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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2013

Board Members:

Byron Hayles	-Present	Ken Coale	-Absent
Stuart LaGroue	-Present	Donna Hughes	-Absent
Vacant	-Absent	Bobby Soles	-Present
Paul Wohn	-Absent	Bobby Fortenberry	-Present
Troy Dyess	-Present	Dan Wilson	-Present
Roger Few	-Present		

President Hayles called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. with a roll call.

The minutes from the March 19, 2013 board meeting were read silently. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Wilson. Bobby Fortenberry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Troy Dyess read the treasurer's report for the period of March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013 and asked for approval of Compass checks #5797 – 5811, Regions checks #3345 – 3356 and Fire Fighter Fund 1038 - 1039. After brief discussion of the Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Bobby Fortenberry to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Bobby Soles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Troy Dyess presented the board with the monthly cash reserve calculation. This calculation is being prepared and presented in an effort to monitor the overall cash flow of the department. A resolution will be brought to the board for adoption to formally secure the amount of cash reserve the department intends to utilize. The current calculation sets a six month cash reserve goal. Currently the department does maintain a six month cash reserve with \$141,984 remaining available for operational expenses.

President's Report

President Hayles commended the department and the Auxiliary for hosting the Annual Easter Eggstravaganza. The event gives an opportunity for members of the department and board to enjoy fellowship while children and grandchildren enjoy hunting for Easter Eggs.

Chief's Report

Chief Few stated the department responded to 37 calls in the month of March. The department made one mutual aid call to Daphne during March. No other significant calls were noted from the response activity report. 79 preplans were completed during the month of March. All of the preplans completed were second visits.

The department has been able to start instruction of an Emergency Medical Technician class. The class is being funded through a grant from the local EMS region. The grant is covering all tuition, books and administrative expense. The department and any other departments participating will cover expenses associated with liability insurance and proper attire to be worn while students complete the required clinical hours. There are twenty students in the class. Nine members from Spanish Fort Fire Rescue are in the class. The department reached out to departments in neighboring jurisdictions to fill the remaining vacancies in the class. This is a great opportunity for each student to receive valuable training and ultimately a license through the State of Alabama. The department as well as the community it serves will benefit from the medical training given through this class.

Chief Few gave each board member a copy of a memorandum of understanding with Dr. Randy Dotson to provide medical director services for the department. The department is not increasing the level of medical response. Medical supply companies require a medical director to authorize the sale of certain medical supplies such as oxygen, oxygen administration devices and AED pads. The EMT class beginning also added to the need for a medical director to provide oversight to the class. The department's insurance provider has been contacted. Current insurance held by the department will cover the medical director for the services being provided. Dr. Dotson is an emergency and critical care physician with Springhill Medical Center. He also serves as medical director for Mobile County EMS and lives in Timber Creek. Chief Few made a motion to authorize President Hayles to sign the MOU with Doctor Dotson. Dan Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Few reminded the board members of the annual awards dinner to be held at Fitzpen Place on April 13th. The awards dinner will begin at 6:00 PM to be followed by the second annual fireman's ball. Chief Few invited all board members to attend this very important event honoring our volunteers.

Chief Few is working with Mark Shobe to create a Craigslist Ad for the surplus utility body off of the old rescue truck. No offers have been made to purchase the utility body. Hopefully the Craigslist ad will generate some interest in the surplus equipment ultimately securing a sale.

The department will be working with a contractor to finish testing the fire hydrants on the north end of Hwy 31 and Jimmy Faulkner Drive. The final testing is scheduled to be completed on April 16th. Once these hydrants have been tested, the department will have a complete database of water flows for our response area.

Chief Few updated the board on some political activity happening at the county and state level. There is a concerted effort being pushed by state representatives to limit the amount of tax

revenue being allocated to the fire service in Baldwin County. The push is being led by Steve McMillan and Randy Davis. House Bill 455 has been presented for consideration. Recently a group of firemen attended the Baldwin County Commission meeting asking for a resolution to force any change to the tax revenue allocated to the fire service to be brought before the people for a vote. The Baldwin County Commission passed the resolution three to one. Commissioner Dorsey was not in favor of the resolution calling it “bad politics.”

The department is scheduled to complete the ISO town class rating on May 7, 2013. The town class rating is scheduled to be completed in one day or less. The department has been working diligently on training records, water system records and business pre-fire plans.

Old Business

Land Committee

The land committee met with Jeff Jordan concerning the training center property on Jay Drive. Jeff presented a few new possibilities for the classroom building to save some money on the project. Jeff is currently working on drawings for the classroom building and an overall price itemization for all of the components of the project.

Employee Committee

No Report.

Integration Committee

No Report.

New Business

No Report.

The next Integration Committee meeting is anticipated to be held June 3, 2013, City Hall at 4:00 PM.

The next Board of Directors meeting – May 13, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., Station 1.

There being no further business, President Hayles motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Troy Dyess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Hughes