



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's
Minutes of the Meeting on December 13, 2022
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:00 pm – 7:22 pm

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approve the minutes from the November 8th meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, I had the opportunity to read the minutes and everything seemed to be in order. If there is no further discussion, I move that we adopt them as printed with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. 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 Dockery.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of November, we are looking for a 92%, area. Looking through, of course we still have the ones that will be amended but, as of the regular day to day monthly bills, everything is running in line with that 92% or under. So, we are looking good on that threshold. I actively started on the amended budget and putting things in that I know will not change that is already done for the year. So, I am working on that as we speak or this week, on that part of the budget. I forgot to get this one out to you all. Just to give you all an update, the Operating Account has 1.589 million. The Surplus Account we have \$137,326. The Rolling Stock we have \$799,698, and the Money Market Account we have \$1,195,207.

EMS

Chief Dockery continued, on the EMS side, we brought in \$18,848.49, for the month of November.

Mr. Trascher said, that's a good month, right Chief?

Chief Dockery said, well, as of today, I believe we were 76 calls shy of 1400 for the year. So, we have had a very active year. That's not saying we couldn't reach it by the end of the year. We are going to be very close to the 1400 for this year. I think last year we were 1,030 calls. Something like that, so, it has progressively moved up through the years.

Mr. Trascher said, okay. Chief, on the expenses here, it looks like several of the categories are somewhat high on the percentages. Like Station 1.

Chief Dockery said, yes, that was the well, the tank out back.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, so what we did, because we authorized that as an expense but we put the funds in the station to cover it.

Chief Dockery said, yes. That is one that will be amended.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, because there were several of them that are 140%, 180%.

Chief Dockery said, it's a lot maintenance on trucks. There again, that is year to year. Some years you can get by with just regular preventative maintenance and other years...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, if you have a break down, of course, you can't. The Medical Supplies were running but again, that would coincide with the 1400 calls.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the Medical Supplies, Fuel, we didn't predict fuel, diesel going over \$5 a gallon for a couple of months and there again, the amount of calls.

Mr. Trascher said, that's understandable and we will be able to adjust that. Of course, with the 1400 calls, that's why the revenue is going to be more on the EMS side.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we predicted, we budgeted it to bring in \$168,000. That's usually what we budget each year for the EMS side. As of year to date, for the month of November, we \$263,377.33. So, we are \$95,377, over what we projected to bring in.

Mr. Trascher said, right and that same projection was based on the supplies that are running over. So, 107%, is not real bad on that.

Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, on that Rolling Stock, you said it's 1.9?

Chief Dockery said, Rolling Stock is \$799,698.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and what was the 1.9?

Chief Dockery said, the Money Market is \$1.195,207.

Mr. Trascher said, we should be getting a much better rate on interest on those accounts now, right?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, because some of your Hancock Whitney Cd's have gone up some what.

Chief Dockery said, I can tell you. One second and I will pull it up for you. Our Operating Account for the month of November, which is the 1.5 million, interest \$3,621, and year to date is \$29,115.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I guess out of the whole country, that's the only thing that Biden helps us with is raise the interest rates on that.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, all of them are...

Mr. Swann said, he will get it back.

Mr. Lindsey said, definitely, we paying on everything else.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, anything else on the Financial? Any other questions, discussions?

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I have at this time.

Mr. Trascher said, I appreciate it and that's all I have.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, Mr. Dreux are you all good?

Mr. Dreux said, I'm good.

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if that's it, we will move on to the Chief's Report, Chief Dockery.

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of November we ran:

EMS	71
MVA	8
VEHICLE FIRE	1
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	13
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	8
FALSE ALARM	2
POLICE MATTERS	1
TOTAL	104

Mrs. Blackwell said, is that it Chief? Does anybody have any questions?

Mr. Lindsey said, just pertaining to the calls, I know I am jumping out of place here but, how are we looking as far as the service that we were going to sign up for reimbursement?

Chief Dockery said, we signed up with it and I started inputting the motor vehicle accidents, vehicle fires, into the system. They are in the system and now it's the waiting game to start seeing a return from them.

Mr. Lindsey asked, so, at what point did we start collecting, not when the money comes in but, at what point did we start charging? Like, was it the month of November?

Chief Dockery said, I put it in for the month of November.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay, so in the future we should get some reimbursement for the accidents in November.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, from some of these. That's all I have.

Mr. Trascher said, that's a good positive step.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody else got anything? If there's nothing else, we will move to Old Business, Adopt 2023 Budget, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

ADOPT 2023 BUDGET – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, I handed it out, I think 2 months ago. In case you don't have one, I made one copy. But, I represented this Budget to the Board 2 months ago, it's been placed in the paper and ran it's course for that time frame it needed.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, it's the same copy that we had last month?

Chief Dockery said, correct, it's the copy that was given to you last time.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, based on the record that the budget has been properly advertised and it was presented at our meeting last month and laid over for 30 days for public comment and advertised in the paper, if none of the Commissioner's have any other conversation or questions on the budget, I would move that we adopt Resolution 2022-024, which reads:

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioner's ("Board") of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 ("District") was present on this date, December 13, 2022, for a properly advertised scheduled meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner's of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), find it in the best interest of the Board, employees, citizens and taxpayers, whereby the District approved the following:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Operating Budget of Revenues for the District, during the same period.
2. The attached estimates of Expenditures for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the District during the said period.
3. The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set for and within the terms of the budget classifications.
4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the

2023 budget.

5. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution those prior resolutions and actions are superseded by this Resolution.

Mr. Trascher continued, I would move for adoption.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. 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.

Mr. Swann asked, do I need to sign that?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, right there.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2023 – Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell said, we have New Business, Scheduled Meetings for 2023. We have our next meeting which will be January 10th, and here is a whole page of meetings and a resolution. Here's a resolution and I don't know if we need a resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, I think we all have a copy of it. Madam Chairman, I don't believe we need a resolution because our regularly scheduled meetings fall on the second Tuesday of each month. The only need for a resolution would be if we wanted to change any of the meeting dates. I think they had a discussion of one of them being on Valentines day.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, that's February 14th.

Mr. Trascher said, if anybody had any problems with that or if you think we need to reschedule it, we can do that. We can do it now or we can do it in January by resolution. I

personally do not have any conflict with it but, that would be the wishes of the Board,

Mrs. Blackwell said, if anyone did not received this, we can copy it for sure.

Mr. Lindsey said, we can address it in January just in case there is any conflicts.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we can address it month by month.

Mr. Lindsey said, just in case somebody might have plans or something.

Mr. Trascher said, if you get a date.

Mr. Lindsey said, yeah.

Chief Dockery said, let's have the meeting and save some money.

Mr. Swann said, yes, your right.

Mr. Trascher said, we can suspend the meeting, whatever the wishes of the Board would be, if we have no business.

Mr. Lindsey said, or we could move it up or back as long as we have advance notice.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it can be done at our January meeting, you know to change the meeting in February, that wouldn't be a problem. Everybody will be apprised at the meeting dates.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we would probably need a resolution to do that and Georgette can do that for that meeting.

Mr. Trascher asked, what was that?

Mrs. Blackwell said, would we need a resolution to move that meeting?

Mr. Lindsey said, not until January.

Mrs. Blackwell said, right, I mean not until January.

Mr. Trascher said, if we are going to move the meeting, then we would need it and there would be maybe some discussion of the date that you would want to schedule it.

Mr. Lindsey said, so at the next meeting we will discuss it and if there is an issue, as long as there is no issue we will roll with it.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, and while we are on record, if you didn't have a quorum for a meeting, then you would put a page in the minutes that, on February 14th, there was no quorum and if the Chief had business he could ask the Chairman to call a special meeting. So, if we didn't want to postpone it and nobody showed up, that would be no quorum in there and if there was business, the Chairman or the Chief could ask for another meeting date or just let the

business go to the next meeting.

Mr. Swann said, we could move it one day. I don't think anybody would have a problem with that.

Mr. Trascher said, no, I mean, that would be the wishes of the board. We could move it to the Wednesday. You wouldn't remember though.

Mr. Swann said, your right.

Mr. Trascher said, I would have to call you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we can discuss that in the January meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, as long as we can address it in January.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, you can address it before then, it's no problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have any Public Comment?

Mr. Trascher asked, do you have any public?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no. Do we have any comments from the Board?

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to wish everybody a happy and blessed Christmas season. You know, sometimes we look back and we think that we don't have things to be thankful for but, we really do have a lot. I hope that 2023, the future is not going to be as bleak as it was in 2022. I hope that we get some good positive government...

Mr. Swann asked, they changed the president?

Mr. Trascher said, well, I hope it changes.

Mr. Lindsey said, I agree and I am looking forward to 2023, but, I am glad for the Board that we have at this point. That we can all work together and I think that our funds are going to improve.

Mr. Trascher said, looking back over the last 10 or 15 years of this Department, financially this department has never been as strong as it is right now.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we are looking good.

Mr. Trascher said, I think that we have a good crew. We are moving forward financially to upgrade the facilities. We are still looking at expanding our presence on the other side of the tracks as the area grows. I think this Department has a brighter future than it did in the past, working with this Board.

Mr. Lindsey said, and I would like to see us in 2023, address looking into approaching the facilities on the other side of the tracks about maybe donating some land for a station over there.

Mr. Trascher said, they were in the past, amicable to it. The biggest thing was staffing.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, you know, as we grow financially, Chief, that is something we can work with, to see just how we can staff that facility.

Mr. Swann said, you got several things now. Not just Rooms To Go, you have a bunch of stuff over there now.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, and more coming. You know, the Schneider Property is going to develop more.

Mr. Lindsey said, we need to prepare for that and start working towards it for that. If we can get then to start donating the land and see what kind of funds we will need and start getting ideas on the type of station we are going to need and build this the funding and build it for the future for us to grow.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, and equipment wise, you know we have been updating our equipment.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I don't think it would hurt for some time in early or mid 2023, to at least approach them and start the conversation.

Mr. Swann said, see where we stand.

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, that way, if you are on your own, get some money and buy your own land. Yes, we can deal. That is going to determine our finances.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I know the icebox plant, the Wholesale Grocer, they were really interested in doing something because that is, probably the most dangerous facility in St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Swann said, you ain't kidding.

Mr. Trascher said, that is probably the most dangerous in St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see us approach then sometimes early next year and inquire into it and see what we can do.

Mr. Trascher said, well, hopefully, some of the fires will be down and equipment up and operational. Maybe we can get with the Chief and a couple of us go with him.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's what I was just kind of thinking just now. We need to make ourselves available for this.

Mr. Trascher said, we can introduce ourselves and tell them what we have available and what we would like to do in the future. I don't want to go there like a cabbage, with all head and no rear end. We have to have some type of plan for staffing. So that we can tell them, we can give them a projection that, if we had a facility by this date, we would be able to staff it with this means. You know, it's not just a building, it's the total package.

Mrs. Blackwell said, is that something that you can do in a couple of months, Chief? Say maybe in March we can approach, end of February or March?

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, when are we going to start our awards program?

Chief Dockery said, 2023.

Mr. Lindsey said, 2023 is going to be the year. We are going to make some, we going to cook some progress in 2023.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we gonna blast out like stars.

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

Mr. Trascher said, like I said, wishing everybody and their families a safe and blessed holiday season. Of course, Chief, please extend to our Firefighters our sincere appreciation for their services to the public.

Chief Dockery said, I will.

Mr. Trascher said, with that said, I move we adjourn.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. 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.