

Minutes for a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 5:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jimmy Brashier was absent.

Jim Darby opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget. He asked three times if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the 2021 Budget. There was no reply. He then asked three times if there was anyone present to speak against the 2021 Budget. There was no reply. He then closed the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget. John Jennings motioned to accept the 2021 Budget presented in the Public Hearing. Donnie Freeman motioned to seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland said that we were winding everything down for the year. All the staff employees will be off from December 21 - January 1 for the holidays.

Assistant Chief Finley reviewed the operations report with everyone (see attached). R-80 will be going on December 28 to try to get the lights fixed again. The total cost to fix E-75A was \$3113.07. It is back in service. We did have a person on A-shift resign last Friday, so we will have to hire one person.

Everyone reviewed the minutes from the November meeting. John Jennings motioned to accept them. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor.

Jennifer Adams gave copies of the Financial Statements to everyone. (See Attached) She reviewed the statements for everyone. There were no questions afterward. Donnie Freeman motioned to accept the financials. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

Old Business

- I. We received the tax notice for old Station 74. Chief Sutherland called T. Cox, our realtor, and he called the purchaser. They immediately went and paid the taxes and then had the property deed filed. The property is now out of our name, and we should no longer receive any tax bills for this property.

New Business

- I. Chief Sutherland has received an offer to purchase the tower behind HQ. He is not even sure if we can sell it because we have a current agreement with a lease company. We may not be able to break that lease. John Jennings said that we do not really need to sell it for the money. We may be better off to just leave it as it is. We are getting a yearly lease payment. Sabrina Bedingfield agreed. Sabrina Bedingfield motioned to table the offer until Chief Sutherland can get more information about the current lease we have.
- II. Chief Sutherland said he has a copy of the County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement. He needs everyone to sign it. It is something that we sign every three years. Please make sure that you sign it before you leave today.
- III. Chief Sutherland also gave everyone a copy of the resolution to start planning a county-wide dispatch for all agencies. This is part of the 800 radios upgrades we have been working on for the past 5 years. This was always in the plan and knowing the county it may be awhile because there is no time frame for it. Chief Sutherland will keep everyone updated as more information becomes available. John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by 
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