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**ST PAULS FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 18, 2017**

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss called the Finance Committee Meeting to order.

Review Information Only – April 2017 – Tracy presented the April 2017 financial report. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$3,801,993.85. The ending balance in the checking account was \$821,899.39 due to paying the \$2.5 million TAN payment plus \$13,580.19 interest. The ending balance in the checking account as of today is \$627,871.35.

Community Remarks – None.

The Finance Committee meeting was closed at this time.

Regular Meeting Called to Order – Chairman Lee Harrison called the regular meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

The Finance Committee meeting and the regular meeting were advertised in the Post and Courier in "This Week's Meetings" on May 14, 2017 and posted on the front door 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2017 were approved as written, without reading, with a motion by Commissioner Charlie Fox and seconded by Commissioner Clifford Murray. Motion passed.

Roll Call – All commissioners were present. Attorney Charlie Condon was present. The clerk was present. Fire Chief Larry Garvin and Asst Chief Rakoske were present.

OLD BUSINESS

Mack Gile with Charleston County Finance Department sent a letter concerning the ordinance for the upcoming budget which starts July 1, 2017. Chief Garvin does not want to request a TAN. We voted in 2016 to start getting our installments monthly from the Treasurer's Office but it will not be received until the end of July. The monthly amount would be about \$425,000.00. Chief Garvin will check with the Treasurer's Office since a new Treasurer will be coming in before next meeting and see what options we have.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Charlie Riddle's guilty plea and payment of restitution in the amount of \$44,397.29 – Attorney Charlie Condon – Charlie stated the sentencing will be done later. The case with Doc Matthews and Ms. Delaney will be in the summer.

Dental and Vision Insurance Benefits no longer included as part of retirees' health insurance benefits beginning July 1, 2017 - Former Chief Rocky Burke - Rocky retired in 2005 and returned and retired again in 2006. He understands that we are trying to balance the budget for 2017-2018. He asked that the commission reconsider this decision and to honor the policy until age 65. This will be discussed further in Executive Session. Rocky would like a decision in writing. Ethel Porter who recently retired also spoke on this. Don Toney also spoke on this. Don has been retired but came back to work and is still paying for his insurance. Commissioner Charlie Fox stated that the commission wants to support the employees concerning this. He suggested we do a study about the fiscal impact to keep dental and vision until age 65.

REPORTS

Hollywood Station – regular maintenance.

Sauldam Station – Regular maintenance. Need to replace window sills and doors. A refrigerator was purchased out of the Rental House fund for the rental house. The current lease on rental house ends July 1, 2017. The current tenant would like to have a month to month lease after that date.

Edisto Station – Regular maintenance.

Ravenel Station - Regular maintenance.

Adams Run Station - Regular maintenance.

Stono Ferry Station - Regular maintenance.

Meggett Station – Regular maintenance.

Parkers Ferry Station - Regular maintenance.

Petersfield Station – Regular maintenance.

Chief's Report – There were a total of 210 alarms for April 2017. Chief Garvin met with the employees about watching the funds for light bulbs, etc. The radio bill was late due to some issues with the bill getting to us on time. The Woodmen of the World bought a 37-foot flag pole for Station 1. On September 11 at 10:12am the Baptist Hill band will play. There will be a cookout at Station 1 on Friday, May 26, 2017 for employees, commissioners and their families. Chief Garvin will contact our current auditor, Crowley & Wechsler concerning our audit ending June 30, 2017.

Training Report – There were a total of 621.50 training hours and 246 physical training hours for April 2017.

Commissioners Report – Commissioner Irvin Gadsden said the employees did a great job on the house fire we had during the month. Commissioner Clifford Murray asked if we had gotten tires for the tanker. The answer was yes.

Auxiliary Report – Shelly Hunt was not present. Battalion Chief Truss Johnson spoke about the fishing tournament on May 6. There were 50 participants. Everyone enjoyed it. There was \$6,000 raised due to the help of FF Brandon Gruber.

Community Remarks – There were no Community Remarks.

Checks were reviewed and signed for expenses in open session at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlie Fox and seconded by Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss to go into Executive Session to review reconciliation of accounts. Motion passed.

Executive Session – to review reconciliation of accounts.

Out of Executive Session – Into Regular Session – No action was taken in Executive Session. The reconciliation of accounts were reviewed.

Reconciliation of Accounts – A motion was made by Commissioner Charlie Fox and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ronald Muckenfuss to approve the reconciliation of accounts. Motion passed.

Chairman Harrison stated that we will discuss Retiree benefits policy at next month's meeting in Executive Session. And after Executive Session, a vote will be taken.

The next regular meeting is June 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Commissioner Charlie Fox and seconded by Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Lee Harrison, Chairman
St Paul's Fire District

Mary Adams, Clerk
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