

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Chairman Darby asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. John Jennings showed that a word had been repeated in the minutes. John Jennings motioned to approve the February minutes with corrections. Terry Creamer seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. John Jennings motioned to approve the Financial Reports. Terry Creamer seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the staff report by updating everyone that the annual SCBA Flow Test have been completed and everything passed and was in working order. The staff has had several discussions with Teresa Cawley and Brad Love about the USDA financing. There is USDA Financing available for equipment for 15 years and buildings for 40 years. There is no requirement for this financing other than you can not get financing elsewhere. The problem is we have such good financial standings at this time that we can not claim to not be able to qualify for financing elsewhere; therefore, we will not be able to qualify for USDA loans. Fire Marshal Horn and Deputy Fire Marshal Lathem as well as all shifts have been working on the picnic shelter at the Training Tower. It has been delayed with the rain, but we hope to have it completed soon. Last Friday, Lieutenant Jeremy King graduated from the SC Fire Officer Academy. He is our second officer to do so. He was also selected as the class recipient of the David Lee Crenshaw "Big Dummy" Leadership Award for the class. The State SPD Leadership program will be May 16, 2024 in Blythewood. Please let Jennifer know if you would like to go so that we can get everyone registered.

Assistant Chief Finley said that the PM on Engine 74 was just completed. Engine 73 is at Cummins getting some warranty work done on it. Engine 77A had the tires replaced on it and it was aligned. The radiator is leaking and a new one has been ordered to replace it. Car 80A has finally had the engine replaced in it. The call volume for February was 247 and the total for the year is 514.

Jennifer Adams said that Greene Finney and Cawley will be coming to do an Audit on our 1% funds. We have been expecting them to come. They will be here on March 25th and some of the information they have requested has already been provided. The Audit for the District is still set up for April but the actual dates are not set up. Information they requested has been provided to them in advance so they can start working. Please remember to go online and file your Ethics Reports. There has not been any information sent out this year, but it has to be filed by March 31 or there will be fines. If you have any questions, you can contact them directly.

Communication Supervisor Jessica Phillips said we are still set to go live on ESO on May 1st. Training has been set out to everyone.

Fire Marshal Horn said that Simpsonville Fire Department will be using our Training Facility for their annual burns for the next three days.

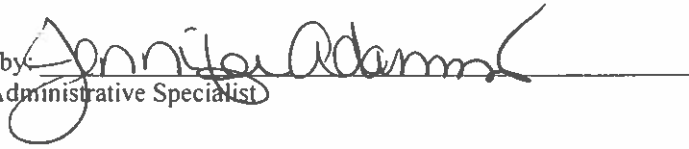
New Business

- I. Chief Finley said it was time for our annual AED service and testing. The contract was included in your packets for review. This amount was included a line item in the 2024 Budget. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the contract as presented. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.
- II. John Jennings motioned to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. John Jennings motioned to come out of Executive Session. Terry Creamer seconded it. No motions were made after Executive Session.

- III. Jimmy Brashier presented Lt. Kevin Blakely with the History Committee a patch from Possum Kingdom Fire Department courtesy of Chief Tracy Wallace of Piedmont Fire Department. John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Terry Creamer 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.