



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes  
37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana  
Fire Chief Jack Dockery  
May 13, 2025  
7:02 pm – 7:46 pm

### **ROLL CALL**

Russell Lindsey – Present  
Ryan Dreux - Absent  
Eugene Swann – Present  
Floyd Trascher – Present  
Michele Blackwell – Present

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **INVOCATION** **MINUTES**

Mrs. Blackwell calls the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Roll is called, Russel Lindsey, Eugene Swann, Floyd Trascher and Michele Blackwell are present. Ryan Dreux is absent. Mr. Floyd Trascher does the invocation and Mr. Russell Lindsey leads the pledge.

Mr. Trascher makes a motion to move an item up agenda, the Retirement Ceremony for Tim Grisaffi. Mr. Lindsey seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF TIM GRISAFFI – Chief Jack Dockery**

Chief Dockery ask Tim Grisaffi to come to the front. Captain Mitchell Geissler says, on behalf of the Fire District 11, for your 12 years of dedicated service, we present this plaque to you for our appreciation for your service. Chief Dockery says he and Mr. Grisaffi has worked together for many years and he has become a friend and family. Congratulations on the 12 years and thank you for all you have done.

Mr. Trascher said, on behalf of the Department and the Board, we would like to thank you for your years of service to the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and Fire District 11.

## **MINUTES**

Mrs. Blackwell asked if anyone read and approved the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting? Mr. Trascher reviewed the minutes and moves to approve the minutes with the video governing. Mr. Lindsey seconds. A roll call vote is called, all in favor, motion carries.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief Dockery presents the Financial Report for the month of April, we are looking for 33% target range. The monthly bills are within range. The only thing standing out is Small Motor Maintenance, we had to purchase hoses for our extrication equipment. This will even out through the year. Everything else is within the range.

Mr. Trascher points out that this is a one time purchase and as we go along through the year, this will be back in range of where it needs to be.

### **EMS REPORT**

The EMS brought in \$28,162.52, for the month of April. Mr. Trascher notes that is quite an accomplishment for the month and is well within our projections and exceeds our expectation.

Mrs. Blackwell asked if that was it for the EMS Report. No other questions, we will move to the Chief's Report.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery**

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

EMS	44
MVA	3
VEHICLE FIRE	2
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	12
TRASH/GRASS FIRES	1
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	8
POLICE MATTER	4
TOTAL	74

### **SERVICE 111 IS BACK**

We did get Service 111 back a couple weeks ago. We've got to run it for approximately 500 miles and have them come out and they will recheck the torque on the suspension. We also have Engine 112 at the shop. It has a oil leak and coolant leak. I have a couple other items also to have checked. I am waiting on an estimate from the punch list to bring to the Board for these repairs.

## AUDIT FOR 2024

The audit for 2024 is complete and there were no findings of concern. They would like to meet with a couple of Board members to go over it or they can come to the Board meeting in June meeting. The Board can decide which way to proceed.

Mr. Floyd ask what is the pleasure of the Board for the presentation of the audit. Mrs. Blackwell asked for volunteers to meet with the Auditors. Mr. Floyd Trascher and Michele Blackwell said they could meet and Russel Lindsey is also available if needed. Chief is asked to set a time for them to meet with the Auditor. Chief will contact them tomorrow to set a time.

## STATION 111 RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The architect has sent pictures to the company for the electric, plumbing and mechanical. I am waiting to hear back on that.

Mr. Trascher if there is information about the living quarters for Station 111. Chief has not hear back from an email he sent and will check back on it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### INSURANCE RENEWAL – Floyd Trascher

Last month we had a presentation from Mr. Rosenbaum who gave us several options. The current plan has an increase in cost but, to change our plan, it would not be beneficial to our employees. I move that we approve the renewal for the current plan that we have so we can provide these valuable benefits to the employees. Mr. Lindsey seconds.

Mrs. Blackwell calls for a vote with three Yeas, no nays. Motion carries. Mr. Trascher reads Resolution Number 2025-009 into the record approving the renewal of the insurance plan with Blue Cross Connect.

### AMBULANCE UPDATE – Chief Jack Dockery

A couple months ago we discussed purchasing a new ambulance and we have a couple of quotes back for that purchase. Frazer, Ltd. In Houston, TX sent some quotes back that are in the range of \$300,000.

I also had Siddons-Martin, a gentleman has a demo unit that he will bring by this week for us to see and it is ranging in the \$290,000 range.

We are still actively looking into this purchase because it will take some time for us to get it if we have it built. If we purchase one already built, it would be quicker. We put around \$350,000, for the ambulance. If we stay within budget, we need to look at replacing one of our stretcher because it is reaching the age that the company will not do the yearly maintenance on it because it is reaching its end of life. Moving forward we are getting prices for that and will check for State Contracts for that also.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## PAYMENT ON ENGINE 111 – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery directs the Board to the payment schedule for our new engine. We talked about, when we bought it, to make payments in the beginning and then paying it off. This is not due until December but, I would like to pay this unit off so we can look at a new unit. If we paid it off this year, we would save \$32,918, in interest payments. This would not hinder us in any way. We have the funds set aside already.

We have time to make this decision and defer this for a month or two, then pay it off to save money in interest. We can give it consideration at our July meeting so we can take action.

Mr. Trascher would like to thank Chief Dockery for making an appearance for us at the Parish Council meeting for our millage renewal. He was pressed about our Department was too rich and the Chief worked diligently to give them a presentation to explain our funds are located for projects. The department has managed the money properly and set aside to do these without borrowing money and paying interest to do necessary purchases and renovations. Because of Chief's presentation, they unanimously approved our request to put our millage renewal on ballot.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Blackwell ask for any other comments and thanked everyone for coming in tonight for the meeting and thanked Tim Grisaffi for his years of service. Mr. Trascher thanks all the department members for showing up for the meeting and thanks Tim Grisaffi for his service with the department.

Chief Matt Parish he wanted to comment on something. As you know, Mr. Impastato and Mr. Tanner were hard on the Chief but he got the information they needed. The Assessor is trying to push the homestead exemption which would devastate us. Also, we will no longer be getting a grand recap. We will only get the numbers from the assessor at the end of the year. The Homestead Exemption is also a concern for our department. October is coming up for elections and we need to stay diligent.

## MOTION TO OPEN THE AGENDA

Mr. Swann would like open the agenda to add Information about the Well Pump. Mr. Lindsey seconds the motion. A roll call vote was called, three Yeas, motion carries

## WELL PUMP INFORMATION – Eugene Swann

Mr. Swann said that we are looking at an additional \$43,750, to get this to work like it was suppose to when we installed it. Mr. Lindsey said it's a good system but we are waiting for information on the power for this system. This system will do what we need it to do we just have to get the right power supply for it. We will need to put a slab and if needed the pipes going to the front of the station. This is a proposal that needs additional information. Mr. Lindsey will work on clarifying all of the information that this includes with this company.

Chief Matt Parish asked about the what we are trying to do and Mr. Trascher explained this is 3 phase put in that will tie into our system and deliver water to the front of the station (500 gallons per minute). This will include a step up transformer.

Chief Parish said before we spend any money, this will not benefit us for PIAL. It would benefit us to be able to fill here. There are gas pumps that we can use to fill that we would have to manually start.

Mr. Trascher asked if he has a different alternative, please send it to the Board for consideration.

Options were discussed to consider and will investigate any other options that will deliver the amount of water needed.

Mrs. Blackwell asked if there were any other questions. With no questions, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Lindsey makes a motion to adjourn, Mr. Trascher seconds. All in favor, motion carried.