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**ST PAULS FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

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

Review Information Only –August 2018 – Tracy presented the August 2018 financial report. Personnel Services was \$466,031.03 and Operating Expenses was \$35,428.19 with total being \$501,459.22. Revenues was \$62,182.94. There is no update to the TAN. The ending balance in the checking account on August 30, 2018 was \$347,124.37.

Community Remarks – None at this time.

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 September 16, 2018 and posted on the front door 24 hours prior to the meeting. Since we cancelled the meeting for September 20, 2018 and rescheduled it for September 27, 2018, this meeting was advertised in the Legal Notices on September 19, 2018 and posted on the front door 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting on August 16, 2018 were approved as written, without reading, with a motion by Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss 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 Mike Rakoske was present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mobile Data Terminals – Asst Chief Rakoske is working on this and will have more information after January 1, 2019 when more tax revenue is coming in.

REPORTS

Hollywood Station – Regular maintenance.

Sauldam Station –Regular maintenance and transfer switch was installed.

Edisto Station – Regular maintenance. Received a letter from DHEC concerning the well which has to be 100 feet from the drain lines and 50 feet from the property line. Chief Garvin is getting prices to have this done on the lot

next door. September 29, 2018 there will be a vigil for the missing girl. It was suggested that we put up a sign about upcoming events.

Ravenel Station - Regular maintenance.

Adams Run Station - Regular maintenance. New ceiling tiles were installed.

Stono Ferry Station - Regular maintenance.

Meggett Station – Regular maintenance and new pump switch for the big water storage tank. There has been an ant problem at this station.

Parkers Ferry Station – Unmanned at this time. The military was there for Hurricane Florence and Station 5 personnel was there also.

Petersfield Station – Unmanned at this time. This station received a new flag pole.

Chief's Report – There were 200 alarms for August 2018. Chief Garvin stated that there are no schools in our district that can be used for shelters during a hurricane. The question was raised as to where do district personnel go when there is a Category 4 or 5 Hurricane. Chairman Harrison asked Chief Garvin to check with Vic Rawl with Charleston County Council about shelters. Ashley Ridge School in Dorchester County was also suggested. Fire Prevention Month is October 2018. The smoke trailer will be on King Street in Charleston SC on October 14, 2018 and at Home Depot on October 6, 2018. For information purposes only – that physicals be moved to their anniversary date so that all personnel are not going at the same time. We have 12 personnel that currently need a physical. OSHA requires a physical every year. Tender 5 – was in an accident Labor Day. The truck could be totaled and was sent to Spartanburg SC. Firefighter Rufus Brown was driving Tender 5 when the accident occurred. He is out on Worker's Compensation at this time. ISO will be here on October 11, 2018. Chief Garvin and Training Officer Truss Johnson met with him today. A Harassment (Sexual) class was taken. For Hurricane Florence, firefighters were on standby to Myrtle Beach. There was a drowning at the bridge by Peter Miller's last night. The boat hit the bridge piling. The man in the boat hit his head and he was never seen again. The woman in the boat was rescued. Commissioner Charlie Fox stated that we need 2 boats and need requirements to be on the boat (Rapid Water Boat Rescue).

Training Report – There were 823 training hours and 333 physical hours for August 2018. Truss mentioned an extension for recent 10 promotions who currently need 1 or more classes. Some are currently enrolled for November/December 2018 classes. There is a 30 day wait to get results before signing up for another class at the SC Fire Academy. Currently there are 4 that need to retest. You can take 2 retests a month.

Attorney's Report – Charlie Riddle through his attorney has asked that his probation be terminated early. There is a pending motion in Federal Court. All commissioners present are opposed to Charlie Riddle's probation being terminated early. A motion was made by Commissioner Charlie Fox and seconded by Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss that Attorney Condon write a letter to the US Attorney opposing early termination of probation for Charlie Riddle. Motion passed.

Commissioners Report – Commissioner Clifford Murray mentioned that the fire district needs a boat. Commissioner Larry Gerth asked about the lease to purchase on the generator; and yes we do have a lease to purchase on the generator. He also asked about the motor for the broken generator; it's not worth it to fix it.

Auxiliary Report – No report at this time.

Community Remarks – None. Loella Smalls with Charleston County Budget Office was present at the meeting. Shelley Hunt spoke about Commissioner Clifford Murray's seat that is up for reappointment which has been

deferred for now. Shelley mentioned that we need to attend County Council's meetings; and she also spoke about Anna Johnson, who is on County Council in the fire district and how many times has she been out here.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bertha North-Lee and seconded by Commissioner Larry Gerth to go into Executive Session to review reconciliation of accounts. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss and seconded by Commissioner Larry Gerth to go into Executive Session for Personnel Actions – review of waivers for promotions. 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 and Personnel Actions concerning the review of waivers for promotions was discussed.

Reconciliation of Accounts – A motion was made by Vice-chairman Ronald Muckenfuss and seconded by Commissioner Bertha North-Lee to approve the reconciliation of accounts. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlie Fox and seconded by Commissioner Larry Gerth that waivers for promotions be granted to promoted Lieutenants and Captains and completed by June 20, 2019. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting is October 18, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Lee Harrison, Chairman
St Paul's Fire District

Mary Adams, Clerk
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