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Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and asked John Jennings to open with prayer.

Jim Darby asked if everyone had time to review the minutes from the Regular Meeting. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor. Jennifer Adams said that LGIP closed out the month of January earning $19,350.29 in interest at an Average Interest Rate (365) of 3.9576%.

Deputy Chief Finley started his report stating the call volume for January 2026 was 366. He said that Engine 75 and Engine 78 have both been returned from Spartan. We hope to put the new Engine 75 in service soon. Quint 78 had an electrical problem that had to be fixed by Safe Industries. The Manic Mechanic had to replace the turbo actuator in Engine 73. Platform 77 is at Spartan for the annual service and maintenance.

Chief Harbert started his Chief's report by telling everyone that we have finished the sizing and placed the order for the Bunker Gear. It should be here in thirty to forty-five days. Our 2026 uniform order has been placed with all of the appropriate vendors. Chief Harbert thanked Lieutenant Gault and the other members of the Uniform Committee for all of their hard work on this project. Chief Harbert said that we had no injuries or damage from the two winter storms we have had. He thanked everyone for their hard work during both storms. We have begun getting requests for information for the Greenville County Fire Study. We are currently working to get the information they are requesting. It is about our apparatus and personnel. Terry Creamer asked Chief to make sure that we keep a log of the man hours we spend working on this information. We expect for the new Quint 76 to be completed by the end of February. Chief Harbert hopes to make the trip for the final inspection in March. The SC SPD Association leadership training is on May 20th in Blythewood, SC. Please let Jennifer know if you would like to attend so that she can get everyone registered.

New Business

I. Chief Harbert said that we wanted to start the 2025 Year End Review by reviewing the Budget versus Actual report. He reviewed the major income categories first. We received $335,590.04 in interest last year and the majority of it was from LGIP investments. The $327,731.31 was from selling old Station 1. We received $9,677,155.31 in Tax Levy from Greenville County. On the side of expenses, we went over in Hospitalization Insurance as expected due to the large increase we received in 2025. We changed the Google Workspace Accounts because we switched to paying annually in March so the Software category will go over. We also had to replace a lot of computers due to the Microsoft upgrade, so New IT will be over budget. Utilities as a whole will be going over due to rate increases from the companies. We will also be going over in Uniforms due to the purchase of the coats at the end of the year. After reviewing the money we had left over in 2025, you can look at the Balance Sheets from 12/31/2025 and 01/01/2026 to see we moved a total of $1,000,000.00 in the LGIP Account to increase our funds in the sub accounts. There was $100,000.00 added to the Reserve Fund bringing the total to $1,500,000.00. There was $250,768.85 added to the Capital Account to bring the total to $800,000.00. We will be using up to $50,000.00 in the Station 76 remodel this year for Capital Projects. There was $649,231.15 added to the Apparatus Account to bring the total to $2,113,734.81. We still owe approximately

$1,600,000.00 on Quint 76 that we will be paying once we receive the truck. We also have the Water Tender 74 that has been ordered that we will have to pay for when it is finished, which is projected to be completed in 2027 now. Chief then reviewed the CIP projects from 2025 and what had been completed. The only thing that we did not do was add the three personnel and part of that was due to the fact we have limited room for extra personnel. The 2026 CIP plan was then reviewed. We will be receiving Quint 76 soon. We have ordered the majority of the Bunker Gear for 2026 and it should be here soon. We are working on getting quotes from the remodel on Station 76 and hope to begin that work soon. We will begin purchasing our New Firefighter Equipment based on the current needs of the department. We hope to add two nighttime dispatchers in July of this year if funding allows. Chief Harbert asked if there were any questions about the information he reviewed or the information that was given in the packets. There were none, so Deputy Chief Finley reviewed the call volume for 2025. We had a total of 3,632 calls for our department in 2025. The total call dispatched for the dispatch center was 8,597 for all the departments. Jim Darby asked about the number of service calls we respond to that are medical related. He wanted to know if there were any other organizations to help those people that we can reach out to. Chief Harbert said that we have identified people that may can get help from services like the County Paramedicine Program to help. There were no other questions about this presentation.

II. Deputy Chief Finley said there was a quote in your packet for the annual MSA Flow Test that we must complete on our air packs for $6,034.80 from Safe Industries. This is the local company that services MSA Air Packs. The was a line item in the 2026 Budget. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the quote as presented. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

III. Deputy Chief Finley said there was a quote included in your packet for Hydro Testing on the cylinders from Safe Industries. This is the last time we can do this test on these cylinders before we will have to replace them all. This test is done every five years. The quote is for $8,167.50 and was included as a line item in the budget for this year. Bubba Bagwell motioned to accept the recommendation as presented. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. Jim Darby thanked everyone for coming to our meeting today. Bubba Bagwell motioned to adjourn. Terry Creamer seconded it. All were in favor.

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