

Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Sabrina Bedingfield asked Jimmy Brashier to open the meeting with prayer.

Everyone reviewed the minutes. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the minutes as presented. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

Everyone reviewed the Financial Statements. John Jennings motioned to accept the Financial Statements as presented. Donnie Freeman seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the staff reports by telling everyone that the old Rescue 80 was sold to a department in the lower part of the state for \$25,000.00 through Brindlee Mountain. Their marketing and broker fee will be \$2,500.00, so we put the remaining \$22,500.00 we made from the sale in the New Apparatus Account. The new trucks are ready to be inspected and we are going next week to see them. Chief Sutherland hopes that they will be ready to be put in service and dedicated sometime in November. We will do a dedication for both trucks at the same time. The vote for a trial run to change the shift schedule to 48/96 passed, therefore the committee will be presenting their information to the Commissioners in the November meeting. Donnie Freeman asked who and how many people voted no. Chief Sutherland said that information was kept confidential and explained that it would remain that way due to not creating unnecessary conflict between shift personnel that voted yes or no. C&C Heating and Cooling replaced the HVAC at Station 78 and the air in the house feels completely differently. The brags this month is a call on September 27th of an extrication of a person in a machine at the scrap yard up the street. Our guys worked very well together with Greenville County Sheriff's Office and Greenville County EMS. Lieutenant Garrison sent out "The Blaze", our first quarterly newsletter. Lieutenant Garrison put in the work and created it from scratch; he did a great job, and we are looking forward to the next issue. Lieutenant Blakely was accepted in to the SC FireFighters' Association Fire Officer Academy. It is a very difficult class and he did very well in it. We hope to have another Officer in it soon. The Memorial Service for Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association is November 20th at Berea First Baptist Church because of the demolition of the old Greenville County Square. Melvin Irby will be recognized, so we will be attending.

Assistant Chief Finley said we still do not have a date for the engine replacement for Car 80A. Platform 77 had a coolant leak and then an oil leak. Both have been fixed and now it runs better. Quint 78 has a ladder and waterway issue. It has gone to Safe Industries and KME for repairs. We have asked for a quote before it was fixed. Brush 73 still needs a few things done by Campbell Brown before it can be put in service. Our call volume for September was 284 and the total for the year is 2,387. Upcoming dates include the SPD Conference October 18th through October 20th. We have classes the last two weeks of October. Our open House is October 27th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. Chief Sutherland said to invite everyone you know. The Community Risk Reduction Committee has spent a lot of time on this event, so please invite everyone to come to our event.

Jimmy Brashier motioned to go into Executive Session. John Jennings seconded. All were in favor. Jimmy Brashier motioned to come out of Executive Session. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor. Donnie Freeman motioned to approve Issue I. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept Issue II. Sabrina Bedingfield seconded it. All were in favor.

Old Business

- I. Chief Sutherland asked for any questions about the FY2024 Budget. Donnie Freeman said that he felt like bonuses did not need to be a line item in the Payroll Expense, but as long as we made sure we watched the money closely he was ok with it as long as everyone else was. Sabrina Bedingfield asked if there were any other comments or questions with the budget. There were none, so she asked if the Board wanted to vote on it. Donnie Freeman said he wanted to wait to vote. Jim Darby and John Jennings said they saw no reason to wait. John Jennings motioned to accept the FY2024 Budget as

presented and hold the Public Hearing on December 13th at 5pm at Headquarters located at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669 after it has been advertised in The Journal the weeks of November 29th and December 6th. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. John Jennings, Jimmy Brashier and Jim Darby were in favor. Donnie Freeman was opposed. The motioned carried.

New Business

- I Chief Sutherland said there have been roof issues at Station 79 for the last 10-15 years and we knew about them. We have not used this station since we opened Station 77. EMS has used it for the past 11 years as storage and a sub-station at no cost to Greenville County. The roof issues have become worse and Brian Pothier, the Director of EMS Operations, came in and said there are now ceiling issues and other damage that needs to be fixed. Chief Sutherland and Assistant Chief Finley went to the station and made the decision to close the building. Chief Sutherland reiterated that we are not closing a fire station, we are closing a building that is owned by the fire department and used by GCEMS. The repairs will be too costly and we are going to replace that station in 2026 according to the CIP to move an Engine Company in there. John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by:
Jennifer L. Adams, Administrative Specialist

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