

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order. Jim Darby asked John Jennings to open with prayer. Sabrina Bedingfield was in attendance by phone.

Jennifer Adams reviewed the year end 2021 financial reports. (See attached) The first report was a review of what was budgeted for 2021 and what was actually spent. She then reviewed the movement of the remaining funds within our internal accounts to complete projects in the 2022 CIP. The new CIP Account for large purchases like air packs has been created and \$100,000.00 put into it. There was \$50,000.00 added to the Training Facility line item to make sure we can purchase what is needed to complete this project. The remaining \$500,000.00 was put into New Apparatus to allow us to purchase the new Engine 77 in the 2022 CIP.

Everyone reviewed the minutes. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the minutes with grammatic corrections. John Jennings second it. All were in favor.

Jennifer Adams reviewed the financial statements. Donnie Freeman motioned to accept them. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Assistant Chief Finley started the Staff Report by reviewing Chief Sutherland's report. The County is working on approving the grading permits for the training tower. It is moving forward, just slowly. There has not been much new information from the SCDMV about the new CDL guidelines. Chief Sutherland did check into the programs available through the technical school. Their programs are geared to CDL Class A licenses, not CDL Class B licenses.

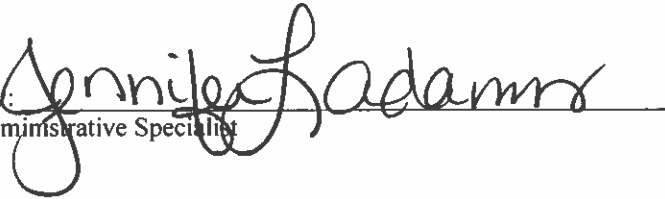
Assistant Chief Finley said the old air compressor at Headquarters has been removed and all of the electrical for the new compressor has been completed. Jim Darby said that he helped with the project and thanked Assistant Chief Finley, Fire Marshal Horn, and Firefighter Trey Barfield for their help on the electrical for the new air compressor. He said all of these guys did a wonderful job and they saved the district a lot of money by doing this. The new air compressor will be installed this Thursday. Assistant Chief Finley said after seeing the cost of freight and shipping on the old compressor he thinks it is best to donate the compressor to another department. He has found that Whitefield Fire Department in Anderson County has a need for a compressor and they have assisted us in the past. He would like to donate the old compressor to them. Water Tender 74 had a nail in its tire and had to be replaced. Donnie Freeman asked if there was any way to patch the holes. Assistant Chief Finley said that it has been department policy to just replace them for safety reasons, but due to current supply issues this may have to be evaluated at a later date. Jimmy Brashier said that he thinks that you can only repair the tires if the hole is in a certain place on the tire. Repairing it may not be an option depending on the location of the hole. Station 78 had to have the heat strips replaced in the HVAC unit. The ladder testing for all of our ground ladders and aerials has been set up to be performed by CFS Inspections, the lowest bid received. This was an item in the 2022 Budget that has been voted on. The SCBA flow test that was voted on last month has been set up for March 28th and 29th. Assistant Chief Finley said that Fire Marshal Horn has been reviewing plans at the county and training is going well. John Jennings asked if there were any new businesses coming that the Commissioners did not know about. Assistant Chief Finley said none that he knew of. Assistant Chief Finley said in order to install the new air compressor electrical, we would have to turn off all power to HQ. During this time, dispatch would have to use their backup communications plan. In anticipation of being without power, Jessica Phillips updated the policies for dispatch to operate without power from the backup generator. Assistant Chief Finley reviewed the call volume for January. He also told everyone that there would be New Hire Testing on Saturday, February 19th.

Jennifer Adams told everyone that the Audit had been scheduled for the weeks of February 21st and February 28th. They have already requested a lot of information that she has provided electronically.

New Business

- I. Assistant Chief Finley said that enclosed in your packets is the quote from Spartan Fire Apparatus for the replacement of Engine 77. We once again used HGAC for the bidding process. This truck is very similar to the past three engines we have purchased. The total cost including equipment is \$665,511.00. It will take 15 - 16 months to get the truck built once the contract is signed. If we wait to purchase the engine, Chief Finley knows that the price of equipment will increase 15% at the end of this month. John Jennings motioned to purchase the truck as presented by Assistant Chief Finley. Donnie Freeman seconded it. All were in favor. Donnie Freeman asked if we knew which of the American LaFrance Engines we wanted to keep. Assistant Chief Finley said that it will depend on the status of the American LaFrance Engines when the new Engine 77 is delivered. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by:
Jennifer Adams, Administrative Specialist

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Adams", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.