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Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and asked Bubba Bagwell to pray. Terry Creamer was absent. Jim Darby thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Jim Darby asked if everyone had time to review the minutes from the June meetings. John Jennings mentioned a correction of a repeated word that needed to be removed. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. Jennifer Adams said that LGIP closed out the month of June earning \$32,058.24 in interest at an Average Interest Rate (365) of 4.4692%. Jennifer Adams said that the reports for the audit we were waiting for have been corrected. David Phillips hopes to have the audit complete and be able to present the report next month. Jennifer Adams provided a report for everyone to review of the expenditures verses the actual budgeted amount for the first six months of the year. The auditors are recommending we make some budget amendments for large purchases that have been unexpected. These recommendations will be covered in their presentation. Jennifer Adams reminded everyone of the State SPD Conference October 15th through October 17th. She needs to reserve the rooms, so she needs to know who is attending. There is also a Greenville County SPD meeting July 24th at 7:00 pm at Gantt Fire Department. She needs to RSVP for that as soon as possible.

Chief Finley started the Chief's report by stating that he had received an update from our Realtor, Frank Hammond, about finalizing the sale of 40 Old Augusta Road. The environmental work at 40 Old Augusta Road is completed and we are waiting on the State to approve the contract. We have extended the closing date to July 21st. The new radio we purchased for Dispatch has been installed and is working great. Jessica Phillips said that it has helped in streamlining operations in Dispatch for everyone.

Deputy Chief Harbert started his report with the call volume. There were 301 calls in June and the total year to date is 1,908. Engine 73 had a coolant leak. We had to replace the water pump and a belt. The steer tires also had to be replaced on it before it was placed back in service. Quint 76 had a broken drive shaft. It is back in service but we are still waiting on KME to complete the repair for the welds on the ladder cradle. Platform 77 is at Spartan getting the EGR valve replaced. It is under warranty. Engine 74 is at Worldwide Equipment for warranty repairs. Engine 77A had an air and water leak. It is having to be sent out for the air leak repair. The truck committee went to Pierce for the preconstruction meeting for Quint 76. They are now working through the last of the changes before they start the final drawings. The bunker gear for that was ordered earlier this year has been coming in. We are in the process of sorting and giving it out. John Jennings asked if we charged for responding to repeated false alarms. As of right now, we do not, but the Fire Marshal is currently working on a policy that would charge for excessive repeated alarms for businesses. Jim Darby reminded everyone that we need to make sure we are doing tire inspections regularly on our trucks. There have been several accidents across the country due to bad tires recently in the fire service.

New Business

- I. Jimmy Brashier said that after all of the discussions about the health insurance and the fact that a lot of questions were brought up about the State Health Plan, he had asked Jennifer Adams to get more information about the plan so that everyone could review it. There was a booklet in everyone's packet about Optional Employers and the State Health Plan. The booklet reviews the process to apply to be considered for the plan. It takes a minimum of six months and they have complete control of who

they allow in the plan. You can only offer their insurances and there is a fee associated with joining the plan. They can add an upcharge based on your claims, and the premiums and the process are set by the State Legislation. We would have to sign a four-year contract that we could not get out of during that time. All of the information is available in the booklet Jennifer gave everyone. John Jennings said that we have voted to go with United for the next twelve months. He said that he appreciated the information and we could use it for the future to determine if we want to pursue for next year. He also asked if it would be possible for Jennifer to reach out and see if someone from the organization could come to meet with the Board to give them more information. This is for information purposes at this time. There was also a list of the current base prices for the District and the Employees for all of their different types of insurances as well as a description of the benefits that are included. The Board will review this information and determine if they want to begin the process at a future date. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

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