

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and asked Bubba Bagwell to open with prayer.

Jennifer Adams introduced David Phillips, our Auditor, from Greene Finney Cauley, LLP. He reviewed the 2023 Audit report. It showed that our financial statements are materially correct and they issued us an unmodified opinion. Our Fund Balance has increased. He suggested that we assign some of the monies we have. Those monies can only be used for the purpose they are assigned for. For example, we have internally assigned monies to a reserve account. If the Board motions to assign those monies to a reserve account, then those monies we will only be allowed to be used in an emergency and the Board would have to vote to use it. It would reduce our General Fund, but it will give it some protection in the future. We had an increase in Benefits and Personnel this year. We also received several large Capital Assets this year. He reviewed the GASB changes that will affect us in the 2024 Audit so that we can prepare for them. The main one that will affect us is that group purchases must be depreciated if it is over a certain threshold that we set at \$15,000.00. We have already adopted this policy for next year. He finished by saying that he had no recommendations for changes this year. We have completed everything they have asked us to do in the past years. At this time, we are in a great financial position and we have good financial policies and procedures in place to make sure it stays that way. He said the staff was good to work with and they enjoyed coming out here. He said that he was really impressed that we had actually completed all the recommendations they suggested because a lot of places do not.

Chairman Darby asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Bubba Bagwell motioned to approve the minutes. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

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

Fire Marshal Horn said Zaxby's is back under construction. Starbucks is working on completing the interior. He had a meeting with Nissin Food about their project. This month's training is SCFA High Angle Class on March 29th through March 31st.

Chief Sutherland reported for Communication Supervisor Jesssica Phillips that we will be going live with ESO Thursday. There were delays on ESO's side.

Chief Sutherland said that the new Polaris is almost ready to be moved to Station 76. We had several employees recognized in the Cardiac Survivor Ceremony. One of the saves was a feature story. It was a call that Devin Cook ran. They helped save a young boy in cardiac arrest at a basketball game. John Jennings found some work out equipment at an estate sale for \$520.00 so we purchased it for Station 77. The Bill to recognize SPDs as a governmental body has passed in the House of Representatives. It is going to the Senate now. Kevin Bell will be retiring on June 22, 2024. We will be sending out information about his retirement party soon. Chief Sutherland thanked Terry Creamer for feeding lunch to all three shifts over the past few weeks. Everyone really enjoyed it.

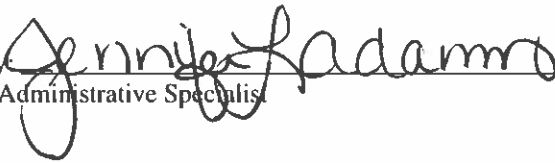
Assistant Chief Finley said that we had 282 calls in April and the total calls for the year are 1,076. Engine 77A is back at Station 76. Engine 76 is at Cummins for warranty work. Engine 80A is getting its annual service done. We also sold the last American LaFrance for \$25,000.00 to Caw Caw Fire Department in the Midlands of the State.

Jennifer Adams told everyone that LGIP earned \$35,089.91 at an Average Interest Rate of 5.5237% for the month of April. It seems to holding steady at that rate for now.

Old Business

- I. The mower that was voted on in the last meeting has been purchased and is here. The trailer for it has been ordered and should be here within the next week or two.
- II. The lumber trailer that was voted on last meeting has been ordered and it will take six to eight weeks for it to arrive.
- III. Car 80 and Car 80A were picked up on May 6th they are in the process of getting everything installed, striping and lettering, and converting the other vehicles. We hope to have everything completed by the middle of June. We will be selling the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe once everything is finished. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. Terry Creamer 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", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.