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Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC 29669.

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

Chief Sutherland introduced the new Fire Marshal, James Walker. He came from Parker Fire District and has hit the ground running. The Fire Marshal/Training Officer position has now been split, and James will be doing the Fire Marshal side of things. The Training Officer will start on February 10.

The Election of Officers for the 2025 Board was next. Nominations for Chairman were taken. Jim Darby was elected Chairman by acclamation. Next nominations were taken for Vice-Chairman. There were two nominations: Jimmy Brashier and Terry Creamer. Jimmy Brashier won the vote. The Officers for 2025 are Jim Darby for Chairman and Jimmy Brashier for Vice-Chairman.

Jim Darby asked if everyone had time to review the minutes from the December Public Hearing and meeting. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the minutes. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. Bubba Bagwell motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the Chief's report by telling everyone that we are working with USDA on our census data. We are waiting on clarification about our area before we move on.

Assistant Chief Finley said that Engine 76A had to have the throttle replaced. Engine 75 is at Spartan now for service. Platform 77 is having electrical issues with the aerial. Engine 77 is having the service completed and some shelving added to it. Quint 76 is back. It had a short in the DEF tank and header. The call volume for November was 286 and December was 306. That brought the year-to-date total to 3,513 for South Greenville for the year.

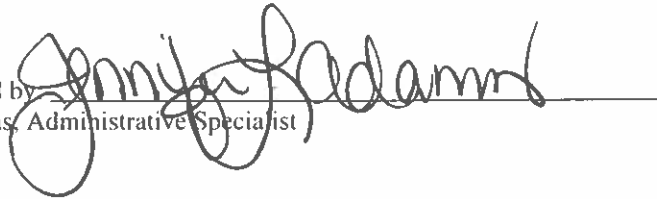
New Business

- I. Jennifer Adams said that after talking to PEBA about several retirees we have had over this year, it has become clear that PEBA will only accept ninety days of time from employees at retirement. The other 45 days must be paid out to the employee and have retirement withheld from them in order for the employee to have them help increase their retirement check. This means that we have a limit of 135 days of PTO for our employees to carry is now over the limit of 90 days that PEBA will accept. The Board may want consider lowering the PTO total days to 90 to match what PEBA will allow. We currently do not payout for any PTO when someone leaves, so we would be doing this to match their limit and be consistent with PEBA.
- II. Assistant Chief Finley said the last item on our CIP for 2024 was to order a replacement for Water Tender 74. Enclosed in your packet was the quote from Spartan. We used the HGAC contract to select the vendor and vehicle. Adam Harbert, Garrett Ricketts and Dylan Simmons were on the committee that designed the specifications for this truck. The estimated time to build and deliver is 36 to 39 months. It was asked if this would be a replacement or an addition. At this time, we anticipate it to be an addition because we are not currently having trouble with Water Tender 74. We have had to do some minor work on it, but as long as we can get parts and repair it, we will keep it in service. This truck will be a Pierce/Kenworth T880 with a 3,000-gallon tank, 1250 PTO pump and a PACCAR engine. It will be very similar to our current engine and will be able to act as a pumper if needed. The price with all the needed equipment is \$719,445.00. Terry

Creamer motioned to accept the recommendation to purchase the tanker as presented by Assistant Chief Finley. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

- III. Assistant Chief Finley reviewed the quotes to replace Car 80 and Car 80A. We have been purchasing these vehicles to repurpose them in a year or so. These are not being purchased for that reason. We are only getting F150's. We used South Carolina State Procurement to price everything for these trucks. They will be similar to our other trucks we have purchased with color and striping. The total cost for both vehicles is \$131,671.56 to complete everything. We budgeted \$165,000 for this purchase this year, so it is less than what we budgeted. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the recommendation of Assistant Chief Finley to purchase vehicle to replace Car 80 and Car 80A as presented. Terry Creamer seconded it. All were in favor.
- IV. Assistant Chief Finley reviewed the quote to upfit the old Chiefs cars to Brush 80 and Squad 76. Again, we used SC State Procurement to get all the prices for everything. The quote does not include a pump and tank due to the fact we may apply for a grant to get these items. The total cost without the pump and tank is \$14,725.18 for everything. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the recommendation from Assistant Chief Finley as presented. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.
- V. Jimmy Brashier motioned to go into Executive Session for I. Personnel, II. Personnel, III. Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property and IV. Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property. Bubba Bagwell seconded it all were in Favor. Jimmy Brashier motioned to come out of Executive Session. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor. The following actions were taken after Executive Session. Terry Creamer motioned to accept Issue I. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. John Jennings motioned to accept Issue II. Terry Creamer seconded it. All were in favor. John Jennings motioned to accept Issue III. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. Bubba Bagwell 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", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.