



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of the Meeting on September 10, 2019  
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Blackwell said, has everybody read and approved the minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup>, meeting?

Mr. Lombard said, I didn't have any issues with them.

Mr. Lindsey said, I didn't notice anything.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I have reviewed the minutes and I didn't see any problem. I would move that we approve the minutes with the video governing.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Okay, we will move on to the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

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

Chief Jack Dockery said, my apologies, I am feeling a little under the weather here but, we will make it through. For the month of August, we are looking at a target of 67%. We've taken in 94% ad valorem and we are running at 71%, for our EMS Services. So, we are above average for that. If you can notice on your budget sheets, they have some of them in bold. These are areas that we have not used much in so, during this month on into the area of the next meeting, we will be putting together an amended budget for review so we can get everything within the 5% area we are looking for at the end of the year.

Mr. Lombard said, Chief, on your sheet here, the budget that was used for the preparation, some of the numbers are not on the sheet and some of them are wrong numbers, the codes are wrong, so, you might want to look at that.

Chief Dockery said, yes, the...

Mr. Lombard said, you probably know that already.

Chief Dockery said, yes, for some reason whatever they used here, the line item never matches this one. But, just looking through the budget itself, everything seems to be running in line with the re-occurring each month but, there are some areas that we will be moving money around.

Mr. Lombard said, reallocate.

Chief Dockery said, reallocate, we will have if for next meeting for review.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody have any questions?

Mr. Lombard said, I agree with it, myself.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't have any questions.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd?

Mr. Trascher said, I'm good, I see the areas, there are some things we haven't spend anything on and we do need to readjust those funds in the budget so we will end the year properly.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, right.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we want to move onto the Chief's Report and the EMS Report, Chief, are you ready?

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

Chief Dockery said, on the EMS side, we brought in \$17,924.66, last month.

Mr. Lombard said, that was a good month.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it was a good month. I guess it compensated for the month before when we were a little bit shy. For the month of August, we had:

EMS	62
MVA	4
SERVICE CALLS/GOOD INTENT	9
RUBBISH/GRASS FIRES	2
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	11
FALSE ALARM	2
GAS LEAK/SPILL	1
TOTAL	91

Chief Dockery continued, just a reminder, we have the Swamp Festival, September 14<sup>th</sup>, which is this Saturday from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. We will have our personnel out there

through out the day participating in this event. The Town has come up, or the Town has come to us and asked for a stand by. So, we have used our Paid Stand By Form, that we introduced last year and it seems to be working fine in that aspect. We are hoping for a good turnout, hoping for a safe day. I know it's going to be hot, we are going to try everything in our power to help keep it cool out there.

While I am in the Chief's Report, I did have a couple of gentlemen come by and look at the station so far. One of them, he is going to give me a quote but, he is not familiar with the siding that we would like on it. Of course, he says I haven't had any good reviews but he's got his own brand of siding. I'm not sure how I feel about it.

Mr. Lombard asked, did you see it?

Chief Dockery said, he's got some samples right here. I will let you all look at it. I told him to, at least, give me a quote for taking the brick down and doing what I've asked on the sheet to be done, adding the two windows and what not. Also, I had another gentlemen come in yesterday but, he said, truthfully, I do residential but, let me call my guy that's a general contractor. He called me today and he is going to come out tomorrow and kind of, go through and see what he can come up with for the outside.

Mr. Lombard asked, was he familiar with the siding or he didn't know?

Chief Dockery said, the one that I called that came out yesterday, he was the one that Mike's Hardware...

Mr. Lombard said, oh, okay.

Chief Dockery said, I finally got back with him. He was out of town for a personal reason so, I told him, look, come out today and we will entertain it. He came out but I think he was more under the impression that it was residential. It was stated that it was a fire station, so, but, he's got a guy coming out tomorrow, his general contractor, to get some more ideas on it. Worse comes to worse, we will just allocate money and set aside for next year. I am not sure how the process is going to work for the rest of this year on it. But it is moving, slowly, but it is moving.

Mr. Trascher said, by doing it next year we will be able to budget for it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so I mean, we can also set back some, if we have surplus, whatever surplus we have, we can set aside. If we have a surplus this year, we can set aside for it.

Mr. Trascher said, for the repairs of the station.

Chief Dockery said, so, it's a slow process. We've have had some, I have had some issues with apparatus lately that we are trying to keep up with that. It's just a slow process, a lot of irons in the fire that I can say. But, we are making it, it's coming along.

Mr. Lombard asked, (inaudible).

Chief Dockery said, my mind is foggy tonight, I don't remember if I showed you all, I did get some samples in if you want to look at the colors they offer.

Mr. Lombard said, you showed it to me when I was here to sign some documents. They look good, the colors.

Chief Dockery said, okay. This is the different samples or the colors that they have if you want to look at them and pass them around.

Mr. Lombard said, I told him he can get it and (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, I will, you all have a gander at that.

Mr. Lindsey asked, this has been the product that...

Mr. Lombard said, that I brought in here from (inaudible).

Mr. Lindsey said, right. Now, are we talking about doing it fully or partially?

Mr. Lombard said, 4 foot up is going to be brick.

Chief Dockery said, I am still saying that 3 or 4 foot up is going to be brick.

Mr. Lindsey said, I guess it's going to depend on the color of the brick.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, because the color of the brick can...

Mr. Lombard said, you can probably get any color of brick you want now days. Look at the fire stations they built on Highway 11, over there and that's three different color of bricks and they look like they were painted to be honest with you. I thought they were painted. I like a color like this, they got red or the grays.

Mr. Lindsey said, I can show it to the wife and get her opinion.

Mr. Lombard said, yeah.

Chief Dockery said, I have two of them. I actually got in touch with the company. They are out of New Hampshire somewhere and they sent me one and about a day later Mike's called me and said, hey, we have the samples, so, there's two of them if you want to bring that one with you.

Mr. Lindsey said, I will bring it and show it to her.

Mr. Lombard said, anybody know what they are looking at? The combination?

Chief Dockery said, me, I am not a fan of the cream colors. I would like to stay with either the darker. I don't like the red but I don't like the creams. That's just my preference.

Mr. Lombard said, I like the red and the blues.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I like the green, the gray and the blue.

Mr. Trascher said, I like the white color because the trim will go, you can put any color with that.

Mr. Lombard said, no, no white.

Mr. Trascher said, but that's just me, that's why I'm not looking at it.

Mr. Lombard said, no, you won't make the decision.

Mr. Trascher said, I am not going to have a say so in that.

Mr. Lindsey said, whatever it is, we want to make sure everything looks good for a long time.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's why we want Mr. Lindsey's bride to look at them.

Mr. Lombard said, in 50 years, they are going to say those guys did a good job. Probably riding around in their space ship with the propeller on their head.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am ready for it to look sharp.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, we get this one done and we can go look at the other one.

Mr. Trascher said, Andrew Green, Edward Stain.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, if we can get some people's opinion here locally, and see, get some feed back.

Mr. Lombard said, let the Mayor look at it and see, let the Alderman look at it and let the feel a part of the situation.

Mr. Lindsey said, a big of a change it's going to be, we want to make sure it's right and if we have to hire somebody to give us some advice, color coordinate it or whatever, we want it to look sharp. A one time fix.

Chief Dockery said, that was the other gentleman, what he brought.

Mr. Lombard asked, what is that, filler strips behind it?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, I like the other, I am totally against vinyl.

Mr. Lombard said, me too.

Mr. Trascher said, that would be the last resort.

Mr. Lindsey said, put that on a pump shed or something.

Chief Dockery said, I would go back with brick before I put that. That's my personal opinion.

Mr. Lombard said, I like that stuff there.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, somebody bump it with a weed eater or something, it's got holes in it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that even feels sturdy.

Mr. Lindsey said, yeah.

Mr. Lombard said, it's a 50 year warranty on it? I might make 51 years.

Mr. Lindsey said, why not, you got a new arm.

Mr. Lombard said, that's right.

Mr. Trascher said, it's possible, Walt Disney is still alive.

Mr. Lombard said, you never know, still talking on the TV.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I got.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's all you have?

Mr. Lindsey asked, Chief, the medic truck, is it back in business or still getting worked on or what?

Chief Dockery said, actually, I picked it up Friday. It has a new generator in it and while he had it out there, I asked him to hunt down the gremlin. So, a gentleman out of Lacombe, Phoenix Motors, they tore the transmission out of it and replaced the tale shaft bearing, they checked the three shafts that consist of the drive shaft and found that all three of them were a little bit out and the U-joints were out just a hair, so, they got new OEM U-joints put in it and made sure that was centered and also, the flex plate was warped. Don't know how, but another strange coincidence he said was, that model, it actually has a timed flex plate. You actually have to put it in a certain area and it's weighted with the converter. So, he had it all set up and I came back home with it and I say, they got out about 98% of it out. Now, the other 2%, it's probably going to be just the front end, you know straight axle, it's a 450, it's a lot better than it was. Before it would shake you to death, now it's operational. Roughly, for him hunting it down, it cost us about another \$3,500, on it. So, we've got close to about \$9,000, tied into the truck between the generator and the gremlin.

Mr. Lombard said, that's not bad though.

Chief Dockery said, it's back, like I said, I got it back here Friday.

Mr. Lindsey said, good.

Mr. Trascher said, so we got it serviceable. It will be reliable.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we got a new generator, the only thing that I am lacking, I told myself today that I want to go get a new hour meter for it that way I can put a new hour meter for the new generator. They got one on the generator but I would like to put one in the cab too. That way it's easier reference for the guys.

Mr. Lombard said, that's not a big thing though.

Chief Dockery said, no, other than that, it's operational.

Mr. Lindsey said, good.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, if that's it for the Chief's Report and EMS Report, we have no New Business and no Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**



NONE

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, does anybody have anything they want to say?

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't.

Mr. Trascher said, I believe on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00, the VFW is going to have a little ceremony down by the museum across from Town Hall, for the POW's and the MIA's.

Mr. Lombard said, Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Trascher said, I believe it's Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, yes.

Captain Sid Anderson said, they came and dropped of a flier at the station. I want to say it's from 10:30 to 11:00.

Mr. Trascher said, 10:30 to 11:00, I knew it was something like that.

Captain Anderson said, somewhere around there, yes, but I think they are starting at 10:30.

Mr. Lombard asked, do you have any of the fliers here?

Captain Anderson said, no, I left it at the other station.

Mr. Lombard said, okay.

Captain Anderson said, but, we do have one for this station.

Mr. Lombard said, okay, 10:30.

Mr. Lindsey asked, did we decide where we are getting our shirts from?

Mr. Lombard said, City Hall is where it's going to be at?

Mr. Trascher said, the Senior Center, by the Museum.

Captain Anderson said, no, the Senior Center.

Mr. Lindsey said, that way, if we go to something like that we can represent the District.

Mr. Trascher said, that would be good because Commander Thanars will be conducting some of the programs.

Chief Dockery said, you all pick a color and I can have them made for you tomorrow.

Mr. Lombard asked, is it going to be a regular shirt?

Chief Dockery said, it will be like a Polo. Well, I say a Polo but almost like that.

Mr. Lindsey asked, where do you get them from?

Chief Dockery said, I get them from Army Surplus, they embroidery them there also. All I need is the size.

Mr. Lombard asked, is it cotton or is it that...

Captain Anderson said, it's that synthetic.

Mr. Lombard asked, it's that synthetic, it keeps you dry.

Mr. Trascher said, it's not a satin. Just put it on.

Mr. Lindsey asked, is that a large?

Captain Anderson said, this is an extra large.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, fiber mesh shirt. That's an extra large?

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, that would fit me then. If it fit's you, it will fit me.

Captain Anderson said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you want an extra large Emile?

Mr. Lombard said, awe, yes ma'am.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am on the fence. I don't know if I want a large or extra large.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't want to say what I wear in public so I will you know.

Mr. Lombard said, it's not even a 3X.

Mr. Trascher said, you better put three of them X's on there for me.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am thinking I might be able to fit a large. I may have to swing by there and try one on to make sure.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, if you want to, you can swing by and try them on. Just let me know some time this week and we can get them in and get them ordered.

Mr. Lombard said, if you put the extra large on and it's tight, let me know because I will have to go bigger.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I use to wear an extra large all the time but then...

Captain Anderson said, I am 237 and I wear an extra large.

Mr. Lombard said, I am not that big, I am 215.

Mr. Trascher said, I haven't been 237 since I was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Lombard said, that was your IQ, huh.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, I won't need that for an IQ.

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

Mrs. Blackwell asked, anybody else have anything?

Mr. Lindsey said, nope.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Lombard said, so moved.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, second?

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Y'all have a good evening. I love you guys, y'all are great.