

# St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11 Board of Commissioners Minutes of the Meeting on November 12, 2019 Fire Chief Jack Dockery

# **ROLL CALL**

Russell Lindsey - Absent Emile Lombard - Present Floyd Trascher - Present Michele Blackwell - Present

INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MINUTES
FINANCIAL REPORT

# **MINUTES**

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approve the minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting?

Mr. Lombard said, yes, I looked over them and I didn't see any major discrepancies, I will make a motion to approve.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have a second?

Mr. Trascher said, I will second it.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of October we are looking at 83% target range. I was glanced over this yesterday and I only saw a couple of areas that were a little high but they have been addressed with the Proposed Amended Budget that you all have in front of vou. For EMS, we are at 88%, so we are ahead of our target range. We have collected 94% of our Ad Velorem. So, let's see, I talked with, it would be number 29 and 30, I talked to John Case about our general liability and vehicle insurance. He gave me a brief rundown of the installments that we have left this year so I was able to adjust that. One of them we were a little bit high on and we went over a little bit on one of them. So, I was able to adjust that in the amended budget. The other one we are severely under on so there again, it will be adjusted with the amended budget. But, as of the regular re-occurring, everything is within line. Like I said, I worked on the amended the last couple of days and I was able to get everything within 5%. It's with the CPA and he is looking at into kind of, making sure I am within range of everything especially with the payroll taxes and payroll itself. Also, we added the Training Services to the LWCC Licenses, Building Insurance, Office Equipment Repairs, and Security. We've added that in the amended budget and we also corrected the Checkbook and CD Interest and the Dues and Subscriptions in the amended budget.

Mr. Trascher asked, Chief, the Checkbook and CD Interest, was that because we got a better rate or just something that...

Chief Dockery said, better rate.

Mr. Trascher said, better rate.

Mr. Lombard said, they felt bad for not giving it to us all year long.

Chief Dockery said, just to jump around slightly, let me find that one page. I don't know if I put one up here.

#### **EMS SERVICES**

Chief Dockery said, EMS Services, we brought in \$18,409, for the month of October. So, that's roughly \$8,000, over our base of \$10,000, that we strive for each month so, that's a welcome site.

Mr. Lombard asked, is there any particular reason for it or just good collection?

Chief Dockery said, good collection. The collections, they trickle in throughout the month.

Mr. Trascher said, I think we were a little behind last month and now probably everything hit, but they are doing a good job.

Chief Dockery said, they are. As of EMS, just from the October standpoint we are only \$20,968, off of our budget goal. So, we should reach that in November and December so, we should be right on the money with EMS collections which is fantastic. That's all I have for the budget itself.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's it for the budget?

Chief Dockery said, for the Finances, I should say.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, let's move to the Chief's Report.

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

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

EMS	69
MVA	9
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	11
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	5
FALSE ALARM	3
STRUCTURE FIRE	1 M/A District 7
RUBBISH/GRAS FIRE	3
VEHICLE FIRE	1
TOTAL	102
101/12	102

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Chief Dockery said, so, it was a busy month for us. I just want to make note that the

Christmas Program will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, at Town Hall at 6:00 pm. We will be there handing out fruit again this year and bringing Santa and Mrs. Clause to the...

Mr. Lombard asked, are they collecting gifts to give to the kids or do they do that?

Chief Dockery said, I want to say that Town Hall has gifts and such to give to the kids. I'm not sure where they do the collections for it. But, I just wanted to make note of that.

#### **CARDIAC MONITORS**

I know last meeting we talked a little bit about the cardiac monitors and we got a little more information on that. If we want to, we can talk it at this meeting or we can wait to talk next meeting when we still have a full Board.

Mr. Lombard said, we can talk about it this meeting if you got some information, we can weigh it out.

Chief Dockery said, Pam, just briefly.

Chief Little said, we are just basically waiting on some verification. There is a company that does the public bid process for you. We were previously a member of them. I found out when I started talking to the gentleman with, it's a company called Savvik, and what they do is they do the public bid process. It's nation wide. My main question was, does anybody in Louisiana use it. They said that Bossier City and Natchitoches have both used Savvik's public bid process to purchase equipment through, it was Visio Control and it's Stryker now. So, I am waiting a return phone call or email from the Chief of EMS from Bossier City to find out exactly what they did, whether actually used it and did they have any problems afterwards. Basically, what it is, you are piggybacking off of a bid that they have already done for somebody else. So, the bid doesn't have our name on it but its still, the dates on it are still good.

Mr. Trascher asked, with that said, what about the State contract? Is this something that they would bid? Because, if the State contract, if this is an item that is on there we could purchase from that.

Chief Little said, I don't believe so.

Chief Dockery said, if it was State contract we could purchase if outright but, it's not on State contract.

Chief Little said, I asked about the Sole Provider thing and that doesn't fly either.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we are going to have to get three bids and if that company can get our three bids...

Chief Little said, well, you don't have to have three bids, it could just go to...

Mr. Trascher said, well, one no bid.

Chief Little said, the Public Bid Process, and there is a stack of paper about that thick on it and I haven't gone through the whole thing. I didn't want to waste a bunch of time going through all of it if we end up being able to use it. So, if we do end up having to do our own public bid, I do have the one that Slidell used. I just have to change a few things.

Mr. Lombard asked, it will have three bids on it?

Mr. Trascher said, as long as we have the specifications, you know, if no other company can bid on it, all we need is a letter of no bid and we have three attempts where we contacted to purchase that piece of equipment.

Chief Dockery said, right now, as long as Natchitoches and Bossier City, as long as they have used this bid, we can piggyback off of it and use it just like our own bid. We are just making sure that they had...

Mr. Trascher said, right, three from them or...

Chief Little said, it's all in the paper work from Savvik that's been done already. It's hard to explain. I am just making sure that nobody else, that if they actually used it, that they didn't have any problems after the fact that it was accepted.

Mr. Trascher said, back with the auditor.

Chief Dockery said, that's exactly what we are doing, making sure that if holds up to Louisiana...

Mr. Lombard said, standards.

Chief Dockery said, yes, standards.

Chief Little said, because it may work for everybody else but not here and I don't want to find that out late.

Mr. Lombard said, excluding in Pearl River.

Mr. Trascher said, it just delays the purchase because we could advertise that we are looking for a piece of equipment and even do the bids on our own. Okay,thank you sir.

Chief Dockery said, that's a step forward.

Mr. Lombard said, and like last time, some of them couldn't bid on it because they don't have the right to it so when you bid you might want to say, this equipment or similar. I know you don't want the similar but...

Chief Little said, I don't think you can list it as a specific brand. You have to put specifics about what it has to be able to do.

Mr. Lombard said, right.

Chief Little said, that's what they have to meet.

Mr. Trascher said, and if we have another company could offer an alternate bid, but we could reject that alternate bid because it doesn't meet our specifications.

Chief Dockery said, it was just to keep you up to date on it. We are moving with it.

Mr. Lombard said, as long as you are moving on it.

Chief Little said, there's always the other option that, if it is written up as a lease, then we don't have to do the bid either.

Mr. Lombard asked, and the lease is the same price?

Chief Little said, it's not written as a purchase, it's written as a lease.

Mr. Lombard said, and the lease is the same price?

Chief Little said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, and we don't own it at the end or do we own it at the end?

Chief Little said, well, like the Phillip's monitor that we bought years ago, that was done on a lease and at the end you pay a dollar and it's yours.

Mr. Trascher said, I would just be more comfortable, even at least, to ask other companies for the lease rate because you are talking about a substantial amount of money. I know the Public Bid Laws, they have different degrees...

Chief Little said, anything over \$30,000.

Mr. Trascher said, in the amounts, right. It would behoove us even asking for a price for a lease. I am reasonably certain that nobody else is going to offer that piece of equipment, and again, it has to be with those specifications.

Chief Little said, correct.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, okay, is that all you have on that Chief?

#### **BUILDING REPAIRS**

Chief Dockery said, just another brief one. We did call the general contractor, what was that company?

Chief Little said, ECO.

Chief Dockery said, ECO, we had them come out and the nice gentleman came out and gave us a quote and I want to say it was \$38,000, somewhere up in that ball park.

Mr. Lombard said, is that the brick?

Chief Dockery said, that's just them doing it. We have to supply the brick and the siding. That's just them coming out, taking the old stuff down.

Mr. Trascher said, the labor.

Chief Dockery said, and the labor of putting the new stuff up.

Chief Little said, the way they wrote it up, we have to provide the siding and we have to provide the brick. That was for them to tear it all down, add the two windows upstairs, the sealant stuff between the siding and also replacing the gutters and the downspouts.

Mr. Lombard said, is there any particular reason for leaving brick on there? Because I tell you what, you look at Station, I don't know which one it is. It's right across from Crossgates. It's got two different color siding on it. A band at the bottom with siding and the rest of it and the drip. It's very attractive.

Chief Dockery said, the only part of brick at the bottom was just to be decorative.

Mr. Lombard said, you'll have to go look at the one there. You know how the one Airport Road looks with the brick two different colors? Do the same thing in vinyl siding. We would just have to see which colors we want to match up and the trim. They got some nice letters on the one on Steele Road and they got the logo that lights up at night.

Chief Dockery said, nothing is set in stone. No pun intended. So we are open to look at anything on this one.

Mr. Lombard said, I know Russell was going to get his wife to go look at some colors. I wanna talk to him too.

Chief Dockery said, just to kind of throw it out there.

Mr. Trascher said, get an idea for labor because I mean, we can get a price on materials. I guess this would be the labor to renovate the building.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, and you got the problem with the flashing on the brick because if it ever gives us problems, with the other stuff, it just goes right on to the ground.

Chief Dockery said, yes, but, that's all I have for the Chief's Report right now.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will move to the New Business, Audit Engagement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I approached the Board last meeting and gave you the Audit Engagement from Griffin and Furman. I would ask that we go forward.

Mr. Lombard said, it looks like it's pretty much the same as last year.

Chief Dockery said, he said it was the same price as last year. Roughly looking at it, it was \$8,000.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, around that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, \$8,223.77, is what it cost us this year.

Mr. Lombard said, and your okay with the agreement?

Mr. Trascher asked, is that the same price as last year?

Chief Dockery said, the same price as last year.

Mr. Lombard said, actually, it was a little more because he has some work to do, I thought.

Chief Dockery said, yes,

Mr. Trascher asked, does that include that 788 or 774 or whatever?

Chief Dockery said, the \$8,000, does include that too, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, he had to read all of Georgette's minutes.

Chief Dockery said, yes, poor soul, he didn't realize it the first year and she keeps very detailed minutes and so, he had fun with that one. But, I recommend we move forward with them.

Mr. Lombard said, I make a motion to approve the contract for the Audit Engagement.

Mr. Trascher said, I second the motion and I believe I will be able to vote on this. I haven't seen the agreement but, based on it being the same price as last year for the same services, I will second the motion.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Okay, we can go on to Moyle & Associates, Engagement.

# MOYLE & ASSOCIATES ENGAGEMENT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, it's just an engagement letter from Moyle. I had a couple of copies of last years.

Mr. Lombard said, I didn't see any major difference in it.

Chief Dockery said, I will nicely inform them nicely to let us know ahead of time because this actually expired September 30 and they didn't get it to me until October. Next year, hopefully, they will do it in August and that way it will give us a month to go over it.

Mr. Trascher said, maybe, also you can also ask them if they would let this engagement letter run through January 1, so it will run similar to our budget. Food for thought, they can keep the price the same, if it's going to be the same, it would just come up with our budget and it would fall right. Just a suggestion.

Chief Dockery said, yes. It was in line with the one last year.

Mr. Lombard said, no major problems, I will make a motion to approve the bid for Moyle & Associates, engagement letter.

Mr. Trascher said, once again, I will second the motion. I don't have a problem to second it based on the Chief's statement that the services are the same and it is pretty much the same rates. I haven't seen the agreement but, I am satisfied with that.

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

Mr. Lombard 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 New Business, Introduction to Amended 2019 Budget, Chief Dockery.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDED 2019 BUDGET - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, the nice rainbow sheet in front of you is our Proposed Budget. The column that is the grayish color is our amended section. The majority of the areas we actually took money away from because we didn't use them basically. Luckily, we didn't have any major breakdowns and what not not. So, we were able to move that money back to, basically, unallocated form. The couple areas in red we had to increase the funds just a little bit. In the very end, we are looking at roughly a surplus of \$309,000, as long as everything falls out correctly. Taking into consideration the \$89,000, we still haven't collected from ad valorem, I figured this up earlier today and taking that out, we would still have roughly \$200,000, sitting in surplus. I would like to make a suggestion that we move \$140,000, into a restricted fund and we can call for a vote next meeting. I would like to put \$140,000, in there. \$40,000, for renovation to the station and \$100,000, to add to what we have in there for a new tanker or tender.

Mr. Lombard asked, for what?

Chief Dockery said, a new tender, apparatus.

Mr. Lombard said, oh, okay.

Chief Dockery said, that will still leave us with roughly, \$160,000, in surplus to carry over to next year.

Mr. Lombard asked, on this budget do you have the payroll up to put the retirement system in there?

Chief Dockery said, on this one, they do not. It will be next years budget. The 2020 Proposed, I have a retirement section in there.

Mr. Lombard said, and we, I heard you talk about a new truck, is that in the new budget?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, so we will get another bite at that.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, what I would like you to do on those two, just so we will have track of them, is when you put it in the budget, put it in a restricted account for them because I want to see what the retirement numbers are, the final numbers are going to be and does everybody want to get in and there are no discrepancies. Either they all have to do it or they don't do it and the truck, we will look at that down the line too, at the same time.

Chief Dockery said, so this was just for...

Mr. Trascher said, don't we have a restricted fund for an apparatus now?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, and how much do we have in that?

Chief Dockery said, I know we put \$80,000, in it last year but I am not up to date on what we actually, if anything else was in there.

Mr. Trascher said, so we are looking at taking, and this is, the amended budget for 2019, to take \$100,000.

Chief Dockery said, yes, for right now, at this very moment, we are looking at a surplus of \$309,000. I would like to take \$100,000, of that and put it in the restricted fund with the other \$80,000, that we have in it from last year for a new tender. I would also like to take \$40,000, and stick in there for either in that fund or place it somewhere to where we can have it for repairs to the station.

Mr. Lombard said, repairs.

Mr. Trascher said, for the station.

Chief Dockery said, yes. That way, we are not trying to figure out next year.

Mr. Trascher said, don't we still have...

Mr. Lombard said, we had surplus before...

Mr. Trascher said, a fund where we had restricted \$100,000.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's roughly, I want to say about \$128,000.

Mr. Trascher said, that was for the...

Chief Dockery said, the bond.

Mr. Trascher said, the bonded debt that we had so we are still...

Chief Dockery said, we still have that and we are still

Mr. Lombard said, still in limbo.

Mr. Trascher said, still drawing interest on it. If memory served me right, I knew we still had that set aside.

Chief Dockery said, we still have that one and one that's, I want to say still has about \$300,00 in it. I will have to get with Jeff. I don't remember what the name of it was for.

Mr. Trascher said, because they said we couldn't roll over a lot of money, like we are talking about now, having some other money roll over into next years budget.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, we may have to look at that and you may want to talk to Moyle. We may have to look at putting that into some dedicated source. Maybe, like the monitors. That we can dedicate those funds and not just roll over them over to a surplus because, if you roll over into a surplus, we are going to run into a problem next year with setting the millage's. You know, they are going to be looking at us wanting to roll back the millage's. We really need to look at these funds that we are talking about rolling over and putting them in to a category for necessary expenses, capital purchases.

Chief Dockery said, they will allow you to have a fund set aside, I don't want to call it a rainy day, but in a nut shell .

Mr. Trascher said, that's a approved management thing. If we have a hurricane or a storm, you may have to exist for a period of time without a tax revenue. So, you can set it, rather than just call it or carrying it over to the next year, we can set aside some of those funds for our emergency expenses. Rather than just using the term of rolling over, have it set aside for a specific purpose.

Mr. Lombard said, and if anybody questions it, it's in case a hurricane and we loose...

Chief Dockery said, well, we ran into this issue a long time ago with Patricia Core. That revenue got held up for months and it came down to that we almost went and got a loan from the bank.

Mr. Trascher said, to exist, exactly. To say that we are rolling over is not going to set well with the constituents but, we could, the money that we have now, if that happens we need to roll back the millage's. We could put that aside and look at it..

Mr. Lombard said, I thought we had a fund set up for emergencies like that.

Chief Dockery said, I want to say that's probably the one that we have set up with about \$300,000, in it right now.

Mr. Trascher said, I thought we put that away for a fire engine

Chief Dockery said, no, last year we put \$80,000, away for the tanker.

Mr. Trascher said, for the tanker, but, I know we talked about, and I am going back several years, when we started with the surplus and Johnny, rest his soul, had the fire trucks that we had and we had, remember the asset tracker, and we were going through that some of our trucks, I think it was a 10 year life expectancy, and that we were going to need to replace something. I know we still have that station over there on Porter's River, that we need to look at maybe manning or bringing on line and that was an issue with equipment with that. So, some of our surplus or some of our rollover, we can look at putting it over to there. Put it in a dedicated source to start that station.

Chief Little said, I think maybe the rolling over part was not the correct terminology. He is talking about allocating funds and moving it to another account because they are already intended for something they are just not spent yet. So, it's not so much rolling over.

Mr. Trascher said, right, that was the \$100,000 and the \$40,000 and in addition to that, how much do we have, another \$300,000?

Chief Dockery said, well, it's \$309,000, so \$140,000, out of that and \$169,000, that we would have to allocate. Now, I would say we can take another \$100,000, and put it into dedicated fund. That would still leave about \$69,000, in there, cush...

Mr. Trascher said, cush, right because, we can always come back with the dedicated fund and pull it for an emergency thing.

Chief Dockery said, and it can be built up, just looking at the future, with the retirement thing, it can be set up to where it is a cushion in case one year it went higher than normal.

Mr. Trascher said, because, and the retirement, and we will revisit that issue later, if talking about Fire Fighter's Retirement, the whole department is going to have to go to it. So, our salary will go up on there. Now, Social Security will come out so, we won't pay into Social Security, we will pay strictly into Fire Fighter's Retirement.

Chief Dockery said, that's the one that been debated lately because some of...

Mr. Lombard said, some of them want to stay in it.

Chief Dockery said, well, some of them are saying that we still have to pay Social Security also.

Mr. Trascher said, no,no, by law, we have to pay into...

Mr. Lombard said, one or the other.

Mr. Trascher said, either a approved system or Social Security. If you are a member in the past we weren't paying into anything and by law, we had to either pay one or the other and I don't know if the department can go individual employees. I think it would have to be everybody on Fire Fighter Retirement or nobody on Fire Fighter Retirement.

Chief Dockery said, well, it's something that we have to sit down and discuss. We are just trying to get the year end items done.

Mr. Trascher said, right, but, if we go with the Fire Fighter's Retirement done just because of the cost, I don't know if we are still putting into deferred comp.

Chief Dockery said, the department does not put into deferred comp. The employees do.

Mr. Trascher said, but we are remissing that because we did say, when the decision was made to go to Social Security, is that, the department would contribute to deferred comp and at the time we were running a little short and we were suppose to come back and revisit that issue.

Chief Dockery said, yes, because, a long time ago the department did match the employee and then Johnny and them got retirement...

Mr. Trascher said, well, what happen was we had to start paying Social Security.

Chief Little said, we weren't paying Social Security at the time.

Mr. Trascher said, right, we had a zero based budget with Lola and had nothing left over at the end of the year.

Chief Dockery said, yes, they went to and they stopped and it never...

Mr. Trascher said, but, I know I sat on this Board and we did say it and Emile, you were here too. We did say that if they went to Social Security, that we would continue to put something into and matching deferred comp. So, that is something that, I mean, I don't have a problem with doing that right now. If we stay with Social Security we need to, we need to do that. We told the guys we would do and we need to.

Chief Dockery said, yes, at least match them.

Mr. Trascher said, because, then if we go to the Fire Fighter's Retirement, I don't think we would be able to afford to pay deferred comp and I know we won't have to pay the Social Security.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, and then you run into the issue with the back service, the department, I know we can't fund back years. So, it would start everybody with zero.

Chief Dockery said, yes. Everyone would start day one.

Mr. Trascher said, that would, hopefully, you bring that to the Board. At least, what I am hearing and I haven't seen the new budget yet. I just got it tonight to look at it but, you did say that you were putting something into the new budget and if it doesn't go to Fire Fighter's Retirement, we need to use at least some of that for deferred comp.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, what \$107,000.

Chief Dockery said, I want to say roughly \$107,000, I put in the next years budget.

Mr. Trascher said, so we can look, that's what I am saying, if we look at that, I don't know what the Fire Fighter's Retirement used to be. Somewhere around 30% or 35% of your payroll, maybe 28% to 35%.

Chief Dockery said, right now it's a 26% or 27%.

Mr. Lombard said, it's going up.

Mr. Trascher said, it's going to be more than what we are paying now. Now, you have to take the 7% off for the Social Security that we are paying and then the firemen wouldn't pay Social Security either because you pay 7% and we pay 7%. So, you would be 7% less than that so, we are looking at probably 20% more on payroll. Now, we could either do 20% of payroll in a matching deferred comp or the Fire Fighter's Retirement. But either way the payroll is going to go up so the \$100,000, may help offset that.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I guess I am getting ahead of myself.

Mr. Lombard said, no, but while we brought up the subject on the inventory that we were suppose to do, we never did finish that, did we?

Chief Dockery said, we are still working on with, we got Halligan program that we use for the trucks and we are using that to venture off into our other supplies and medical supplies and chairs. So, it's filling out the system.

Mr. Trascher said, it's a work in progress.

Chief Dockery said, it seems to be working very well right now.

Mr. Trascher said, but that is something that we need to look at on our fire apparatus. You know, we may continue life expectancy, whether we were going to overhaul them or you know, replace them.

Mr. Lombard said, I don't even know if you can overhaul them anymore. You may need to replace them.

Chief Dockery said, well, we are looking at a new tender and after that I will start looking at another engine in a couple of years. I think next year we stopped, we finished our payment on the ladder for \$57,000, and in 2023, we will have the engine and ambulance paid off.

Mr. Lombard said, we will be up to date on that.

Chief Dockery said, so, in the next couple of years we will start kind of looking at more trucks and looking at different grants.

Mr. Trascher said, bringing something into the fleet. We may be able to fix one now because if we were to put it at the other station, the biggest cost is going to be labor.

Chief Dockery said, right now, with the other station, 113, it's not feasible for our insurance rating. It actually hurts our insurance rating to have that station.

Mr. Trascher said, that close.

Chief Dockery said, well it's right on the edge of the line.

Mr. Lombard said, you don't get much credit for it.

Chief Dockery said, I get zero credit. Like I said, it actually hurts us more than it helps us.

Mr. Trascher said, we shouldn't have bought that old trailer. We should have told them to take it out.

Mr. Lombard asked, can we sell it?

Chief Dockery said, scrap maybe. It's pretty rough.

Mr. Trascher said, one thing with those trailers, you couldn't put it anywhere in St. Tammany Parish. That's why when we bought it, I was wanting to say no, make them move it. They weren't going to move it, they would have gave it to us.

Mr. Lombard said, that was Tim and (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, you can't even put it on your property in 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. Anyway, thank you sir.

Chief Dockery said, we will look at next month doing a resolution. Like I said, I would like to move the \$100,000, in for the Tender and \$40,000, for renovations and we can move another \$100,000, into the account for the Rainy Day Fund, just to have a name for it right now.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, get with Moyle and come up with something so that we don't have this big, because if we come up with this big roll over amount, it's going to be, the Parish people are going to look at us and say you need to roll these millage's back.

Chief Dockery said, I will get with them coming up and we will have something to where we will have a Resolution so we can have it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, like this building, we need repairs in here.

Chief Dockery said, yes, actually, I have money set aside for right now to do some renovations in here.

Mr. Trascher said, we talked about generators before. You know, so there are a lot of things.

Mr. Lombard said, and the front where you all sleep at and the electrical system and all.

Chief Dockery said, this whole thing.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, Chief, you have the areas to put it in you just need to come up with the ones that, you know the most critical.

Mr. Lombard said, just tell us which one you want to do.

Chief Dockery said, with that, everyone have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Trascher asked, now, is this a proposal you had on our budget?

Chief Dockery said, this is just the amended. Like said, I talked to Moyle...

Mr. Trascher said, the \$140,000, is that out of here now, is it on here?

Chief Dockery said, no, it's not out of here yet. Just look at the very last sheet, look at the gray, down at the very bottom. That's what we projected to have over. The \$309,000, I am asking for the \$140,000, for the tender, for the repairs for the station and we can take another \$100,000, out and stick it...

Mr. Trascher said, so you will adjust that on, next month when we approve it.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, we don't want that, throw that away. We don't want \$300,000, left over.

Mr. Lombard asked, that's it?

Chief Dockery said, that's all I got. Happy Thanksgiving, eat some turkey.

Mr. Lombard said, I am going eat some homemade soup I made.

Mr. Trascher said, I am going to have Thanksgiving dinner at Slidell Memorial looks like. My wife is having diverticulitis.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do you all want to adjourn the meeting first?

Mr. Lombard said, I make motion to adjourn.

Mr. Trascher said, second.

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

Mr. Lombard said, All in favor, say I, I.

Mr. Trascher said, I.