



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11  
Board of Commissioner's  
Minutes of the Meeting on August 9, 2022  
Fire Chief Jack Dockery  
7:00 pm – 7:50 pm

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES**

Mr. Trascher said, Madam Chairman, I would ask that we open the agenda and move one of the business items up this evening.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, the presentation for Mr. Finger, I would so move we open the agenda.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Ryan Dreux said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Agenda is open.

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to ask that you call the Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Finger, to move that up on the agenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so moved?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, so moved.

Mr. Dreux said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, so, we vote on that?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Ryan Dreux said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carried. The Certificate for Mr. Peter Finger, Floyd Trascher.

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR PETER FINGER – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Finger, I would like to personally thank you for the service you gave to this Fire District. I am going to say that when we first recruited you, and actually whipped you in to take the position, you did. You stepped up to bat and you've done well and handled it for several years. I personally want to thank you as well as the Board and the Chief, for your service to this Fire District. We really appreciate what you've done. You know, you've helped guide the Civil Service when we had problems before, to help bring it under control. Chief, I think you have a presentation for Mr. Finger? Mr. Finger, if you would, come up here with the Chief.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I have a Plaque to present to Pete Finger in appreciation for serving on the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11, Civil Service Board. Thank you.

Mr. Finger said, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Mr. Pete.

Mr. Finger said, I appreciate it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we appreciate you, thank you.

Mr. Finger said, I don't know if you all know it but they are taking everything away from the Civil Service Boards now except for disciplinary actions. I know that the Board, whoever gets it, will be able to just move along with it.

Mr. Trascher said, like I said, Pete, I want to thank you because I know when I first asked you if you would step up and take the position, I am going to say reluctantly did it because you weren't sure but, we did have confidence in you, that you would be able to handle it.

Mr. Finger said, there was a few kinks when I came in but I think we got them all ironed out and like I said, OSE has now eliminated most everything but disciplinary actions. So, all the upgrades and promotions and all that are all going to be handled through them so, it will be a lot less paper work and all to keep up with. We won't have to represent during the testing and all that.

Mr. Trascher said, I know when you started with this, we had to call for test. We had to keep up with how often the test had to be given and so on and so forth.

Mr. Finger said, I truly appreciate it and for you all who didn't know it, Jim Gurney turned 90 last Saturday when I met with him and his family, he is doing great and he told me Ray and them are going to be painting the store again down there so if you all see him out stop by and say hello to him.

Mr. Trascher said, really? I sure will because I seen him down at the grocery. You know he still makes his own groceries and all that.

Mr. Finger said, I am done with Covid so, I am offering handshakes.

Mr. Lindsey said, thank you.

Mr. Dreux said, nice to meet you.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you from the bottom of my heart, I mean that.

Mr. Finger said, it's been a pleasure.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, it's been a pleasure, thank you.

Mr. Finger said, thank you, and thank you.

Mrs. Rinkus said, thank you, Mr. Pete.

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Pete, you are welcome to stay if you want, for the meeting. I just wanted to move it up so we did take care of this in case you had something you needed to do.

Mr. Finger said, I appreciate it and I think I will just sit here and enjoy an opportunity. It may not be the last, I may come back for other ones.

Mr. Trascher said, I hope you do, we'd love to see you.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you, Mr. Pete. Okay, we will move back in line, Approval of the Minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Has everybody read the minutes?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I had the opportunity to review the minutes and they all seem to be in order and if there is no further discussion, I move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Ryan Dreux said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of July, we are looking for a target around 58%. We have taken in 95% of the ad valorem and we have actually taken in 110% of the State Revenue Sharing. We just received a check last Friday for the insurance rebate so that should be on the next months budget. We are over on our EMS Service by \$19,255.73. as of bills, the Reoccurring bills, we are running in line around 56 to 58%. Now, for anything extra ordinary, like the water tank, we put a \$10,000 deposit down on it and that went under Station 111, so of course, that brought that up to 191%.

Mr. Trascher asked, is that the slab, Chief, that's back here?

Chief Dockery said, that is the slab. They came last Thursday and poured it so, I am guessing they are going to let it cure for a time and then come back and start this process.

Mr. Trascher asked, is the ground going to be able to hold up to trucks pulling up to that with that tank that was there?

Chief Dockery said, they are about 3 or 4 foot away from that so, it's going to have to be real dry because when they came out to pour it, it was still kind of wet and they rutted up getting in there.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I said, we may have to include something in there to pave a driveway to that so that the trucks can pull up in there.

Chief Dockery said, maybe we can muck it out and get some rock or limestone in there.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, for a base. Thank you, Chief.

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

Chief Dockery said, on the EMS side, it looks like we brought in \$23,240.87, last month.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that must be geese outside.

Mr. Trascher said, it must be wet out there, I hear seagulls.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that sounds like geese.

Chief Dockery said, other than that, like I said, the reoccurring cost, all the every day bills, they are running in line with what they should be.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I see the Bank Service Charges are up 169%.

Chief Dockery said, Bank Service Charge, thank you, I was just looking at that. I went and spoke to Mrs. Wynn Williams at Hancock Whitney and they saw the error in their ways on this, the Bank Service Charge. So, they are refunding us \$2,309, from what they over

charged us this year. We normally should have a charge of \$45 a month and that is basically for our online banking and our remote deposit capabilities. So, I did speak with her last Thursday or Friday and they are refunding that money to us.

Mr. Dreux asked, did they fix the issue?

Chief Dockery said, yes. They did fix the issue. Also, in speaking with Mrs. Wynn, our 5 year contract is coming up in October so, she is putting together a new contract along with some other fire districts. I know District 1 banks with then also. She has stated that the 1.5%, I think it's 1.5, interest rate that we were getting we probably will not get that again. But, as soon as she gets something together she will give it to me and come in and talk with us to see if we want to stay or...

Mr. Trascher said, Capital One has been raising their interest rates on CD's.

Chief Dockery said, I told her we welcome her to come in and talk to the Board when she got something together and we will go from there on it. But, just to give y'all a heads up that it is coming up, in October I believe she said.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are there any other questions for the Financial Report?

Mr. Lindsey said, do we, what is the update on the truck and did we already put, I can't remember if we put money out towards that truck.

Chief Dockery said, which one, the new engine?

Mr. Lindsey said, no, the pickup.

Chief Dockery said, oh, the pickup. We have not put money out towards it yet and he said, we talked to him last week and he said, call him back in 3 weeks.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, it's getting close?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's getting closer.

Mr. Lindsey said, but we didn't put a deposit or nothing.

Chief Dockery said, no, that money got put back into the restricted account last year being that it was so far out.

Mr. Lindsey said, which was what, \$43,000, from what I remember

Chief Dockery said, somewhere around that.

Mr. Swann asked, what is this?

Mrs. Blackwell said, that is something the Chief gave us. I think it goes with this.

Mr. Swann asked, it's not something I have to sign?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, I think it goes with this.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I will get to that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, let's go on to the Chief's report.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, okay, for the month of July, we had:

EMS	91
MVA	6
VEHICLE FIRE	1
GRASS FIRE	1
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	12
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	11
FALSE ALARM	5
POLICE MATTER	2
TOTAL	129

**ENGINE 11, MEDIC 111 AND MEDIC 112 – OUT OF SERVICE**

Chief Dockery said, it was a busy month. Engine 111, Medic 111 and Medic 112 are out of service at the moment. Engine 111 has an internal coolant leak. It's at Cummings Smith South right now. They are waiting on a part to come in. It's something to do with the turbo and some other component. It's not a head gasket, thankfully, but it does have an internal coolant leak that they tracked down and found it to be that. So, they are repairing it right now.

**MEDIC 112**

Medic 112, it burned up the air compressor for the air suspension last Wednesday.

Mr. Trascher asked, for the what Chief?

Chief Dockery said, for the air suspension on the truck, it has an onboard air compressor that fills the tank for that. It burnt up last Wednesday and of course, it's 2 months out of warranty. I ordered the new pump and got it in but, finding that the pressure switch is not working correctly. I ordered the switch and it should be in Thursday and that should mitigate that issue with that truck.

Chief Dockery Continued, while that one was out we went into our reserve truck, which is Medic 111, and while responding to a call, they stopped and had smoke bellowing out the rear end of it. So, it has a bad bearing in the rear end. I had it towed over to Hendricks and they are working on it right now. So, it seems like it's nothing simple lately. It's just been kind of catastrophic after catastrophic so, we are making due with what we can. Thankfully, we have been talking with Acadian and they have been gracious enough to kind of lend us a truck with just a basic on it. So, we have been using our paramedic to ride on that truck to be able to still respond to this area. Kind of like, I scratch your back, we'll scratch, you know.

Mr. Trascher said, I noticed Acadian over there.

Chief Dockery said, hopefully, by Thursday I can have our other unit up and go from there on the rest of them.

Mr. Trascher said, you've had a stroke of bad luck. Is it anything to do with maybe lack of maintenance?

Chief Dockery said, no, these are just best catastrophic failures. It's nothing to do with PM, it's just...you can't see a bearing in the hub, or the axle. It's just what it is.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, well if it's, if it didn't have oil in it, it's going to burn up.

Mr. Lindsey said, we haven't had that reserve that long anyway. We don't know that much about the vehicle and we got a good deal on it.

Mr. Dreux asked, it's a used vehicle?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, it's just a old, it's just a reserve.

Chief Dockery said, it's not PM wise, PM we have been keeping up on, it's just kind of out of the blue, weird failures.

Mr. Trascher said, gremlins.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do we have an idea on the cost of Engine 111 is going to cost?

Chief Dockery said, Engine 111, I think they gave me a cost of, it's going to be around \$5,300, for it.



Mr. Dreux asked, that's the compressor and the switch?

Chief Dockery said, no, no, that's for the Medic Truck. The compressor itself is was \$1,100 and the switch was \$15.

Mr. Trascher said, (inaudible) dollar.

Chief Dockery said, yes. So that being said, this nice piece of paper in front of you all, this is just a sample resolution. This is nothing for us to sign right now. I spoke with the gentleman at Fire Recovery USA, very nice gentleman. We have been back and forth with email and zoom and this is a program that he has offered to Fire District's 1, 9, 12 and 13. They have different areas to where, if we chose to look into, we could. I think we are looking more along the lines of the motor vehicle accident or the motor vehicle incident. Being some of these could be out of District residents. In a simple version of it, we could have it set up to where, when we get back to the station and put our report in our reporting system, they can draw off of that automatically and do the leg work and bill the insurance company. Their fee is 22%, of what we collect. There is no cost to us other than what they collect from us so, we are not missing anything from it.

Mr. Trascher asked, now, are they going to collect? Is this for the motor vehicle accidents?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann asked, this is the same that we were talking about?

Chief Dockery said, the same that we were talking about, yes. Now, they gave me a sample resolution for you all to look through and it's got different levels to it. I guess what ever we want to put in there or take out, we could. Level 1, Motor Vehicle Incident, \$546.

Mr. Dreux asked, Chief, is this something like, if you all respond to a motor vehicle accident, the insurance company gives you some money for responding?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Dreux said, I never heard of that.

Mr. Swann said, they have been doing that for several years.

Chief Dockery said, so, they can go into a lot of things, fires, structure fires, hazmat, even medical. Think what we are talking about is just strictly motor vehicle accidents because the homeowners already pay for fire protection.

Mr. Lindsey said, that would be my whole thing. I would be willing to review it and everything but, I wouldn't want to do cost, I would want to make sure for myself that our homeowners isn't charged any additional fee. If we can get it from the insurance, that's fine but, if it's going to cost a homeowner out of their pocket for any of the services that we are already charging

the millage rate for, I myself would not be on board.

Mr. Trascher said, I totally agree, I agree.

Chief Dockery said, I just ask that you look over this...

Mr. Trascher asked, the medical billing, what is the percentage we pay now?

Chief Dockery said, I do not have that at the moment.

Mr. Trascher said, I was just curious and I see they do medical billing. Is that also 22% of what they collect?

Chief Dockery said, I would say probably so but, I can double check on that but he gave me for the motor vehicle side, it's 22%.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think we pay that much now.

Chief Dockery said, I doubt it.

Mr. Trascher said, and if we are satisfied with the service we are getting on that...

Chief Dockery said, yes, the company that we have now, ESO, it's Insite Billing. It's painless, in a sense.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, they don't have anything like this, do they?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell said, just asking.

Mr. Trascher said, and certainly the motor vehicle accidents, it's no cost to the Department and it would be on who ever is in the accident with the insurance card.

Mr. Dreux said, you have to look at if there is somebody hurt in the accident compared to if you respond and there are no injuries. Do you still get money on that type of response?

Chief Dockery said, like I said, I think they have different levels there of, let me find it.

Mr. Dreux said, you know, if they put them I the ambulance

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if they have to transport, treat them medically. Well, I would think that, and this is just me thinking out loud but I would think that whatever services were provided they would have to bill for and they would get that from the sheet. So, if you just responded, went out there and you know, just basically made a response and made a minimum charge.

If you had to do medical services, whatever they would put on the report to bill for, it would go to that insurance company. Chief, correct me if I am wrong.

Mr. Swann said, it says right here, interact with all at fault individuals. It's right there.

Mr. Trascher said, so that's who caused the accident.

Mr. Swann said, that's correct.

Mr. Trascher said, but it doesn't address the level of services. If you run over somebody and cause the accident then they would come to you for reimbursement.

Mr. Swann said, correct, not the guy you ran over.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, he would get off the hook.

Chief Dockery said, in that resolution, they have Exhibit A, and the first page is the motor vehicle incident levels. They have different levels, Levels 1, 2 and 3, add on services, Extrication, Creating a Landing Zone, and they have Itemized Response.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, so I guess that would be \$546, reimbursement to the District for responding to an incident.

Mr. Lindsey said, this is just an example.

Chief Dockery said, this is just an example he sent.

Mr. Trascher said, Level 2, basically, \$623, Level 1 services as well as Clean up Material, Absorbing Hazardous Material.

Chief Dockery said, I want to touched base with Fire District's 1, 9, 12 and 13, and kind of get an idea, and to see if can get a copy of what exactly that they are charging or what they are charging for and we can kind of mimic off of that but, he's giving us this resolution to each one so it's going to be close.

Mr. Lindsey said, I wonder if at any point, it put us at more liability to where we wouldn't have the protection of the "Good Samaritan" or anything like that for charging for service. Just curious.

Chief Dockery said, "Good Samaritan" doesn't cover us at all.

Mr. Lindsey said, if we are charging for a specific rescue type service, I wonder if it puts us at more liability.

Mr. Trascher said, I wouldn't think it would because we are not really charging, what we are doing, this is just cost reimbursement. We are just recouping the cost for the incident. It's not like we are coming out and setting their arm for a medical fee. This is just that, you were at fault of the accident and you cost the taxpayers of St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Lindsey said, I'm definitely on board for looking at the options for, if it doesn't cost our citizens out of their pockets for it.

Mr. Trascher said, the only way it would cost is if you were at fault in the accident.

Mr. Lindsey said, their insurance would get it.

Mr. Trascher said, right, their insurance but then they are going to raise their insurance rates and that would be the cost to them.

Mr. Lindsey said, alright.

Mr. Dreux asked, how do you know that? Have they raised it? If District 1 has been using it, maybe get with them and say, have your residents had an increase in your bill?

Mr. Lindsey said, it's a minimum cost if you are talking about your insurance raising for a \$500 incident. If you get into the \$1,000's, they will jack you around.

Mr. Trascher said, well, if you look at this they have the hazmat, if you have hazmat, it's an up charge. It depends on the services you provide and I think this is just, more or less, for reimbursement to the cost of the District.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Trascher said, what I would suggest, we need to find out when do we need to respond to these people?

Chief Dockery said, I told them I would bring it up to the Board this meeting and we would talk about it.

Mr. Trascher said, because what I am looking at is, maybe we can get a list of questions or if we have any questions, we can give the Chief a list tonight and he can check on it so he can satisfy that at the next meeting and maybe, take action. For example, it is a valid question and I am not an attorney. Would this affect in any way, our liability?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think it would. It's just a question that I threw out there.

Mr. Trascher said, and it shouldn't be a problem for the Chief to check on it. He can check with the Parish attorneys.

Mr. Lindsey said, I really didn't think it would but...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I don't think it would.

Mr. Lindsey said, but, especially, I do think it's a good opportunity for us to recoup some funds.

Mr. Trascher said, some cost.

Mr. Lindsey said, not only we are thinking our citizens but, we have a lot of people who travel through here and our citizens have the burden of paying the cost.

Mr. Trascher said, every car that passes on the interstate that we have to go out on, the homeowners, through their millage's, pay for this department.

Mr. Lindsey said, so we can recoup some of the funds.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely. I don't see where it's a burden on our citizens automobile insurance.

Mr. Lindsey said, right.

Mr. Swann said, do you think we can get somebody from Fire District 1 to come talk to us at the next Board meeting?

Chief Dockery said, I can make a call to them and see if I can have one of them here. I want to say we did this 10 years ago when Johnny Leos was here. We had a system set up to where, I don't remember the name of the company but, it was along the same lines of charging and I think we had it set up to where any nonresident of the Fire District, we pursued that charge for.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I remember something like that.

Chief Dockery said, charges such as that, it's reimbursement of equipment so, but yes, I will definitely make a phone call to have one here next meeting.

Mr. Trascher asked, is this the prices, like in this sample resolution, is this how it is basically going to work for a first level response we get and they have a number in there of \$500, we would be billing for and they would take 22% of the \$500, and we would get the rest.

Chief Dockery said, that's what I am taking it as but...

Mr. Trascher said, the level 2, whatever the hazmat response is.

Mr. Lindsey said, and I guess we will have to see as the Board, if we thought what the rates or what the Chief thought the rates should be or should you go with these recommended rates or you know.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know how, yes, they got this rate. You mean to raise what they would reimburse?

Mr. Lindsey said, well, these rates are like a recommendation from what I understand. You can make the rates whatever you want.

Mr. Trascher said, but would that raise the cost of the 22%?

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

Mr. Trascher said, if they going to pay more, they are going to charge more.

Mr. Dreux said, if you raise the price that you are charging they are still going to get more.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if we sign a contract for 22%, they can only take 22% of what you give them, of what price.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know, maybe it's a good question for them.

Mr. Dreux asked, what is this sample from?

Chief Dockery said, this is from the company itself.

Mr. Dreux said, from the company.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are these the recommended rates that you are?

Chief Dockery said, he said, a lot of them use this as a template and they go with that rate.

Mr. Trascher said, it's hard to put a, unless you actually bill it, because I mean, if the truck is there for 4 or 5 hours, that's more of a cost than just coming out there and saying everybody looks good.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, I understand what you are saying but, if your out there anyway without this...

Mr. Trascher said, you get nothing. I don't have a problem with the rates other than if you think it's not enough. A half a loaf is better than nothing.

Chief Dockery said, I gave a copy to everyone else and see what they are charging.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's what I would do.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, a half a loaf is better than nothing. I mean, we get nothing right now and I we go with this contract, you know. Now this is just for automobile accidents. This is not for home owners, home fires or anything like that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the way we want to set it up is just for motor vehicle accidents.

Mr. Lindsey said, which would include the extrication as well, right?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it's a higher rate for that.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, that's what I am looking at. I definitely wouldn't want to impose any

fees for house fires for income.

Chief Dockery said, right that's what we already (inaudible)

Mr. Trascher said, right, it's just for motor vehicle accidents and if you, what do we have for vehicles? Motor vehicle accident, we had 6 of them.

Mr. Lindsey said, a car fire is an insurance issue so, I mean, I don't see that as being an issue.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know if they would do a car fire. That would be an accident, right?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, it says it right here, car fire.

Chief Dockery said, they have car fire on there also.

Mr. Lindsey said, my thing is, it could be somebody transporting through. It's not even a citizen of our town and they take up our resources. We've had 18 wheelers before, where we spend hours and hours digging through it and they were just transporting through.

Mr. Trascher said, cleaning our roads. I am totally in favor of it. I don't have a problem with it at all.

Mr. Lindsey said, the only thing I wouldn't want to do is just anything to do with the homeowners on their homes.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I don't think this would, I don't think it would as it's purposed tonight.

Mr. Lindsey said, car fires, car wrecks, extrication, all that stuff, I think it's a good idea. It's just costing our citizens to perform the service anyway. As you can see, we are going to have to buy some new vehicles and stuff so, we need to get some funds.

Mr. Trascher said, we are going to be running the ambulance in a wheel barrel.

Chief Dockery said, it's about down to that.

Mr. Trascher said, we going to get these suckers fixed.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I've got.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, so well, Chief, we will be on line for next meeting to make a decision on this and we will put it on the agenda.

Chief Dockery said, I will work on getting some of this stuff relatively soon, and I will email it out to everybody. T at' way, you can look and see what everybody else is doing. That way, we are not coming in to next meeting blind.

Mr. Trascher said, sounds great to me.

Mrs. Blackwell said, with that being said, we will move on to New Business, Public Comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michelle Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any Public Comment? Thank you Mr. Pete for coming out and spending time at our meeting. Do you all have anything? No public comment?

Fire Inspector/Operator Mike Taylor said, I just keep my mouth shut.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, come on, spit it out, it's time.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do you have any input on this?

Mike Taylor said, what the Chief was just introducing to you all about increasing the billing? Like, billing for car crashes? Really, the only input that I have on it is, so where I come from, initially, before I transferred to Pearl River...

Mr. Dreux asked, where did you come from?

Mike Taylor said, Hancock County, Bay St. Louis. So, the county actually does this program where, if an apparatus is flying solo, like say they respond to a car accident/incident, the operator is responsible for insuring that they gather all the proper documentation for that operator vehicle and when they put it in the report, it bills the insurance company. Say we are out there for an hour, we might get \$250 for an engine. If the Chief responds, just say the Chief responded in his personal unit, the department gets like \$75. It usually goes off of an hourly basis. So, for an extended incident or an incident that last 10 or 12 hours, the insurance company bills, the company actually bills the insurance by the hour. Hazmat, it is very good to have hazmat incidents because obviously, a lot of equipment is going to come off the trucks, booms, kitty litter, etc., foam, anything to mitigate the incident and obviously all of this is very costly to the department so, it's very good to have that program in place so that we can have all of our equipment back.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, there's 2 things to that, your vehicle and (inaudible).

Mrs. Blackwell said, I like that hourly rate because sometimes we have trucks out there.

Mike Taylor said, it goes off of, it's really, car crashes are complicated. You can be there for 5 minutes or you can be there for 5 hours. So, it's tying up resources, it's tying up district resources. (inaudible) We are committed to that incident sometime mutual aid will have to come but, if you are going to tie up resources there you have to look at idle time for an apparatus and there's a lot of stuff being, you know, spent.



Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, one thing that we need to think about, in looking at this and working out the details and stuff, is, what is going to happen if we have mutual aid where we both are have a vehicle for an accident, extrication, you know. So, they would be able to bill the same automobile?

Mike Taylor said, we started it and it's our report.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, if we are coming in and Slidell is coming in, we are both working an extrication. Just make sure it gets worked out for clarification whose billing or do we both bill them or whatever. There's going to be times where there's both agencies coming in and so, who bills for what..

Mike Taylor said, just from experience wise, when that would occur, like if we where with another department and both departments billed, it was sometimes like, I know it's kind of like (inaudible) friends and say Pearl River gets the check for the incident, it would be Chief's discretion to pay the other and say they are going to split it 50/50. That's how it used to be worked over there.

Mr. Lindsey said, it just needs to be worked out ahead of time.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, just have it part of the contract that with mutual aid either...

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, however it needs to be. Whatever the recommendations are.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if you put out 50% of the resources and each one gets 50%. If they send one truck and you end three or maybe something like that can break it down in cost.

Mike Taylor said, it is very beneficial to have recovery cost.

Mr. Trascher asked, Chief, on the building, the gutters on the building here, how is that coming?

Chief Dockery said, yeah, that's a... I got the metal and the screws, the metal to extend it. It cost \$150. I planned on getting up there today but mother nature...

Mr. Trascher said, you are going to do it or...

Chief Dockery said, we are going to do it. It's probably going to take a couple of hours to run it and screw it down.

Mr. Trascher said, didn't we pay them to do that?

Chief Dockery said, it was in the contract to put flashing from the roof to the gutter but they are wanting to argue that's not what they meant so, it's probably time to cancel this contract with them and seek someone else. We are still waiting on the color, Colonial Red, for, til the good Lord comes back.

Mr. Dreux asked, are they suppose to be painting the roof?

Chief Dockery asked, what's that?

Mr. Dreux asked, are they suppose to be painting the roof, spraying it?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, just putting gutters across the front.

Chief Dockery said, just a red gutter.

Mr. Dreux said, oh, just a red gutter.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, if we need to do that we need to do what we need to do. Turn it over to the attorneys, if nothing else. We did pay them to do that and I appreciate you doing it and taking the bull by the horns and getting it done.

Chief Dockery said, we didn't pay them anything yet but, we signed the contract back in March I think, February or March. We are in August now so...

Mr. Lindsey said, if you do decide to go through with adding a siding up there and you need any type of scaffolding or rolling scaffolding, I can do that.

Chief Dockery said, definitely, if you got some that I can borrow for a day, I would be appreciative.

Mr. Lindsey said, we set up a 20 foot walkway up there if you want. That way, you can just walk down it.

Chief Dockery said, I got a piece from them, from the company, just to make sure it's the right pattern and basically, I got it long enough where it can catch the first set of screws on the rafter or pearl or whatever you want to call it. It's going to be tucked under the old tin 6 or 7 inches if not a little more.

Mr. Dreux said, make sure you get in because of the pitch on that, they sell, what's the name of that?

Mr. Lindsey said, the tape?

Mr. Dreux said, no, it's the roll, they sell it at the roofing place and I can't remember the name of it. It's gray and you roll it out over the ridges and then you put your other piece. You put it under neath and it will seal it. This way it will seal it from the water going back through it. Butyl, that's what it is Butyl tape.

Mr. Lindsey said, let me know when you are ready.

Chief Dockery said, as soon as possible.

Mr. Lindsey said, we will just set it up in different sections and not blocking the doors and run boards across it and you can walk all the way down it.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Dreux asked, did you, to put the gutters up, did you get a drip edge?

Chief Dockery said, I did not get a drip edge.

Mr. Dreux asked, how far are you extending it over the brick?

Chief Dockery said, reading online, it said any where from 1 inch to 1 inch and a half. I've got plenty to do 3 inches if I wanted to. I figured if we can get by with more, they can cut back what they don't need to do gutters. I just wanted to get it off the brick and from behind the brick.

Mr. Dreux said, so, it's continuously pouring down the wall?

Chief Dockery said, yes

Mr. Lindsey said, so it definitely needs to be extended. If nothing else, just get it extended until we get the gutters up.

Chief Dockery said, yes, that's the plan right now, so hate for \$150 of metal to tear up \$20,000, worth of brick.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I think it's good to just get it done.

Mr. Trascher said, and just for discussion, our Capital Improvements, that was part of it. The other one is the water tank. Everything is still on schedule for it?

Chief Dockery said, yes. Like I said, they came out and set the slab last Thursday and they are letting it cure.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, we need to put the piping in and the well and the driveway or whatever we need to go with it. Then, what is going to be the next thing we are looking at for the major improvements? We were talking about this building.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think we need to remodel this building.

Mr. Swann said, we need to straighten the electric out.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, that's part of it. When we start tearing stuff out and it's opened, get the electric done.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the time to do it. That's what we can look for now for our Capital Improvements. Let's get these under control and get the tank in and then we can be working or thinking and putting together what we need to do and the steps for this building.

Mr. Lindsey said, now that the class is over I think we could do one of those bathrooms because when we do those, we can't have both of them out of commission anyway. So, we need to do one at a time. So, and that shower is little, it's a big as this book here. It's pitiful.

Mr. Trascher said, we are rapidly approaching the year end and depending on how, we are going to have to amend the budget and if we have something that we can look at, we pretty much financed the other things here, the new water well, the gutters were taken care of financially, we can start allocating money. If the bathroom is the most pressing need, we can start putting some to the side for this years budget for that because I think we are going to have a surplus.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's up to Chief but, I think that bathroom should have been done years ago. I mean it needs to be done like tomorrow.

Mr. Trascher said, so maybe, Chief, maybe at the next meeting you could give us a wish list or priority list we will call it on what order we would need to begin this remodel.

Mr. Dreux said, I have a question for you Chief. How much water damage is in there, in the front because, that's going to be an issue probably for number one, with mold an all of that.

Chief Dockery said, I've got water damage in the front office. The floor is buckling. So, we will pull the floor up. As for the rest of the station, I don't see anything. Just that one office.

Mr. Swann said, call the insurance company.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know, if we told them we tore the front wall down and that's why..

Mr. Dreux said, we need to go after the company that installed it and said, that it wasn't put.

Mr. Trascher said, no, not this building. This building was built with my hand and yours. It was built by prisoners.

Mr. Dreux asked, is that who built it?

Mr. Trascher said, by Gary Singletary and prisoner's, volunteers and just anybody who could come around and nail something up.

Mr. Dreux said, I could tell when saw the electrical panel in the cabinet. I've never seen that before.

Mr. Trascher said, it was put together. If you would have done it with Lego's it would have been more organized.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes but Chief, if you could get together a wish list of, I mean obviously, we can see a lot of what needs to be done but, and then we need to start looking towards rolling

some money towards that. Good thing is, we an extra \$27,000, from the trailer that we can roll towards it.

Mr. Trascher said, why we are looking at this now is, because towards the end of the year, if we come up, and I know doesn't sound right so, please don't misinterpret it when I say a surplus. If we are able to save funds from our budget and we have some money that is left over, we have to allocate that to something. We have to put it in a restricted account for a specific purpose. So, now we will have the wish list when we amend the budget towards the end of the year, we will be able to put that money aside and say that is going to be for this construction project.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think last year we rolled about \$400,000, a little over \$400,000, towards capital...

Mr. Trascher said, purchases, for the trucks. Yes, right.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think it was a little over \$400, like \$420, somewhere in that range.

Mr. Trascher said, we should be able to, I mean our vehicles I think are going to be, we don't have to make any major vehicle purchases. Now, had the Chief recommended it but, we have these issues with the fire station. Here an the other one, you know, that we can be working towards. Okay, with that said, I'm done, I will shut up.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I got.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, Mr. Dreux, do you all have anything?

Mr. Swann asked, what's that?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do y'all got anything?

Mr. Swann said, no.

Mr. Dreux said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well if we don't have any more Public Comment, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I would like to wish everybody a very safe, happy and healthy month and we will see you next month and I move we adjourn.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Ryan Dreux said, yes.

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

Mr. Swann said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries anyway.