

Minutes for a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2022, at 5:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget. He asked three times if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the 2022 Budget. There was no reply. He then asked three times if there was anyone present to speak against the 2022 Budget. There was no reply. He then closed the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the 2022 Budget presented in the Public Hearing. John Jennings motioned to second. All were in favor. John Jennings motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded. All were in favor.

Jim Darby opened the Regular Meeting. He asked everyone to review the minutes. Sabrina Bedingfield motioned to accept the minutes as presented. John Jennings seconded. 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. There was a discussion about when Jennifer can have the Financial Statements ready each month. Due to the fact that one of the statements must be mailed, it would be better if the meetings were moved to the second week of the month. John Jennings motioned to accept the financials. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland said that new Brush 74 has been sent to have the lights, siren and radio installed in it. We will put it in service as soon as possible. Platform 77 is still waiting on some of the new equipment to be able to put it in service. He reminded everyone of the kid's Christmas party on December 4, 2021 at 10 am at HQ and the department Christmas Dinner on December 9 at 6pm at Washington Church on Hwy 8.

Assistant Chief Finley said that November was another busy month. We are on track to have the most calls on record ever. E-77 is being looked at now by the mechanic. They are going pull the head to continue trouble shooting the problem. Jimmy Brashier asked who was doing the repairs and Assistant Chief Finley said it was Steve Brown.

Chief Sutherland said that Fire Marshal Horn is still reviewing plans for businesses. There was a snag on a new sprinkler system that he had to have assistance to make sure it was correct. It had to do with the size of the building and the type of sprinkler system being installed.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Jim Darby brought up the issue with the conflicts with our Financial Reports being ready by the meeting dates. There will be a minimum of 5 conflicts with a possibility of 2 more. The meeting for January would be on the day that everyone returned to work after the Christmas and New Year holidays. Sabrina Bedingfield motioned that we move the January meeting to January 10 to give the staff time to prepare for the meeting. John Jennings seconded it. John Jennings brought up the fact that the only person that could possibly have a conflict from moving the meeting from the first week of the month to the second week of the month would be Donnie Freeman and that would only be if we changed the time of the meeting to the evening. John Jennings asked Chief Sutherland about the effects of changing the meeting time and day. Chief Sutherland said as far as the day of the meeting it would be better for the staff if we changed it to the second week of the month to give us more time to prepare the reports for the meeting. Chief Sutherland said changing the time might become an issue due to the fact that several staff members have children and he would not ask anyone to miss a family event. He said that he would not ask Paul Horn and Jessica Phillips to come back. He would give their reports for them. Donnie Freeman said that he can come the second Monday of the

month as long as the time remains at lunch. He also said that he does not see that we have a need to move the time. He said no one has called and complained or requested to even be on the agenda. John Jennings agreed with him. Jim Darby said that he wanted to try to make the department as transparent as possible to the public and wanted to discuss the issue. He said that no one had complained to him or requested to be on the agenda. He was just suggesting it as an option since the meeting date was being discussed. John Jennings said that if in the future there are complaints or issues, then the Board at that time can look about making changes. Sabrina Bedingfield motioned to change the 2022 meeting schedule to have all regular business meetings on the second Monday of each month at 12:00 noon. John Jennings seconded. All were in favor. Jim Darby thanked everyone for the great year and all of the accomplishments. He said it was refreshing to have good positive meetings and positive staff. He is looking forward to a productive 2022 with everyone. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. John Jennings second it. All were in favor.

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