



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes  
37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana  
Fire Chief Jack Dockery  
July 9, 2024  
7:01pm – 7:41pm

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **INVOCATION**

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

The regularly scheduled meeting is called to order by Mrs. Blackwell at 7:01p.m. Roll is called, full Board is present.

Mr. Trascher makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2024, with the video governing. Mr. Lindsey seconds, the minutes are approved with 4 yeas, no nays, motion carries.

### **FINANICAL REPORT**

Chief Jack Dockery states for the month of June we are looking 50% expenditure. The collectibles have been received, all that we budgeted for except the Insurance Rebate which is usually at the end of the year.

### **EMS REPORT**

EMS Services are at 71.92%, so we are above on that. Expenditure wise, the only still standing out is the Pierce Engine 111, maintenance is at 65%, which is not a monthly expense. The monthly expenditures, everything is in line where we need to be. Xerox, Pest Control, Medical Supplies, Office Supplies, Electrical is looking good. Fuel is under where we need to be and we are running where we need to be for the month of June. Medical billing services is a percentage of what we collect which is at 77%, so at the end of the year we may need to amend that one. Other than that, monthly's look to be in line.

Mr. Trascher notes that the Firefighter Equipment and supplies, we are at 91%. Chief Dockery explains we purchased a lot of hand tools and new equipment for the trucks. Just replacing old worn out things. This is front loaded in the budget and will come down as we progress through the year. Chief Dockery said this is not a monthly occurrence.

## EMS REPORT

Last month we brought in \$19,166.10. We had \$14,992.35, that was not posted yet. That has to do with our medicaid and medicare, they changed their standards. We may have to up our limit right now. I have to talk to the billing company and see what we can do to collect that money and ask the billing company why we are not getting the full amount on that billing. What we received and what we billed are not the same. I will talk with them and see why we are not getting the full amount. Mr. Trascher comments that the \$19,166.10, is still in line with our projections. Chief said correct.

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

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

EMS	79
VEHICLE FIRES	1
GRASS/TRASH FIRE	2
MVA	11
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	2
FALSE ALARMS	4
POLICE MATTER	1
TOTAL	100

### OLD ENGINE 111

The old Engine 111, is outside while we get equipment off of it for the new engine. Later this week it will go to Station 113 to be stored until we surplus it. Maybe we can do that at the next meeting if that is the Boards wishes. It will go into storage after we get what we need off of it while we decide what we are going to do.

Mr. Trascher asked if there were any problems with that unit? Chief Dockery said, other than years, it could use preventative maintenance or a look over on it. It was in operation when we moved it back here to get all the stuff off of it. There is nothing, to my knowledge, mechanically or electronically wrong with it. Mr. Lindsey asked if we had the space to store it and how is our reserve? Do we need 2 reserves or should we get rid of it? Chief explained that the reserve that we have is 2007. This engine out here is a 2004. We

we were looking at getting rid of the older units first. Having two reserves, I don't think it would not help our rating for our size department. I would look to surplus it, donate it. Mr. Trascher asked if he could get an approximate value for it. Maybe we could put it out on the market if it's the wishes of the Board.

Mr. Trascher asked for the approximate value on the engine. If we could sell it, we would need an approximate value on it. Chief agreed. Mr. Lindsey agreed about selling but asked if we had any neighboring stations that may be in need of a piece of equipment. If so, we can take that into consideration also. Chief said yes.

## STATION 111 UPDATE

Chief spoke with the gentleman about the updates and after a 2 hour conversation, we came to the conclusion that we would stay within the footprints of the station. He explained if we did add to the side, we would need another Geo. Test for the ground and if we needed pylons for the new additions. I told him we would stay under the same footprint. Mr. Trascher said, with staying within the same footprint, hopefully we only lose one bay. I would have sent everything to him today but, our internet has been down. The person putting the new subdivision signs up cut our line so, we have been without internet since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I went to see them. I was very upset and told them the sign was put up and cut my line and killed my whole station. The gentleman that does the houses was there so he heard too. I apologized about being upset but it needed to be said. They didn't check or mark anything or check for any safety reasons. It was moved out too far. If there are any charges from Charter, I will definitely be sending them the bill.

## NEW MED TRUCK

This was mentioned to the Board before about possibly getting a new med truck or getting the Frazier box remounted. I would like to do something in the future with it. Sims Martins has come by and talked and showed me some things. I am looking for guidance from the Board. What would we like to do. Are we in a serious market for a new med truck at this time and would I have a budget at this time to tell the gentleman, this is our budget. The trucks are not as high as fire trucks but they are still up there. On the low end it would be \$175,000 up to \$350,000, which would be our high end. There are nicer ones for half a million dollars.

Mr. Trascher would like to get preliminary cost for the truck and how far out will we need it. Could we get by for another year or two? Chief said he didn't know about two years but, we should start looking at the end of this year. It will take some time for these units to be put together. Mr. Trascher and Mr. Swann like the self contained boxes because they are more versatile and can be used at the functions of the town and have its own power box is also able to be remounted onto new chassis if needed. Also, he would like to see preliminary figures and hard figures on the cost of the building as a priority. We've established we will keep the same footprint so, remodeling should be a priority and get that out of the way and look at temporary quarters while remodeling. In the mean time, get preliminary figures for the truck.

Chief Dockery looked at both smaller van style units, the regular F450 which has the power

inverter, which would be easier than on board generators and not opposed to what Mr. Trascher is saying. Mr. Trascher points out that the power inverter needs the truck running to function.

Chief is not totally against what he is saying but would like to have, if keeping that one we have, have it remounted on a new chassis and have any repairs needed. We are still looking at \$175,000, because the trucks are so expensive. Chief would like to check for a state contract list for new trucks. Our reserve, which is a 2004 has served us well for \$10,000 but, would like to have a better reserve truck. Mr. Trascher said, we still have some in the reserve account and the ambulance may be what we should use those funds for. Chief said that in the Bond Surplus account we have \$145,933.46. Mr. Trascher said if we could get hard figures on the building and thinks we should start getting some preliminary figures for a chassis that we can remount the self contained box. The box truck can be a first aid station at all the functions the Town puts on and is totally self contained.

Mr. Swann asked about trucks on the state contract and Chief has not seen any on the listing but, not very versed on the site. He suggest to start looking because it takes time for these trucks to be built. Mr. Floyd asked Mr. Lindsey if the building should be prioritized first, the building or the truck?

Mr. Lindsey said he knew we moved approximately \$300,000, for the remodel. It shouldn't be far off for the remodel. We have the money moved over for the remodel, give or take a little bit. As far as the ambulance, I would like to see us get a new one. He would like to see the ambulance we have now as the reserve and purchase a new one. The reserve we have now is not very good. So, keep the newer ambulance as the reserve and get a new ambulance that you choose. Chief Dockery was considering mounting the box from the ambulance to a new truck. Our millage's were rolled forward and around \$300,000, over was what we would get and could use that for an ambulance. Mr. Trascher stated we were not sure on that.

Chief suggested, if we keep the self contained unit, for \$170,000 we could use the box we have and have it remounted and have a new ambulance. Chief will continue to get figures from the dealership and see what the time line is for ordering. Mr. Lindsey asked about the new engine in the ambulance and why would we remount the unit when the motor and transmission was just replaced. Chief said it was 4 or 5 years ago. Mr. Trascher said, you could get a price for the box also. They would like to compare prices for a remount on the ambulance we have now and the price of a new self contained box ambulance. We only have one unit that has the generator the 2004 has a power inverter. Remounting the Frazier would be around \$200,000. Chief will check for the prices of a new unit. If a remount is approximately \$170,000, a new one would probably be double that. He would like to purchase a new one, have the 2004 as a reserve while the 2014 is remounted on a newer chassis. The newest unit is a 2014, F450, self contained unit. The 2004 Freight liner is the oldest unit that we bought from District 12, who bought it from California. The Board suggest to get a price for a new ambulance and the cost to remount 2014, self contained box on a new chassis eventually. A new ambulance would be approximately \$400,000, through Frazier with a self contained box. I have this one, a company called Crest line, it's a basic unit and it starts at \$300,000. Mr. Trascher suggest that they get the building renovations underway then commit to a lease purchase or purchase of a new ambulance. The Board also agrees to look into a new ambulance so the 2014 can be used as the reserve. Chief would like to purchase a new ambulance while the 2014 would be remounted. The Board suggest keep

the 2014 self contained unit as the reserve and purchase a new ambulance. When the new unit comes, get the 2014 remounted and will have the 2004 as a reserve before we can get rid of that unit. Chief will get prices for the Frazier, self contained ambulance. Mr. Lindsey said the citizens have come to depend on our ambulance services and would like to keep it in good running order. Chief will get prices on each style.

## WELL PUMP

Mr. Swann asked about the well pump and Captain Sidney Anderson said Chief Dockery is going to order the pump and his son in law is going to donate his time and install for us. The pump will be a 520 gpm pump. That's 2 ½ inch line to the front. Mrs. Blackwell asked what would be the psi up in the front of the building. Captain Anderson said, 520 gallons per minute.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell asked if there was any Public Comment. The Board thanks Mr. Albert Holly, thank you for coming out and Ms. Shannon for coming out tonight.

Mr. Holly said he would like to thank the Chief for all that he does for District #7 and Ms. Shannon said, it was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Blackwell thanks all the guys of Station 111 and 112 for all they do for our community.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Trascher, Mr. Lindsey seconds, 3 yeas, 1 abstained, no nays. Motion carried.