Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby asked Donnie Freeman to open the meeting with prayer. All were present.

Everyone reviewed the minutes from the May meetings. John Jennings found several changes that needed to be made on the regular meeting minutes. Donnie Freeman motioned to accept the minutes after the changes are made. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Jennifer Adams reviewed the financial reports and check register for May. There were no questions about the financial reports. John Jennings motioned to accept the financial reports. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the staff report with a discussion for the July meeting. We normally do not have a meeting in July due to the July 4th holiday. He wants to make sure that is still the case. John Jennings motioned not to have the July meeting. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor. August 7, 2021, will be SGFD Family Day at Headquarters from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. The new platform was tested and passed. It does need to be greased and Spartan will do that when they do the service on it. The truck committee has continued to work on keeping the new equipment list up to date with the best items for the money. Lt. Blakely, Lt. Harbert, and Lt. Garrison have been leaders in helping to do this difficult task by demoing all the new equipment when it becomes available. This will be the list that we use to order the equipment for the new platform from. The new G4 Unication pagers have arrived and will be programmed to use in the stations. This is the radio project that we put in the budget for this year that will enable us to stop using our antiquated VHF system and transfer to the 800 mHz system.

Assistant Chief Finley gave an update on Q-78. It has several repairs that need to be made. We have been waiting on parts that were on back order. The bill for it will include the annual service and these repairs. The control board on the generator at Headquarters went out. We had to temporarily rent one so that we have back up power due to dispatch being in this building. The part for the repair has been ordered and we are waiting to complete the repairs. Assistant Chief Finley reviewed the calls from last month. He stated we are on track to have a record number of calls again this year.

Chief Sutherland said Fire Marshal Horn has been doing lots of plan reviews. He was in a Fire Inspector class that we have been trying for several years to get him in last week.

Chief Sutherland said that Jessica Phillips is working with Greenville County to update CAD. We are working with other agencies to do a 30-day trial period allowing the CAD to assign operational channels for us.

## **Old Business**

- Chief Sutherland has received the cost of the new rescue truck of \$785,000.00. This includes all the equipment and taxes and a prepayment discount on the truck. We have requested prices for the equipment for the new platform. We need to pass a resolution to start the process for the lease purchases. The payment will be bi-annual to allow us to save money on the interest. This resolution will allow us to take bids on the financing of the lease purchase. John Jennings motioned to accept the resolution as presented to do a lease purchase for the new rescue truck and new platform with equipment. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.
- II. T. Cox has agreed to represent us in the purchase of the property from South Greenville Masonic Lodge. He recommended several surveying companies. Chief Sutherland has contacted five different companies. Site Design was the best priced. We must have a topographical survey. The total cost is \$3,375.00. After the survey, we need to get the signed contract from the lodge and then we will set a closing date. We will not start building the training tower until the property is in our name.

## **Executive Session**

Jimmy Brashier motioned to go into Executive Session. John Jennings seconded it. All
were in favor. Donnie Freeman motioned to come out of Executive Session. Sabrina
Bedingfield seconded it. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept Issue 1 as presented.
Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor. Sabrina Bedingfield motioned to
adjourn. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by:

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