



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11  
Board of Commissioner's  
Minutes of the Meeting on September 13, 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**

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approve the meetings from August 9<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Lindsey said, I browsed over them and everything seems to be in order.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I also and everything seemed to be in order. If there is no further discussion, I move that we approve with the video governing,

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Mr. Lindsey. 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, okay, for the month of August, we are looking at a range of 66.64%. As of our income, we collected 95% of ad valorem. 265% was State Revenue Sharing. I am still waiting on Fire Insurance Rebate. They usually at the end of the year.

### EMS SERVICES

Chief Dockery continued, as of EMS Services, we are plus \$40,687, so it has been doing fairly well this year. Now, for expenses, I have marked a few on mine. Of course, Fuel, thank goodness it is starting to come down but, it's a little too little, too late, kind of deal. That will have to be adjusted, we are at 93.81%, right now. Vehicle Insurance for the trucks, we 95.65%. I am going to make an email to them tomorrow to see when the next payment is due. I know it's once a quarter but I don't know if this is going to hit December or in January. So, I will double check on that one to make sure we fall in line. Of course, Station 111, that is due to the well being put in. That will be adjusted.

### ENGINE 111

The big hitters, on page 2, Engine 111, I had to bring it down to New Orleans or actually to Kenner. They found a couple of parts that were bad on it, a couple sensors. The EGR cooler, all in all, in came out to \$7,100. We got it back here and on the way back the check engine light came on so, they came out and looked at it and found another sensor that was bad, replaced it. We took it for a ride and he saw on his computer that another sensor was bad. So, it needed 2 more sensors since it's been here. It looks like they are taking care of the labor and mileage. I am just waiting on the cost of the 2 sensors. My personal opinion, I wish we went back to the old fire trucks that didn't have every sensor under the moon.

Mr. Trascher said, an EGR.

Chief Dockery said, but, that's not the case anymore.

### MEDIC 112

Chief Dockery said, we're at 138%. We had trouble with it early in the year, it needed new tires. Recently, the suspension pump went out on it and the suspension pump was \$1,200. While doing that, I did notice that the two levelers for the rear end, they were both worn out so, thankfully, those are only \$100 a piece and we were able to do those repairs in house. So, all in all, we probably got out \$1,500, to get the truck back up and running. While it was down, while I was working on the air system we found that it had a severe, I don't want to call it a vacuum leak because it's not really a vacuum, but we had a severe leak from the inner cooler, from the intake manifold to the inner cooler. What it looks like is, when we had the motor replaced they used any old part that they could so, the part that they had, the tube that

they had, the fitting had a cracked piece on the inside. Thankfully, after some brief words with the Service Department at Ford, they basically gave us the part that we needed and thanked us for our service. So, we were able to get the part in, got it installed and the truck is running fine. It's back up and going.

## MEDIC 111

Chief Dockery continued, Medic 111, as you know, last meeting everything under the sun wanted to break down. Medic 111 went to the shop and come to find out, looks like the rear end, the chunk itself basically exploded on it. So we got a new chunk put in, new wheel bearings, new wheel seals, new calipers, new brakes, all that good jazz. It came up to \$5,945. It had to go back Friday because, when I pulled it out of the bay there was a lake of gear oil underneath it. So, come to find out, somehow the pinion seals went bad on it. I don't know if they damaged it when they put it in but, they are addressing that problem now and we should have it back sometime this week.

The only other one I have is Medical Supplies, we are at 80%, 80.96%. As of this morning, we are at 980 calls. Last year we did a total of 1,150 calls. If the trend keeps going I am looking at around 1400 to 1500 calls this year. It's been very busy.

Mr. Trascher said, you said supplies are up, like you said, usage is up also and our collections are up.

Chief Dockery said, yes. So, everything is going to wash out in the end, it's just that, I have to adjust it at the end of the year.

Mr. Trascher said, on the equipment, Chief, is that the last piece that is down? Is all the equipment up and functional? Both ambulances?

Chief Dockery said, both ambulances, I have this last piece that is down. I do have one, I got a reserve engine that is down and we ordered a power steering pump for it and installed it and the one that we ordered is leaking. So, we have to pull it back out and send it back to Ferrera's and get a new one. Other than that, everything else is up and running.

Mr. Trascher said, the rear end seal and we talked about the pinion may be warrantied because they just worked on it.

Chief Dockery said, they are going to honor that to correct that.

Mr. Trascher said, and the sealant, right. The pump would be in there but what I am looking at is the additional expenses. Are we going to be able to move some money around within these line items to bring this in line or are we going to have to add money to it?

Chief Dockery said, I am going to take what I can out of the line items but, if not, we will have to take from whatever buffer I leave at the end of the year,

Mr. Trascher said, right, when we come to the end of the year, we need to start looking at now

which ones will be able to move to bring it to 5% and before we make any further commitment or upgrades or anything, let's see if we are going to need to use that money to put the equipment back on the road.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, okay.

EMS

Chief Dockery said, well, that's all I have for the Financial part. Now, on the EMS side, for the month of August, we brought in \$22,910.57.

Mr. Trascher said, which is \$10,000 over what we roughly figure, \$10,000, per month is what we project. Again, with bringing in that much more it is indicative of more calls which is going to require more supplies, so it makes sense. Thank you, Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any more comments on the Chief's Report or the EMS Report?

Chief Dockery said, not the Chief's Report.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I'm sorry, EMS and the Financial..

Mr. Lindsey said, as far as the Financial, what are we looking at, any idea Chief of what we will roll on the budget? It looks like from what we just went over, maybe around \$6,000 or so, so far on the additional repairs? I was just trying to do some rough math.

Chief Dockery said, that's roughly I the area, yes sir.

Mr. Lindsey said, but like under General, we got \$5,000, there but we only used \$900 of it so, we got around another \$4,000, that we haven't had to use yet.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher said, we are probably going to need, you know we got these gutters and flashing. We may run into some additional expenses on some of the things that we already took a bite of because we got the well that we are putting in. We are committed on that, we got to finish that up and then the roof and the gutters and all. What we need to do is just watch what we got and if we can move, just like you said, from those other line items...

Chief Dockery said, the well, the gutter, the Chief's truck that I am waiting for a century, all of that was put into the restricted fund to be taken out when ever that came to light.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, what I said was if we came to any overage. We put a projected amount in there but, just like we ran into the flashing, we ran into that problem, we may run into something else where we, it's going to be in our best interest to do it while we are doing the project. We can look at what we got on those line items, like you said, that might be \$4,000 that we can move and there are some other areas that we can take other amounts from and make up the difference now without touching anything.

Mr. Lindsey said, alright, one thing is also that, we picked up some money on the trailer over there that wasn't expected.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that was half of our...

Mr. Lindsey said, what was that \$27,000?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, that was a good deal.

Mr. Lindsey said, that was hit right there.

Mr. Trascher said, it looks like we are going to have enough in the budget.

Mr. Lindsey said, and we rolled like \$400,000, last year, right?

Chief Dockery said, last year, yes sir, I believe we rolled over...

Mr. Lindsey said, I think it was a little over \$400

Chief Dockery said, I am going to start working on, this month I am going to start working on this years budget with Chief Parish and the Training officer. Get that in line for next month so, but as of everyday, run of the mill purchases, we are in line.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am still thinking we are I good shape even though we had some unexpected repairs.

Chief Dockery said, like I said a couple of years ago, I don't have a magic 8 ball so, I can't just shake it and say this truck is going to have a catastrophic breakdown.

Mr. Trascher said, I was really upset when both of our ambulances were down.

Mr. Lindsey said, good thing we bought that reserve when we did for when it was down.

Chief Dockery said, yes, thankfully Acadian came through and helped us out and lent us a unit during the day and at night, then Fire District 4 was able to lend us one of their spare units until we got ours back.

Mr. Swann asked, have we made any progress with billing the insurances companies on the wrecks?

Chief Dockery said, that is...

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's going to be further down the agenda.

Mr. Trascher said, we are going to hear it in just a few minutes. Looks like we gonna hear it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright if we are done with any comments on the Financial Report and the EMS, let's move to the Chief's Report, Chief Dockery.

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

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of August we had:

EMS	92
MVA	3
VEHICLE FIRE	1
GRASS FIRE	1
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	17
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	4
FALSE ALARM	3
POLICE MATTER	2
TOTAL	123

Chief Dockery continued, like I said a few minutes ago, Engine 111 and Medic 112 are back in service. Medic 111 should be this week. You know when it rains it pours.

STATION 112

A tree at Station 11, I didn't know we had a condo and we should charge rent but, our termite guy or our pest control guy came by and the Oak tree next to the station is full of termites. So, it's going to have to go.

Mr. Trascher said, it's a metal building, no I'm joking.

Chief Dockery said, I ain't worried about the building, I'm worried about all the cars in the driveway.

Mr. Trascher said, no, obviously that needs it.

Chief Dockery said, so, I am going to start looking to see who I can find to cut it up.

Mr. Swann said, check with Maddox Tree Service. I find that he is real cheap compared to every body else.

Chief Dockery said, okay, I'll find somebody that can come over there and they already scraped it one time when they were scraping for pillions. I am surprised it didn't die then.

Mrs. Blackwell said, check with Strecker too.

Mr. Trascher said, if you can, get three bids. I don't think it will fall under, I mean over the amount that it's going take for that.

Mr. Swann said, (inaudible)

Chief Dockery said, I am going to get three bids on it because it's easier for audit time to have three bids on it. It will probably fall under but, it's just easier to have that.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think it will be more than \$5,000 or less. At least, if we got the three bids we will be good to go.

Chief Dockery said, if so, I will be out there with a chainsaw myself. It needs to be removed.

Mr. Lindsey said, practice.

Mr. Trascher said, when you gotta to go, you got to go.

Mr. Lindsey said, cut it in one inch sections if you have to.

Chief Dockery said, don't give them any ideas.

Mr. Trascher said, we can use the ladder truck to work.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I said, it's good training.

Mrs. Blackwell said, good training practice.

Mr. Trascher said, go and get them guys to cut that thing.

Mr. Swann said, they can drop it.

Mr. Lindsey said, they have to cut it anyway.

Mr. Trascher said, get those guys to cut that thing down and haul it off and be done with it.

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

Mrs. Blackwell asked, so, does this go with the Station Upgrades, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is there any other que4tions for the Chief's Report? If not, we will move to Station Upgrades, Floyd.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### STATION UPGRADES – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, well Chief, we've got several projects in the works right now and I think we wanted, the Board requested that we look at the upgrades that you feel that we need to do to these stations, so we can set a priority list for it.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, is this the list? Would you go through it with us, please.

Chief Dockery said, yes, for Station 111, I would like to get a proper measurement of the living area and kind of draw up some plans before hand for demo and construction including possible expansion of... we've kicked around the idea before of closing in the first bay and actually building some more rooms, space there. But, I would like to have some type of plan set for this before we get started. The hardest thing is going to be, number 2, obtain temporary living quarters. If we do it, if we do electrical, we have to tear out the walls to get to the electrical. We need some where they can stay.

Mr. Trascher asked, how big of an area would you be looking at?

Chief Dockery asked, for them to stay in?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, if we can find one of them little mobile office things.

Mr. Trascher asked, like a FEMA trailer?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, how many people do we need to sleep in it?

Chief Dockery said, 2.

Mr. Trascher said, so it may be in our best interest, when we reach to that point, to look into at, go ahead and purchase either a little office or a FEMA or camper type trailer.

Chief Dockery said, District 1 had a actual mobile home but, that's just too big.

Mr. Trascher said, no, we need something that we can liquidate afterwards.

Chief Dockery said, I want something small enough, I know District 9 had something a couple of years ago. I might reach out to him to see if he still has it. But, basically, it's a little space. It's not luxury but, I need something with a couch and...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, you need something with bathroom facilities and at least some type of

beds and a cooking area.

Chief Dockery said, I could throw some beds in here and they can sleep in here.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah but they are going to run to the toilet.

Chief Dockery said, yes, well...

Mr. Trascher said, like I said, if we can get one of those little trailers, it would be something we can hook up and have it set up just until we can get the other living accommodations back on line and then afterwards we could sell it. We can probably sell it for as much as we paid for it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, of course, once we establish that part, we will demo the area, the electrical and the living area. The bay area can be completed later if necessary. I don't know what all is run out into the bay area itself, I mean, I know we got the overhead lights and we got 220 running across the back to our compressor and to the washer or dryer or what not. As long as that is sound, that can be reached without tearing walls down. While we have it down we can address the HVAC system. I would have the one tunnel going down the hallway, we will do some proper duck work. Seal the roof, you know, I should have moved this up on the list because it's the easiest of the bunch. I just need to get some able bodies, including myself, to get some sealant upon the roof and just mop it on. After that, we will go off our plans with construction and I think we can get a lot of hands on deck with some personnel here. Everyone is a jack of all trades, master of none, kind of deal. So, I am pretty sure we can get some able bodies to help out.

Now, here is the ambition, or ambitious part. I would like to take down the pump shed and pour a pad to accommodate the building at station at 113. The actual 2 bay station. I would like to pour a pad and actually take down the station over there and reassemble it.

Mr. Trascher asked, which one is that, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, off on Porter's Island,

Mr. Trascher said, Porter's River Road?

Chief Dockery said, Porter's River Road, I'm sorry, not the trailer, the actual station. If we are not going to do it there, let's take it down, let's put it here and we can use it for storage, we can use it for our reserve trucks. We can use it for something other than being out there and being a junk hole.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I can appreciate that but, what we need to look at is, if we take that building down, does that property revert back?

Mr. Lindsey said, it does.

Mr. Trascher said, because it was a donated property and I don't know if I want to give up that property just yet. And the other thing is, with taking it down, how much is it going to cost to disassemble it and reassemble as opposed to just buying another building for back here.

Chief Dockery said, it might be easier to just buy another building.

Mr. Trascher said, and that way we can at least, maintain a presence on the other side of the tracks.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does it play a part in the PIAL rating?

Chief Dockery said, that one, no, it's not manned.

Mr. Swann said, as there a way, down the road, that you could put another station right there?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, you could put, the property over there, you could add on to that station because, you got the trailer behind there. It's just food for thought.

Chief Dockery said, well, this is kind of like a spit ball.

Mr. Trascher said, because if we needed a building back here for storage, once we get the well situated and we can put enough fill and a slab, it may be just as cost effective to just buy another building.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I would be on board with just looking at buying another building.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, getting some prices on it.

Mr. Trascher said, and that way we can maintain a presence on that side of the tracks. Even if we use that as storage for equipment or something over there. It's, I am just thinking out loud here.

Chief Dockery said, well, that's what this is for, is for us to think out loud.

Mr. Trascher said, what we need to do with this list is, we need to take the things, like you said, take the things that we can do that need doing, like seal the roof. We can do that and we can start scheduling something to do that because, that's not going to be that expensive and it's something that is going to protect for the future. On this building, what I would suggest, you can meet with a couple of Board members or you and Chief Parish, can draw up some type of basic floor plan on what you would propose to do with the building. Like, you mentioned to do away with one bay. Okay, for a living space. How would you want to lay that out so we can look at it and that way we can plan. Like the electrical, the electrical is going to be a big thing. When we tackle the electrical, we are going to have to do the electrical, we have to do the air. We are going to have to do whatever is inside those walls, there's plumbing, you know, those things. That's when we are going to have to get a trailer or something for living quarter for when we get on that project. But, if we had something to look at as far as a floor plan now, what we need in heaven and what we can afford is what we need to look at. Maybe, adding on to the building instead of doing away with a bay.

Chief Dockery said, I thought about that too.

Mr. Lindsey said, one of my thoughts was, that once you kind of get an idea of what goal the end result may look like, I would like to get some idea on cost to hire somebody professionally to draw up what the plan is going to be and foresee it, look for like, whatever our future plans are going to be, we can incorporate it while we are doing the electrical. Even if we have to run wire to a sub-panel for future use because, once we do this it needs to be planned out. Like really planned, not like, oh man we should have thought about that.

Mr. Trascher said, because this is considered industrial or institutional or commercial, we may need a set of architectures or architectural plans to do this because we are going to have to file for a building permit.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think we should and not only that, I mean, I think we need to look towards any potential problems that we are going to have or if we need more bathrooms or whatever, it needs to be thoroughly planned out.

Mr. Trascher said, exactly.

Mr. Lindsey said, and it needs to be everything needs to be done correctly and safely because we have people living in it.

Mr. Trascher said, we are spending money now that is going to be for the next 30 years.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, so we need to do it right.

Mr. Trascher said, so you are exactly right, that if we, looking at this building, we think we are going to need a storage shed on the back of it later, let's run a couple of circuits there or something or a sub panel. You know, so that the available utilities will be there.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, that's how I built my house. When I built my house I put a big wire and a sub panel in the attic so, anytime I want to add anything, I walk over to the panel and drop a line and go where I want.

Mr. Trascher said, and drop a line, you go by the stove, you put a gas line in and electric line. Whatever kind of stove you want, your ready for it.

Mr. Lindsey said, my whole house is like that, ready for anything, gas or electric.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the time to do it.

Mr. Dreux said, if they ever get gas down there.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, I got propane but, it's all set up for either. Anywhere it can take gas, it's electric too.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, if you got a gas line and an electric line, you can use either one of them.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's set up for either one.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, absolutely, that's what I am thinking on that. I think we agree that, if this is going to be, we are going to prioritize this station over the other one, as far as repairs.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, this one is bad shape.

Mr. Trascher said, the other one is worse, over there on 3081, isn't it Chief?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, you don't think, well good deal then.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think our upgrades over there would be kind of, minimal because, it's been done a couple of times though out the years. Little up grades.

Mr. Trascher said, okay.

Mr. Dreux asked, have you all discussed what kind of floor plan you want?

Mr. Lindsey said, once they get their game plan together.

Chief Dockery said, I am open.

Mr. Trascher said, let me say this Chief, we are looking to you right now, to tell us, what do you think that we can afford to do for the next 30 years to make this a functional fire district. We are going to grow some. We need to plan for growth.

Mr. Lindsey said, we defiantly need to prepare for staffing more personnel. We are going to need enough rooms, showers and everything. We need bathrooms to accommodate males and females and maybe even...

Mrs. Blackwell said, and others.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the only two they got. We ain't getting no more. Others is in the woods.

Mrs. Blackwell said, sorry.

Mr. Trascher said, and what Russell is saying, we may not put all the bathrooms in now but, we need the space and the hookups for them.

Mr. Lindsey said, plan for them.

Mr. Trascher said, exactly.

Mr. Lindsey said, plan for the expansion because, we are going to grow and we are going to have more man power here.

Mr. Trascher said, what about the, any of the, well I guess it could come from there, like the

high school or District 1 or something. You may want to consult with them on station layouts on how we can change this. Just like we are saying, if we do away with a bay, as we grow in the future and we are acquire more equipment, we are going to need a place to put it. Maybe another building on the side or something, but, we got the two ambulances, the ladder truck, and how many engines and how many bays do we have? We really are pretty much maxed out right now so, if we do away with one bay, we got a piece of equipment that is not under cover.

Mr. Dreux said, and that building is not high enough for a second floor?

Mr. Lindsey said, it does have a second floor up there although it has, not ideal but, a part of it is I think is improper air condition and all that kind of stuff but, it does have a second floor up there.

Chief Dockery said, it's as biggest is down flow, improper a/c. It needs like a split unit on the side.

Mr. Trascher said, a separate unit?

Mr. Lindsey said, separate unit.

Chief Dockery said, it's a separate unit by itself but the ducks themselves are basically squished, flexed.

Mr. Trascher said, but when you take the walls out that's when we can accommodate that and that may be, if the second floor would be able to renovate it, we may be able to put sleeping quarters upstairs.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, while it's being renovated, you can do whatever you want.

Mr. Trascher said, that would be the time to do it. We wouldn't have to do away with a bay.

Mr. Lindsey said, the upstairs needs to be done when it's done because this has been a moldy, rat trap for the last 25 years.

Mr. Trascher said, it's wasted space.

Chief Dockery said, after everything is said and done, and after the Parish finally decides what to do with that culvert, I would like to repave the parking lot.

Mr. Lindsey said, definitely.

Chief Dockery said, now, this doesn't include any of the projects that are currently ongoing which includes gutters, station sign, well, future projects. This is kind of stretching out there. I am going to work on how we can obtain land on 1090 for a future station. I know we talked about 113 and how it is on the very edge of the District on basically a dead end road. I am kind of putting some feelers out there to see different property somewhere on 1090. Maybe

by Waffle House or the round about. Somewhere.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I tell you, before AWG was...

Chief Dockery said, I am going to hit them up too.

Mr. Trascher said, they were on warm to build us a fire station.

Chief Dockery said, I am going to definitely kind of rekindle the fire with them and to see about something. I wouldn't mind if it was over there somewhere because at least we still have two lanes.

Mr. Trascher said, and that would be the right side of the tracks, the other side of the tracks and it's close to the big industrial use that we have.

Chief Dockery said, I would like to obtain some type of land. If they would build a station, that would be fantastic but at the minimum, right now, I would like to obtain some type of property to where we can at least have a future spot so we can say, we are going to build here.

Mr. Lindsey said, that area over there...

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to see what AWG would be willing to offer. Even, because you know, they are building more in there and right now would be the time to talk with them and see if we can get some type of land donated. They may be willing to donate property.

Chief Dockery said, that's what I am trying for, at least donations because...

Mr. Trascher said, I know I would support that whole heartedly and I'm sure the rest of the Board would.

Chief Dockery said, I priced a couple of pieces of property in that area and they are very proud of the...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I don't think we could afford to buy there.

Chief Dockery said, we couldn't. I wouldn't have the heart to even entertain it.

Mr. Trascher said, that would be a 30 year or 40 year note on that property. That's something that PMI would make you do.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I look at one piece, I think it was 4 acres and they wanted \$950,000, for 4 acres. I am like...

Mr. Trascher said, and that don't even (inaudible). So, yes, please, if nobody objects, please let the Chief, right now, if you want somebody to go with you I would be happy to go or whatever. But, I would love to, once again negotiate with them and see..

Mr. Dreux said, that would definitely be a plus interstate.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I think that, right there, not only are you close to the round about, but you have the back way you can go out over the tracks

Chief Dockery said, (inaudible).

Mr. Lindsey continued, and it's not, it's a little easier to get in and out than if you were right by the round about like for getting in and out. It's kind of out of the way a little bit but yet, I think that would be a good location back there.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely and there is more coming. That property is going to develop.

Mr. Lindsey said, you definitely have a good amount of water back there so, maybe putting some hydrants out in front of the station wouldn't be a problem. You can fill a truck in a half a minute.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely. So, Chief, whenever you can set something up on that, if you want somebody from the Board to go with you, I am sure anybody would go. I know I would be elated to go over there and beg. That would solve the objective of putting something on the other side of the tracks and I think it would be good all the way around. So, let's quickly review this. We are going to ahead and do something with the roof right?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, we can get something on that and you are going to get us or begin working with some type of plan for this station, whether it's to use the second floor, because once you open the walls you can put another second air condition unit for the second floor, air and heat. Maybe put a bathroom upstairs and sleeping quarters and then renovate down stairs.

Mr. Lindsey said, we can close that in and put an inside stairway and you don't have to go out into the bay if you want. Make it nice inside stairs with air condition, climate controlled or whatever. That way it comes down and into the station. You don't have to out into the bay to go into the kitchen and everything.

Mr. Trascher said, the living quarters would be self contained from the bay. Absolutely, and once we we get that and kind of, iron down a floor plan, maybe we can get an architect to look at it and give us a drawing and we can apply for a renovation permit.

Mr. Dreux said, it's definitely a lot harder to go out and just try to build than if you have a plan.

Mr. Lindsey said, it has to be professionally drawn out. That way, we have a plan. We know where we are going with it.

Mr. Dreux said, you know how it is, you set something up and you may have to move it. If you get somebody to...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, you know when they look at it they may say we need an outlet here

and you know...

Mr. Dreux said, and it's done by code.

Mr. Trascher said, absolutely. Okay, so that pretty much pins down that and the last thing was the big building. Taking it down on the other side. We can look at that for the future and maybe getting a price on another building. We need to do these renovations first.

Mr. Lindsey said, definitely.

Mr. Trascher said, and then look at what, because if AWG comes up with property, we really could let that go back to Johnny Smith because we would have property on the other side of the tracks. So we will just put that one on hold right now but, think about it. The main thing is to go ahead and start working on some type of plans for the renovation on this station.

Mr. Lindsey said, if it comes to that, at that other station where we are going to let that other property go back, we may want to sell the building. As far as the building itself. The property, I remember in that meeting, I do think I remember him saying that if it ever was never used by the Fire Department, it would revert back to him. That's what I think I remember.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's what I think.

Mr. Lindsey said, because I was at that meeting when he was saying he was donating the land for it. I think that's what I remember him saying.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I mean, if we let that go now before we get another piece of property...

Mr. Lindsey said, somebody can buy that building and take it down and put it on their property for a garage or whatever. So, the building still has a value.

Mr. Trascher said, but we wouldn't be able to afford to buy another piece of property.

Mr. Lindsey said, no...

Mr. Trascher said, even if we use it for storage right now, at least we still have the asset.

Mr. Lindsey said, the other thing we have to look at, I don't know how it effects peoples insurance back there with that building being there. I know Carr Drive...

Chief Dockery said, it's not considered in the PIAL because it's not a manned station.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know but, you know Carr Drive, the fire station over there? It's not really a fire station. The reason they keep that there that way people can have insurance back there because, with out that...

Mr. Trascher said, you have to go across that bridge.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, you have to go across the railroad tracks and there's no fire protection on the other side of the tracks. I was told years ago that the reason that building was left

there so people could have insurance. Slidell, we use to keep a truck over there and as a matter of fact, I would go out there and train the volunteers on how to operate the truck.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, like you said, you have the tracks and that bridge.

Mr. Lindsey said, they never used it. They probably couldn't drive a half of a mile if they had to but, it was there for insurance.

Mr. Trascher said, alright, that about satisfies me and we have an understanding and a game plan then, right guys?

Mr Lindsey, Mr. Dreux and Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright, if that is it for Station Upgrades, we will move to Employee Recognition Program, Floyd.

#### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, okay Chief, what's the game plan?

Chief Dockery said, I will have it at this...

Mr. Trascher said, we have been talking about this for a number of month's now.

Chief Dockery said, yes, actually, I was working on it today with Chief Parish. We are fine tuning and I will have it for next meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, what we are looking at is, we have been talking about like, you see District 1 all the time and other agencies, they recognize different fire fighters for things that they have done and I think we need something similar in this department. Whether it be quarter or whatever, we need to come up with some type of program for our fire fighters.

Chief Dockery said, I need 180 employees. That way I can do it monthly.

Mr. Trascher said, there's got to be other things that we can look at. We may not have the disasters that they have but some times fire fighter's and public servants do things that go above and beyond the call of duty. It may be just carrying some old ladies groceries, some elderly ladies groceries, let me put it that way. That is service and we are quick to chastise and the public is quick to criticize but they don't see the things that are being done. Charity things.

Chief Dockery said, that's included.

Mr. Trascher said, and we will talk about that a little more when we partner with the Town later. But, there are things that we need to do like that for employee recognition.

Mr. Dreux said, that's always been a stigma with firemen because they seem to be sitting out in front the engine house until they get into you close, they never know.

Mr. Trascher said, I still hear comments about the fire trucks. You know, “look, they all parked up at the store again” or “they are parked at the restaurant, they driving it”. And they don't understand, I didn't. I will be the first, I didn't understand, you know. Why do they drive the trucks, you have to. They need to run and maybe doing things like that, you can get the recognition.

Mr. Dreux said, you learn the area, number 1 and you can check your fire hydrants.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to make sure the damn thing starts. You'd feel like a fool if your sitting in the bay and (nothing). It keeps it lubricated, absolutely. I understand that now but, didn't before.

Mr. Lindsey said, most people don't. Before, some of what we just mentioned but, if there is an emergency and we are already out and about...

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are already in the vehicle.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, right.

Mr. Trascher said, even if we do and again Chief, this recognition thing, it could be something that is positive press. Get the news paper, like you know, we gave a fireman or the crew an award because they were out on patrol on the truck and found a hazardous condition. You know, that would go a long ways.

Mr. Dreux said, sure.

Mr. Trascher said, and it's going to go a long way for moral with the department.

Mr. Dreux said, sure especially (inaudible) when the tax bill comes and you say that's a lot of money but, they don't realize it's a different battle to be considered.

Mr. Lindsey said, when I volunteered, throughout the years I have heard the argument for 26, 27 years now and it's always been the back and forth, “the trucks don't need to be running if they are not out on an emergency”. I just think it's a good idea for them to be out in the public.

Mr. Trascher said, we can have valid reasons that that truck is on the road.

Mr. Lindsey said, without a doubt.

Mr. Trascher continued, and we need to make the public aware of that through recognition, through publicity.

Mr. Lindsey said, and while they are out and about, if they see some way to be able to give a helping hand to the public, it's a perfect opportunity.

Mr. Trascher said, that's public service, absolutely.

Mr. Lindsey said, like, can I help you with your groceries, or whatever. If you see somebody

elderly, or what ever. There's always, just going around town, there's always an opportunity to be helpful.

Mr. Trascher said, it could be a hazardous conditions, it could be limbs, it could be signs, stop signs that are missing that they noticed and reported.

Mr. Dreux said, fill a swimming pool. We used to do that.

Mr. Trascher asked, do what?

Mr. Dreux said, they can fill somebody's swimming pool. They call us up and the Chief would okay it. Now, I'm not talking about built in. I am talking about above ground. But, you all don't have hydrants which means, we don't have hydrants either. Totally different.

Mr. Trascher said, what comes to mind is James LeVigne and how he told them to leave the damn water alone. But, anyway, all things that we can do like that and I think with our employee recognition program, we can get some good positive press and we can boost moral with the fireman and eventually, they will be out there looking for things that they can do to help the public.

Mr. Dreux asked, do you all go to the schools, too, Chief, and do the...

Mr. Lindsey said, fire prevention?

Mr. Dreux said, yes, like fire prevention.

Chief Dockery asked, yes, October. This year we actually had to get a permission slip from the St. Tammany Parish School Board to go to the schools but, we have it, we've obtained it and we will be hitting up the schools early October.

Mr. Trascher said, alright, I guess the mortal words of Tim Marshall, I guess I beat that horse to death.

Mrs. Blackwell said, is that it for Equipment, I mean Employee Recognition Program? That's it?

Mr. Trascher said, that's all Madam Chairman, yes ma'am.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move to Equipment Condition Report.

## EQUIPMENT CONDITION REPORT – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, I think the Chief has addressed that. All of our equipment will be functional by the end of the week.

Chief Dockery said, I think we covered that one.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, if there is nothing else on that, we will move right along to Fire Recovery USA, Chief Dockery.

FIRE RECOVERY USA – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, in front of you all are two pieces of paper. One from Fire District 13 and one is from Fire District 12. I spoke with Fire District Number 9, or sent them an email requesting information and he gave me a phone call. I guess that he felt that was sufficient enough. Basically, Bush, they charge anybody who is not a resident of their District for MVA's. He said he's had success with the service. Speaking with Chief Dupuis, who could not be here tonight. He is actually in Virginia for The National Fire Fighters Academy. So, he couldn't be here but, same way, they don't charge their people in their District. Looking at these two for District 12, looks like they charge both citizens and non-citizens of their District. Looks like District 13 only does for non-residents of their District.

Mr. Swann said, most of them, they are not charging the people, they are charging the insurance.

Chief Dockery said, insurance companies, yes.

Mr. Swann said, so I don't know where it would make a difference if you did both.

Chief Dockery said, well, in this District, they would be like, that's my tax dollars and if my insurance goes up because you charged it, it might leave a bad taste in their mouth.

Mr. Swann said, Slidell has been doing that for years.

Chief Dockery said, that one was totally up to us on how we want to do it, looks like everyone is following the same schedule fee. I think that was set by the company for different levels.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, in Exhibit A?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's in like on 13's, they have it spelled out in theirs but that is just one copy of just the fee itself.

Mr. Dreux asked, where is District 13?

Chief Dockery said, District 13 is Abita, no, I'm sorry, Goodbye.

Mr. Dreux said, Abita?

Mrs. Blackwell said, Goodbye.

Chief Dockery said, I'm sorry District 8 is Abita. District 13 is Goodbye.

Mr. Dreux asked, is Steve Glenn at Abita?

Chief Dockery said, actually, he retired a couple of years back now.

Mr. Dreux said, really?

Chief Dockery said, e came in and he stayed a little bit and I think he has some medical conditions and he retired.

Mr. Dreux said, okay.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, isn't District 13 Lonnie Johnson?

Chief Dockery said, Lonnie Johnson, that's District 13.

Mr. Dreux asked, what's his name?

Mrs. Blackwell said, Lonnie Johnson.

Mr. Dreux said, okay.

Chief Dockery said, that's District 13. District 8, which is Abita is Brandon Stein. So, just looking at it, like I said last meeting, looks like everyone is using it and not having any issues with it. Just other than obtaining some information on scene and sending it to the company.

Mr. Dreux asked, so, using it both ways in residential, I mean, in District area and out, they don't have complaints or...

Chief Dockery said, this is the program itself.

Mr. Dreux said, the program itself.

Mr. Swann said, you are not billing the individual, your billing the insurance company.

Mr. Dreux said, yes, I understand that but, if they find out about, that they are doing it in, some people, I would imagine that's why 13 is not doing it, they must have found out about it and came in and complained. Did they complain and that's why they are doing what they doing?

Mr. Trascher said, no, I think what they are doing is, and if I may Chief, address that?

Chief Dockery said, go ahead.

Mr. Trascher said, the citizens, the corner here in Pearl River, if you had an accident on Pine Street, chances are you are not going to have a big hazardous chemical spill or something like that. That's going to be a fender bender. They are looking at the residence are already paying Fire Protection millage's.

Mr. Dreux said, right.

Mr. Trascher continued, so, that should cover the emergency scene. Now, this is where this would behoove us, is the interstate, you know how many times we spent hours on that.

Mr. Swann said, these fees will cover a little fender bender. It's spelled out right there.

Mr. Trascher said, right, but I mean, like I said, if you charge a citizen, the one that I started reading said that fuel spills other than automotive fluids, is billed at that rate. The next one, Level 3 services, clean up materials, absorbents or hazardous fluids, and disposal. Will bill at the level of the fire department controls/contains any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident.

Mr. Dreux said, the first thing that comes to mind with me is the railroad that runs through here, you know, toxic chemicals, fuel.

Mr. Trascher said, we ain't going to get anything from there, I wouldn't think. It's not a mobile vehicle.

Chief Dockery said, I like 13's, how they had it spelled out throughout the whole pamphlet. You know, the Fire District's are funded almost exclusively by property taxes paid by the citizens who live and work in Fire District. Whereby citizens property taxes fund the district and this funding provides for the services the fire district provides; therefore, the fire district will attempt to mitigate the cost of certain services being provided to non-residents. These mitigated fees are an effort to recoup expenses for the taxpaying citizens of St. Tammany Parish Fire District 13. This guideline outlines what services will be mitigated and the procedures to follow. A few pages in it's got: No resident of St. Tammany Parish shall be billed for services other than Hazardous Material releases. I think they meant to say, no resident of St. Tammany Parish of Fire 13.

Chief Dockery continued, If an insurance company denies the claim or an individual does not have insurance, at no time shall that individual be billed directly accept those relating to Hazardous materials releases and only once reviewed by legal counsel.

So, they have a couple of things put into it but, as of the actual product itself, I haven't hear anything bad from it. It's kind of, you send in the information and they take care of the rest. They take their fee out and send you the money, or your money. Other than that, there are no other strings attached to it.

Mr. Trascher said, I think that, it's a no brainer that we need to go to this service. The only question is, how do we want to address the residents of Fire District 11.

Mr. Swann said, if you read here it even tells you that, what you are doing is reimbursing the District for their costs. Like I said, your not paying it and if they don't have insurance, we don't bill them. That's what you are paying the insurance for.

Mr. Lindsey said, another way to look at it is, we have a lot of citizens that don't pay anything that live in our District. If you are under \$75,000, you pay zero to this fire district so, that helps us recoup some funds maybe from, even if it is a citizen that is not paying anything.

Mr. Swann said, this is money we are losing and we've been losing and we've been losing. I think when I was on the Board last time I tried to get this in.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we need to get it in. the only question is, do we bill everybody equally or do we exclude just the residents of Fire District 11?

Mr. Lindsey said, I am trying to think of in my ...

Mr. Trascher said, and that's a good point Mr. Russell, we have the highest millage's and the lowest property values of any of any Fire District in this Parish.

Mr. Lindsey said, I look them daily because I look at property taxes nonstop and there is so many people that are not paying taxes or paying very little. I mean, I have looked at three bedroom homes that are not paying any taxes.

Mr. Trascher said, now, the flip side of that coin, I mean, I can see both sides of the issue here. Most insurance policies, if your not at fault, don't raise your rates but, an at fault accident does.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't know that...

Mr. Swann said, this right here doesn't have anything to do with raising rates.

Mr. Trascher said, well..

Mr. Lindsey said, not with at \$300 or \$400, \$500 fee. I don't think.

Mr. Trascher said, well, what this would do is add that much more on the cost of the accident but, is it just going to be billed, an at fault accident is going to raise your rate.

Mr. Swann said, that's going to happen if you do this or not.

Mr. Trascher said, if you are in a accident, okay, is this going to be billed to both parties or just the one?

Mr. Swann said, both parties and it's not billed to them, it's billed to the insurance company and I am telling you, they are doing it in Slidell and every where else. Nobody else is having a problem paying it. It's a bunch of money that we can use.

Mr. Lindsey said, I try and put myself in the shoes before making a decision and I don't think, myself personally, if I was in the situation where I got in a wreck and my insurance was being billed, I wouldn't, I don't think I would have a problem with billing a few hundred dollars to help cover the cost, even though I am already paying property tax, if they were billing me directly, then it would be different. You know, sending me a bill like, hey this is for us coming out.

Mr. Trascher said, according to this it says that.

Mr. Swann said, if you don't have insurance, you don't bill it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I say we recoup the funds because our District has been putting out the money for a long time to support this.

Mr. Trascher said, so, what you are saying is that you would make a motion in concept and we will formalize it in a written resolution at the next meeting that will spell out the conditions that we talked about here.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, based on if Chief thinks there are any changes that need to be made to it.

Mr. Trascher said, basically, Fire District 13's resolution is the one to...

Mr. Swann said, it's a pretty good resolution.

Chief Dockery said, it's pretty good. I mean, I'm kind of mixed feelings with the "both" resident and non-resident. That is something I will contact the gentleman tomorrow and see if he had any issues with the insurance companies on it.

Mr. Swann said, why don't you check with Slidell.

Chief Dockery said, I will check with them again. I think it's a catch 22 there. No offense, every time we have a millage come up, it's bare bone here. It's not the lack of getting it there or being pretty or anything but, I don't want to give any certain people any ammunition, if you...

Mrs. Blackwell said, it's been pretty quiet.

Mr. Trascher said, Mr. Russell, okay, so Mr. Russell, do you want to go ahead and make that motion?

Mr. Lindsey said, yep, I will make a motion.

Mr. Trascher said, that we approve it in concept and we will formalize it at our next meeting with a written resolution with those conditions.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, if you make that motion, I will second it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I will make that motion.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, you second it?

Mr. Trascher said, I second it.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Rd 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. So, that's it on Fire Recovery USA. The next in line is New Business, Public Comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michelle Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell said, anybody have a comment?

Chief Dockery said, Madam Chair, I ask that we open the agenda. I got some information today that I would like to bring to the Boards attention for our banking so, with your permission...

Mr. Trascher said, I move we open the agenda to discuss, well, are we going to have to take any action on this today, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, not today.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, to open the agenda to discuss banking business.

Rd said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Rd 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, Chief.

Chief Dockery said, okay, Mrs. Wynn contacted me Friday, Mrs. Williams I should say, and asked me if I could come to a meeting to discuss the new banking deal. So, of course, for the last few years we have had a locked in interest rate with them that they honored from, what was it First NBC?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, at 1.5%. So, today she gave me kind of a worksheet of what we are looking at and she said she has spoke to all the other Fire Districts that have accounts with them. Right now, with the interest rates being where they are at, they don't project them going down until 2024. What they can offer us is 1.62%. So, it's actually .12% higher. Now, with that being said, it basically is a floating rate month to month. Each month they will look at it and with what the interest rate is for the nation of where that will sit. But, it's the deal that was given to Fire District 1, they agreed to theirs. She brought it to my attention this morning, that this is what they can offer us. She advised that it would be a 2 year deal and after 2 years, we can look at it again.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, when you say the floating interest rate, what is the lowest it can go?

Chief Dockery said, whatever the, I think she said they collect, I think 75% right now. She didn't say a lowest.

Mr. Dreux said, if the bottom drops out...

Mr. Lindsey said, the rate goes up and down.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's basically set off the rates. So, if the bottom drops out tomorrow, we get zero percent. We just get where our money is sitting.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, the Feds are constantly raising the rates. They aren't going to lower the rates for a little while.

Mr. Trascher said, usually, they will give you something like 1%, guaranteed and 1.6, but it won't go below.

Mr. Lindsey said, a couple of years ago it was down 1/2%.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, like 1/2%, would be the bottom. Something.

Chief Dockery said, I can give her a call in the morning.

Mr. Trascher said, I just don't like the zero percent. There's got to be a bottom number to that.

Chief Dockery said, this is just to bring it to your attention so, next meeting, I think this expires the end of next month so, I will get in touch with her tomorrow morning and find out what the bottom is and I will email each of you all and let you know exactly where it's at, if there is any bottom.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't think it would be worth doing any changing to go anywhere else. Your not going to get it any better.

Mr. Trascher said, they all vary tremendously from institution to institution. Capital One seems to be paying, like on CD's, the highest interest rate. Some of them go as high as 3%, which is astronomical in today's market or yesterday's market.

Chief Dockery said, this is just an estimate she gave me this morning. It's off of our estimated ad valorem for next year and basically, she said, the floating rate based on 75% of current T bill on Hancock Whitney public flow on contract rate will adjust on the first date of each month. Right now it's 1.62%. So basically, our operating account that we use right now, last year we took in \$25,038.82, in interest. With this one, minus the monthly fee, we are looking to bring in \$33,978.90.

Mr. Trascher asked, have the monthly fees changes any?

Chief Dockery said, the monthly fee will change. That's one thing they can't, they basically took a hit the last 3 of the 5 years. So, we are looking at a monthly estimated fee of \$195.23. Being that we are recuperating more in interest, I think mitigates that whole thing. Without the fees we would be at \$36,320.85. We are looking at a fee of around \$3,000, for the year. But, as long as it's something that I know and I can budget for, it's fine. Just, in the past, where we weren't suppose to and all of a sudden we were...

Mr. Trascher said, I know but, when she sold us this hand, there was no monthly fee.

Chief Dockery said, well, this is the one that they are offering now. Like they said, the took a hit 3 of the 5 years but, I will make a copy of this for each one of you all and you can look over it. I will contact her in the morning and find out what the bottom is. Mr. Russell is right, I mean, the way the Federal rates are going, unless the bottom drops out tomorrow... but, I just wanted to bring it to your attention. I will find out a little bit more information.

Mr. Trascher said, and to move to another institution, you have to get all those checks...

Chief Dockery said, yes, and we have an established line with her. She's kind of spelled it out, she is the only one local. Everyone else is in Covington and else where. We do have a good relationship with her. If I need her I can call her and she is right there

Mr. Lindsey said, that's worth something. If you have to go somewhere else and then all of a sudden you get a computer to talk to and please hold.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, go on line to do your banking.

Chief Dockery said, right how while it's good, it's great. We can, like I said, find out if there is a bottom and go from there.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's all, hopefully it will be a half percent or it won't just go below that.

Chief Dockery said, okay, that's all I got. I just wanted to bring it to your attention.

Mr. Trascher said, not the worse news of the night.

Mr. Lindsey asked, did we hear anything yet from Cleco?

Chief Dockery said, not yet and I got the guy coming tomorrow to put the panel in or hook the sub panel in for the piece. So, they are disappointing me. I have contacted the several times and I will contact them again. So, if any of you have any higher ups in there, by all means, please put a bug in their ear.

Mr. Swann said, (inaudible) just retired.

Mr. Trascher said, I didn't think there was anybody local with Cleco any more.

Mr. Swann said, Hursey used to handle everything for them and he worked through with the fire departments and he just retired.

Mr. Lindsey said, we got a tree in the back that is like, half on the building but it's got power lines all around the tree so we don't want to cut the tree up because it's got power lines all through it.

Mr. Dreux asked, and they never go back to you with it?

Chief Dockery asked, what was that?

Mr. Dreux said, they never got back to you with it?

Chief Dockery said, they sent me, when I called, the last time I want them to come out. When I emailed them a couple of times and I got thank you for your, I can't think of the word right now, thank you for contacting us, we will have someone come out

Mr. Dreux said, and they never did.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know another guy, I will see if I can make a phone call.

Mr. Dreux said, (inaudible) but he retired.

Mr. Lindsey said, Mark told me, just call them and the day you call them say I need it scheduled to be disconnected and one week from that day, they will come disconnect it. So, if you want I done on Friday or whatever, you call them the Friday before and say next Friday I want this disconnected and give them one week. That's what he advised.

Chief Dockery said, if they just give us a couple of hours and we can have the thing taken off the building, at least.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, it wouldn't take us that long to cut the thing off.

Mr. Swann said, it shouldn't be hard to get them to just disconnect the thing like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, it shouldn't be.

Mr. Dreux said, no, if he's got the fuse, just pop the fuse.

Mr. Lindsey said, they should, tell them it's a hazard and to come drop it. It is a hazard.

Mr. Trascher said, tell them it's sparking in the tree.

Mr. Lindsey said, if it's touching that tree and somebody is touching that tree, electricity travels through sap and somebody can get zapped. Anyway, just let me know and we can get it trimmed up or whatever. Also, at some point next week, I am going to have to rob some of the scaffold.

Chief Dockery said, I was going to talk to you about that. Whenever we want to break it down. I figured it would be harder to steal while it was still erect so, whenever you want to come by we can break it down and get it loaded back up.

Mr. Lindsey said, we will have to get that flashing all drawn up and get it made. I will need some of that scaffold next week.

Mr. Swann said, when we originally got a quote for the bricks, weren't they going to include that?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, well, did they give us that amount back?

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know. He asked, the original quote for the bricks up there, didn't it include the flashing?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, the roof did, there was something that included the flashing but then, they said it was too far.

Mr. Swann said, I thought it was included in the price.

Chief Dockery said, the gutter, it was included in the price.

Mr. Trascher said, the gutters were the ones that gave us that price.

Mr. Swann asked, did they give us that money back for that?

Chief Dockery said, we haven't paid them.

Mr. Swann said, oh good.

Chief Dockery said we haven't paid them anything. We are still waiting on the color to come in.

Mr. Trascher said, well, they can't put the gutters up until they do the flashing.

Chief Dockery said, well, it's been extended out now. I got up there and...

Mr. Trascher said, but you did it. I think that's what he is saying.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I got up there and extended it out.

Mr. Trascher said, but you did it and it was included in their price.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I can get a copy of it if we want to send it to legal but, I'm truthfully, done with that one company. I feel that it should just be voided out and we should look somewhere else.

Mr. Trascher said, well, we can do that if they haven't started the work.

Chief Dockery said, yes, there hasn't been any money. They just came out and looked at it and he gave us a proposal for it.

Mr. Trascher said, you got the quote and signed and accepted it?

Chief Dockery said, yes, last year.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, you need to send him a letter saying a time element involved, you are revolting the contract, it cancels everything and we will get some other bills. Alright, if there is nothing else, I move that 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, how do you think, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.