it says quarterly at this point.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, I just think it would add to value and to be able to answer some of the detailed questions about where we are, given a point in time. You can just take that back and just to make sure that happens. Thank you.

Mr. Gowan said, absolutely.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Chief Dockery?

Chief Dockery said, alright, I have the finances. As you see our ad velorem tax is on 99.15% so, we are near maxed out on ad velorem. We are still waiting to take in for State Revenue and Fire Insurance. That usually comes at the end of the year. We are looking at being around 25% right now for Re-occurring Purchases. The only other one standing out, like I said before, would be number 81, which is line item 6630, which is the telephone. It had a lot of up front cost, but we will have repayment to it. Everything else though, looks to be running in line with our budget at this time. I don't know if, I talked to Mr. Bobby on a few things on changing this form up a little bit. If the Board has any suggestions, anything that you would like to see, please make note of it and I will let the CPA know. If you need bigger print, any other details. I have actually asked for a percentage. A target percentage for each one to give us a quick glance of where we need to be or should be. So, in the future that will be added to it. Mr. Bobby, do you have anything?

Mr. Bobby Gowan said, no, not at this time. Jack has definitely worked well with our office and getting this report together.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you and thank you, Chief Dockery, for doing that. Is that all you have for the Financial Report, Chief Dockery?

Chief Dockery said, Mr. Don has a question.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Don?

Mr. Thanars said, just an application, you said the front end, you said charges on the telephone?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars asked, what triggered that?

Chief Dockery said, it was switching to a different company.

Mr. Thanars said, ok.

Chief Dockery said, we had to purchase the phone, so the phone will be paid back through myself and Chief Parish. That's the upfront cost of it. We got that and just the set up fee for our different tablets for the trucks, it's just a set up cost.

Mr. Trascher said, am I to understand that you are going to pay for the phone personally? Which phone is it?

Chief Dockery said, it is a department contract but it will, the phone will be paid personally by myself and Chief Parish. We are allowed that allowance but we will purchase the phone to take the burden from the department.

Mr. Trascher asked, is it a specialty phone or...

Chief Dockery said, it's just a regular...

Mr. Trascher said, cell phone?

Chief Dockery said, cell phone. It's just on a network that will I give us priority over everyone else.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, I remember you talking about that at the last meeting. So, this is where you get priority utilization of the service during an emergency, right?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, ok. So, why is it that you have to or needing to pay for it personally though?

Chief Dockery said, well, I am paying personally for the phone, not the service.

Mr. Thanars said, the phone, not the service.

Chief Dockery said, not the service, just the phone. The department will pay for the service. I am just paying for the phone cost. The upfront cost for that.

Mr. Thanars said, correct.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does that clear everything up Mr. Thanars?

Mr. Thanars said, yes. Thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Chief Dockery, do you have anything else for the Financial Report?

Chief Dockery said, I do not.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, can we move to the Chief's Report now and the EMS Report?

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the Chief's Report, the month of March, 2018

EMS	69
MVA	4
VEHICLE FIRE	1
COOKING FIRE	1
BRUSH/GRASS	3
SERVICE CALLS/GOOD INTENT	8
DISPATCHED/CANCEL IN ROUTE	2
TOTAL	88

Chief Dockery said, I have on here the 2018 Audit. That is going on as we speak. I am working with Mr. Bobby and Jeff to have this information. The auditor, I spoke with him yesterday. He will be coming to the station on the 18th and 19th to do his filled work. He said, it should only take the two days that he is here. So, I just wanted to give you all an update, it is in the works right now. I haven't heard anything yet on the Act 774. Of course, that audit will come a little later but will be with the same company being that we usually have to General Audit CPA for that.

Also, I have on here, FDIC, myself and Chief Parish will be out of town April 22 through the 28th. I will have Mitchell Geissler and Roy Smith will be around the Station. Roy is one of our Captains and Mitchell, right now, is acting Chief of Op's. So, we will be out of town that week. If anything is needed, please refer to...

Mr. Trascher asked, what is the purpose of the trip?

Chief Dockery said, this is a training conference. I have a lot of different classes and hands on events.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and you said that's you and who else is going?

Chief Dockery said, Chief Parish.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Chief Dockery said, and just for the EMS side of it. For the month of March, the department

brought in \$15,163.22, and that is minus a patient refund of \$270.00. So, with the budget right now, the budget doesn't show it because I have to go make a deposit, but we are on track right now for the \$168,000 being that we are at 25.49%. So, we are on the money as of right now for EMS services which is great. It's an unusual feeling so it's nice to have that feeling.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that is nice. That's a nice number for a month.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, because we are one fourth of the year and we are 25% at budget, so.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have for that part.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief Dockery, you had mailed out some, emailed some insurance information I think for Mr. Case or Mr. Case provided some information for us?

Chief Dockery said, Mr. Case did you?

Mr. Case said, yes sir, we sent one, an email and put a little note on it to, please pass it to the Commissioner's.

Chief Dockery said, ok, I will have to look.

Mr. Case said, I didn't have the phone numbers or anything.

Chief Dockery said, I will have to look. It may have been sent to my other one.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, I noticed it wasn't on the agenda. I don't know if we came up for that. If it would be proper, I would move to open the agenda to let Mr. Case review some of the information.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do you second?

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, floors open.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, Mr. Case, would you like to come up?

Mr. Case said, sure. I will probably call on my trusty adviser back there, Mr. Keith. Chief, Commissioner's, thank you for the opportunity to be here today. The Chief was kind enough to send us, and it was public record, the competing proposal and I am sure the other person asked for it to which is standard. We looked at it and we realized something really important and that's the fact that theirs did not include the full accident program that we have with ours. And so, if you don't mind, let me read what you all didn't get. If you don't mind Chief, this is what we sent and it says:

Dear Chief and Commissioner's:

We have seen the competition's proposal. From a property and general liability standpoint, it is an adequate program. I have been in this business over forty years and their proposal appears to be a "Me Too" program. By this, I mean they have seen the program in force and made some additions that make it appear to be superior. Case in point: They offer more coverage for the than we do. That is a moot point. If you buy the amount of insurance our company has suggested, we have guaranteed replacement cost. That means that if it cost more to build than we have listed, our company will pay it.

So, the amount of insurance you got on the policy is completely moot. So, therefore, that particular thing becomes pointless. There are a number of other things like that too.

In summary I believe that both programs adequately protect you for damage to your property and vehicles and bodily injury and property damage to the general public. Both programs extend beyond the in the fact that each provides \$10,000 death benefit if your killed in the line of duty.

However, VFIS and I agree, that an adequate program must go beyond protecting the general public. They know that those who work in your profession risk their lives on a continuous basis and often are not compensated at an amount commensurate with the risk. As I said at the meeting, we are much more than a wrecked vehicle, burned building type program. We care about the men and women who risk their lives and feel that in the case of something unfortunate happening, your organization would want to go beyond the \$10,000 death benefit. We also have benefits in our proposal for accidents that are not job related.

Now, ladies and Gentlemen, this is an extensive group of benefits and I am going to ask Keith if he would, use this summary and tell them about it. I would like to also share one other thing with you. I belong to a purchasing group insurance agents that have Mississippi agents in it and we are going to have our annual meeting and I contacted the coordinator and asked if I could bring Keith down there because I thought he could make some contacts in Mississippi.

So, when I called him up he said, if it's not VFIS, don't even bring him. He said, that's the way people in Mississippi feel about it. They know that is the insurance program for Fire Departments. Keith. I'll be back up, if you don't mind, reserve to speak to any questions or anything.

Mrs. Blackwell said, sure, yes sir.

Mr. Davidson said, the note that I handed to you is what is missing from your coverage. With at \$45,000 Line of Duty death benefit, you have a \$45,000 away from the fire service accidental death benefit as well. Who do we cover as an insured? Your paid staff, your volunteers, your auxiliary, your junior firefighters, Board members and anybody deputized bystander. It could be me in a community and you have a major fire going on and I drive up and, knowing Chief Dockery, I walk up and say, Chief, do you need a hand and he says yes come on, at that point I am covered by this policy. That's all it takes.

It provides an \$11,250 Seat Belt benefit. So, if a member is killed while wearing a seat belt in their own personal automobile responding to a call coming or coming to the station to pick up a truck or a fire apparatus responding to a call, then it adds additional money to this death benefit.

The Safety Vest, more and more as we are working on and near roadways, we wear safety vest if we are doing auto extrication because we are working a accident scene and we have on bunker gear, it provides the same as the safety vest does because it has reflective striping on it and that's what it's all about, is to bring attention to our members so the general public see's them so that they don't run over them. But, if they do, and they are killed while they are wearing that vest we add \$11,250 to the death benefit.

If you have a member that is a member of the military, and they go away and they are killed while serving our country, then their family would still get a \$15,000 death benefit from this policy because they were a member of your organization.

For every dependent child that a person would have, we add \$30,000 to the death benefit. For their spouse, we add \$15,000. If they have Mom, Dad, Maw maw, Pawpaw or somebody living with them that is an elder that depends on them to care for them or provide a place for them, then we add \$5,000 for every dependent elder that they have.

Cardiac Impairment, if we suffer a heart attack while we are doing something on behalf of the fire department, whether we are training or whether it's a live emergency or just sitting around the station waiting for the next call, and that can happen. Then, we have a \$45,000 benefit that is a lump sum payment because, if we suffer a heart attack, typically a heart ejection fraction is not going to be what it was prior to the heart attack. Under our guidelines, if we are under 25% or less effective as we were or someone our age would be, then, we are considered permanently disabled and they would receive that \$45,000 death benefit or cardiac benefit because they have had a heart attack and their heart is injured while they were doing something on behalf of the fire department.

Occupational Retraining, there's a \$20,000 built into the policy. So, if you have a member that is injured and can no longer be a fire fighter but they can be sent to a school for higher learning. Whether that be a vocational technical school or a college and get a degree in something like computer programming because it's not as stressful physically. We would pay for that up to \$20,000 for a 4 year degree for that person to be retrained to do a different job and the whole time that they are going to school, the disability benefits that they receive from us is going to continue so that they are not left without income and will be able to provide for their family as well.

Your Family Expense Benefit is \$100 a day for up to 180 days.

Home Authorization Benefit is \$50,000, for their home or their vehicle. So, if something happened, something goes terribly wrong. An example that I use is, a roof collapses and pins someone and they suffer a spinal cord injury and now they are confined to a wheelchair. There are going to be some immediate things that have to happen at home and their vehicle, we have \$50,000 to take care of those items so that you as an organization don't have to go out and raise money in the community to say hey, we have one of our own hurt, we can't spend taxpayer's funds to put a wheelchair ramp and do things to their vehicle and put in a new tub that they can get in and out of. Well, with this policy we have \$50,000 to be able to do those things on your behalf.

Family Bereavement, when we have somebody die in the line of duty, when we have a spouse and children involved they may need additional counseling so we have an additional \$1,000 per family member built into the policy to be able to provide that counseling to help them with the grieving process and getting through that.

If a death happens because of a Felonious Assault, we have a line of domestic disturbance that we respond to. Somebody dials 911 and we get there in conjunction with, our timing is with police officers and something happens and one of the members is killed, we add another \$25,000 to the Line of Duty death benefit for the family member because it did happen as a felonious assault.

Weekly Benefits, \$200 a week, and that's in addition to what your firefighters would receive from Worker's Compensation which is 66.23% of their salary before any overtime. So, the \$200 makes up for what they are going to lose because they are not getting 100% of their salary.

Extra Expense Benefit is built into the policy for \$500 per month for up to 2 years. And what that can be used for is, for that person that is injured and is confined to a wheelchair and they need somebody to drive them to the doctor's office because they have not been through physical therapy and other things where they can drive themselves. So that \$500 a month can pay people to take them back and forth to doctor's appointments, hospital visits and whatever they may need.

Cosmetic Plastic Surgery, if you have a firefighter get burned, which is always possible, there's a \$25,000 benefit in addition to the Worker's Compensation so that we can help to

restore them to as close to what they were before the burn injuries occurred. So, you can see that there is a lot of tremendous coverage's that were not proposed in the other proposal. Any questions?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any questions? Does anybody have any questions, Chief Dockery? Anybody in here?

Chief Dockery said, no but, I would just like to apologize to Mr. Case. I didn't, I just bypassed it and just ran across it.

Mr. Case said, I will go check in my office, it could have happened in there too, so.

Chief Dockery said, no, I've got it.

Mr. Case said, I would like to close by saying that all of these benefits are not on the other proposal and I want to emphasize that we feel a true program for these guys that do the job that they do, needs to go beyond fixing the buildings and the burns. I believe that's the selling point for our program. I would also like to mention the fact that, this is important, we all pay taxes here. We are local. The Commission's go back. I think you know, my office puts a lot of money back into the community. I also have three employees, two employees that live in your district and pay property taxes. Any consideration y'all can give us would be totally appreciated. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, Mr. Case. We appreciate you coming out.

Mr. Trascher said, I believe, Mr. Case, that we need to make a decision on this by next month?

Mr. Case said, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher said, well next month would be the May meeting, here. June 1st would be...

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will have to have it done before June, we would have to sign it by June.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we either have to do it tonight or next months meeting. Would you prefer to wait until next month's meeting?

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, we will move back into New Business.

Mr. Case said, thank you very much.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, Mr. Case.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION AND LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I didn't make copies for every body. This is the same questionnaire that we have had for, I know, at least the past three years. Just the date is changed on it. If the Board would like to review it, I will make copies.

Mr. Trascher asked, is that the one that each Board member signs?

Chief Dockery said, it would be the Secretary, Treasurer and President.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, could we look at that, Chief Dockery, right now?

Chief Dockery said, sure.

Mr. Trascher said, I would just like to have a quick look.

Chief Dockery said, this is just for our audit purpose.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, yeah, I am somewhat familiar with it. I guess you filled it out.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher asked, would any body like to review it? Basically, it's a document that ask do we know of any wrong doing, intentional wrong doing within the department, misappropriations, things like that. We do have a resolution prepared if there are no objections from the Board, that we would adopt this resolution for the audit so they can move forward.

Mr. Thanars said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, if we have no objections to the Questionnaire, I would move that we approve Resolution 2018-015, accepting that document. Would you like for me to read the Resolution itself? Ok, I move that we approve this Resolution 2018-015, approving the Compliance Questionnaire.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yea.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Ok, we will move to Set Millage Rates.

SET MILLAGE RATES – Mr. Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, ok, each year we are required to adopt the or set our millage rates. I believe, Chief Dockery and Mr. Thanars, you went to the training session. I think we can adopt our current millage rates if we don't change them, by Resolution. Basically, we will keep the same rates that we collected last year, this year. Next year, the process is going to be a little bit more extensive because we have 4 separate millage's that we have to roll forward so that we can continue to collect the maximum amount. Then, we will have to collect that for one year and then we would roll back just one of those millage's because right now we have 4 millage's and all of them are adjusted down. We can roll all up, collect it and just roll one back the following year so that we only have to make adjustments to that one millage. Chief, do you have any objections to keeping the millage's the same?

Chief Dockery said, I do not.

Mr. Trascher said, you know, we will collect the same amount of money. It's not going to increase any taxes. We will probably derive more revenue because of construction or growth or something like that in the area. With that said, I would move that we approve Resolution 2018-016, adopting the same millage rates, they are listed here, as we had last year. If you would like to look at the millage rates. We had a hard time coming up with them if you remember, Mr. Thanars.

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, and after we went through our deliberations the Assessor's Office went back and changed them all to these odd ball numbers. Ok, I move that we approve Resolution 2018-016, setting our millage rates as prior years on the resolution.

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

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, I have unreadiness.

Mrs. Blackwell said, oh, unreadiness?

Mr. Thanars said, yes, and here is my unreadiness and we discussed this with our Bylaws.

It's that, when we have new business that we will present it at the meeting prior and would vote on it at the next meeting. Like I said, I am not looking at it but I am pretty sure that is the language that indicated in the Bylaws. So, when we have new business, some unreadiness, although I am addressing it here but, it applies to all business. That it should be presented and have an opportunity to dissect it and the reason why that is important is to prevent what happened last year. Is that, we had a meeting, we made decisions and, you know, iterations where we had to go in and change it because we did what we thought was proper, because I don't think we had sufficient information in order to make the appropriate decision. Not that we did it purposely, we just didn't and I think that is what the intent was to allow us to kind of, hear it, vent it, have some opportunity to go and make sure we did and so, when we actually went to address it on the floor to make a decision, that we didn't have to go back and readdress it like we did last year.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, you want to discuss it first.

Mr. Thanars said, right, so that is my unreadiness. So, with that said...

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, let me ask, Chief Dockery, is this time sensitive?

Chief Dockery said, I think the deadline is June so we would be able to review it in May if that will ease...

Mrs. Blackwell asked, would that ease some?

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so, we didn't have a second on the motion?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, we will have to put it on the books.

Mr. Thanars said, well, no, I second the motion to allow me to be able to address the unreadiness. So, you have a motion on the floor.

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

Mr. Thanars said, nay.

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. Is Set Millage Rates the same thing as Millage Renewal?

Mr. Trascher said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, we will move to Millage Renewal, Mr. Trascher.

MILLAGE RENEWAL – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, Chief Dockery, I think we have a millage that is set to expire either this year or the beginning of next year.

Chief Dockery said, 2019 Millage Key Number 1069034 for 10 mills, this was a fun adventure. I went from the Assessor's Office to the Register of Voters to Mr. Hand to, finally, I got in touch, he directed me to a Alan Offner and Melissa McCarthy. I have been talking with them. We are set for I believe, December election right now. Sorry, I just spaced out for a second. I will have to put it in the paper in May or right before May so it will run 30 days. No less than 30 days, no more than 60 days and at the next meeting I will have a verbal notice for record. We will, it will be proposed to the Board in June. I'm sorry, yeah, it will be in June, it will be proposed to the Board for the election in December.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, I believe that one of the requirements on this renewal is that we go and address the Parish Council. We have to go and schedule a meeting and appear before them.

Chief Dockery said, if we are renewing, which we are renewing, it does not have to go in front of the Council. Rolling forward will have to go in front of the Council but, renewing we just have to our due diligence with the publication. It has to go in the paper for X amount of time and it has to be verbally announced. Basically, the same process that we did last year. Because we had a new millage that passed, we had to go through that process for it.

Mr. Trascher said, you see, like I recall something that if you were collecting the maximum on the millage and you went in for a renewal then you didn't have to fill the Parish requirements. But, if you are not collecting the maximum and you put it on the ballot to renew it, that year you would collect the maximum. So, that was the roll forward, why we had to go to them, or go get their blessing.

Chief Dockery said, certainly, I will...

Mr. Trascher said, but, if you would check on that and see. Now, we are talking about December of this year?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I didn't know their was an election this December.

Chief Dockery said, he is saying November/December. This is kind of an early shot at it.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, because if it does fail, we would be able to, once again, put it on the

ballot next year as a renewal.

Chief Dockery said, we will stop collecting it in 2020. So, we are just trying to get ahead start and see how, how to fill it out.

Mr. Trascher said, that was my concern, that we are, we discussed it last December and haven't done anything ever since. I just wanted to make sure we were on target with it.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir, we are. Like I said, I am talking with Mr. Offner and Ms. McCarthy and I will contact them tomorrow and just touch base on the Council part of it. It could be one of those weird circumstances, but I know we are going to roll it forward.

Mr. Trascher said, we are going to have to roll it forward next year anyway. So, by rolling it forward and putting it on the ballot this year at a reduced rate, they may require that we come up there and ask. I don't think it's going to be a problem. It's just another meeting that we have to fit in this time slot.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok is there any other question or discussion on Millage Renewal?

Mr. Lindsey said, this December, is this a special election?

Chief Dockery said, I think it would be a runoff.

Mr. Lindsey said, I was just wondering what else would be on the...

Mr. Trascher said, the municipal elections in the Town of Pearl River are this Fall. So, I would think, they are around September, October and then if there was a run off, it would be sometime in November.

Chief Dockery said, he may have meant November.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I am thinking because I don't think there's anything in December.

Mr. Trascher said, I guess it would coincide with the municipal elections in Pearl River.

Mr. Lindsey said, ok.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, if that's all we will move to Old Business. Mr. Thanars, Review and Approve Bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW/APPROVE BYLAWS – Don Thanars

Mr. Thanars said, I am going to ask the Board that we defer reviewing and approving the Bylaws. I absolutely have not had any time to address those minor changes I was going to address. I would like the Board an opportunity to review those before we actually vote on those. It's just unfortunate that I did not have the space to address that and get it to the Board in time so that we can make a decision. So, I ask that we defer that to next month.

Mrs. Blackwell said, sure. Thank you. Ok, we have Appointment of Chief, Mr. Trascher.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, as you we have been in the process of selecting a Chief for the Department. At our last Special Meeting, we balloted and we chose Mr. Helmers for that position. It's Mr. Helmers, at this time, is unable to accept it so, he has declined the offer of the position which is going to require us to re-ballot the position. We do have ballots that we prepared tonight with the candidates and I would move that we ballot at this time for the Chief for the department.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, I am not familiar with the candidates or anything.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Just so he can see this.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, for Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Thanars you know, Mr. Lindsey, if you choose to vote, those are the candidates that are in position and if you will sign the ballot and mark your choice.

Mrs. Blackwell said, for a Talley of the votes, Chief Jack Dockery will be the Chief, if he so chooses to do so.

Mr. Trascher said, I would move that we adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the job offering with our selection, Chief Jack Dockery.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Would everybody please step out of the room.

Mr. Trascher said, except for Chief Dockery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Blackwell said, Executive Session has now ended and we will reconvene our regular meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, Madam Chairman, based on the ballot that came up with Chief Dockery and in Executive Session discussions, Chief Dockery has agreed to accept the position and I would move at this time that the paper work and everything begin to appoint Jack Captain or Chief Jack Dockery, Chief of Fire District 11.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Welcome aboard Chief Dockery.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief Dockery, congratulations.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any discussion or anything? Wee whoo, we got a Chief!
Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher said, a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Thanars said, motion to adjourn.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, I will defer to Mr. Thanars for that.

Mr. Thanars said, ok, motion to adjourn.

Mr. Trascher said, I will second it.

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

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Richard I mean Russel, I'm sorry, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, take it, yes.