

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 8, 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. He welcomed the guests in attendance.

Everyone reviewed the minutes. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes from the July 11th meeting. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes from the July 23rd meeting. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor.

Jennifer Adams reviewed the Financial Statements. Jennifer stated that Chief Sutherland had some information that he wanted to review. Chief Sutherland said that he had put the current newsletter from LGIP in the Commissioners information packet for review. Our Reserve Money Market Account at Southern First has approximately \$520,000.00 in it and earned \$44.23 in interest for the previous month. Our Capital Account at Southern First has over \$3,000,000.00 and earned \$308.39 in interest last month. Our LGIP account has a little over \$250,000.00 and it earned \$366.57 in interest. There were no other questions. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the Financial Statements. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the Staff Report (see attached) telling everyone that we are hosting The New Fire Chief 1 and The New Fire Chief 2 August 29th through September 1st through the SC Fire Academy. The promotion ceremony on September 3rd has been postponed due to further scheduling conflicts. John Jennings asked if we could use Augusta Road Methodist Church again. Chief Sutherland said we have had a lot of promotions and have not been able to have a ceremony because of COVID, therefore he does not know if everyone will fit in the church. He explained that if Woodmont High School did not work out, then we would explore that option. Chief Sutherland said that the Training Tower foundation passed the proof roll. He will talk about that more in Old Business, they started digging the footers and found bad soil again. On July 29th lightning hit our tower and ended up burning up our cable internet modem, our router, switch, and the mother board for the server. We did not lose any files due to the fact that we have offsite backup. Everything was fixed by last Friday and is up and running. The new F150 is at Vic Bailey Ford. We are waiting on the slide out and camper shell to come in and that will be four to six weeks. It will then be lettered and go to Campbell Brown for the radio and siren. New Engine 80A has been waiting on parts. It has been lettered and striped and will go in service soon. We will have a small ceremony to put it in service. Station 78's HVAC has not been cooling properly. Upstate Service Solutions fixed it by replacing the condensation pump. Chief Sutherland said that he has several brags for the month. A-Shift had a fire on Sandlapper Trail that was in the kitchen. Our guys did a great job of saving everything and knocked the fire down quickly. The homeowners were very thankful and brought food to our guys their next shift. We had an issue along with the Greenville County Sheriffs' Office on Holly Springs Road and the homeowner brought breakfast the next day. There was another fire on A-Shift and it was stopped in the garage. C-Shift had another fire that the crew knocked and put out quickly. We also had a great turn out and a great time at the Family Day last Saturday. There is a recall on Battalion 80 and it will be going to be fixed on August 15th. McKelvey Road will be closed for repairs. The road will be closed for an extended period of time.

Assistant Chief Finley started his report with the July call volume. He said the calls for July were 279 and totaled 2,104 for the year. Both of our aerials are out of service. Quint 78 is overheating and we are trying to get parts right now. Assistant Chief Finley said that it is a KME part and it says there is one available and has been ordered but it is not giving a shipping date. Platform 77 had codes come up, and it was going into limp mode. It was wires that were broken in the wiring harness and we are going to replace the engine wiring harness. John Jennings asked if we will be able to get the part. Assistant Chief Finley said if the parts were not available, we have a way to rebuild them. We will just have to see what happens.

Chief Sutherland said that Fire Marshal Horn is out doing the school inspections since it was time for school to start back. He has also been reviewing plans for businesses and subdivisions.

Old Business

- I. The contractors came to dig the footers on August 3rd after the proof roll had been approved. After they got about two to two and a half feet down, they found bad dirt again. Chief Sutherland showed examples of the dirt we need versus the dirt that is down there. The dirt we have will not pack like we need it to. S&ME came in and recommended that we take 18" to 24" of the dirt out and replace it with number 57 stone gravel. Then we can install the concrete with the rebar for the footers. This was not expected and after reviewing what needs to be done, it will cost \$12,960.00, which will bring the total cost of the foundation project to \$64,110.00. We need to have a good foundation for this project. We did put an additional \$50,000.00 in the account at the end of the year just in case something like this happened. Chief Sutherland said that he recommends that we should do what S&ME suggested and use the gravel. Jimmy Brashier motioned to pay the \$12,960.00 for soil remediation. John Jennings asked who recommended the gravel. Chief Sutherland explained that S&ME is a third-party agency that is there to inspect the project on our behalf. John Jennings asked what happens if the building sinks in two years. He asked if we could get a second opinion. Chief Sutherland said that we may not be able to get anyone to do that because we are so far into the project. John Jennings asked if we could ask for the company to give us a guarantee. Chief Sutherland looked in our current paperwork and said he did not see any type of guarantee, but he could ask if they wanted him too. John Jennings seconded the motion as long as Chief Sutherland would ask for a guarantee. Chief Sutherland agreed to ask. Jim Darby said that at this point even if we do not get a guarantee we have to continue because we do not have any other options. If the engineer said we must build it this way, then that is what we should do. Chief Sutherland said the only other option was to stop the project and try to take bids for a new contractor to finish the project. All were in favor of the motion.

- II. Chief Sutherland said he wanted to remind everyone that we will soon be looking to liquidate the Engine 80. We will be keeping the one that is in the best condition, which is Engine 77. We will contact Brindlee Mountain, which is the best-known used fire truck dealer in the United States, with the largest volume of used trucks. They will broker the sale for us. Chief Sutherland feels it is best to allow them to set the price. Due to the fact it is an American La France, it is hard to estimate the value. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by: 
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