



The Town of Clayton
Clayton Fire Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Clayton Fire Station One

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Sutphin
Kenneth Wendel
Karen Patterson
Paul Zais
JoAnn Hardee

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Barbee
Christy Anastasi, Clerk to the Board

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim McLaurin
Matthew Vessie

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) Mr. Sutphin called the meeting to order at 7: 05 pm.

2 OPENING REMARKS

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Draft Minutes
- January 26, 2017
 - February 9, 2017 - Special Meeting

ACTION: Approval of Minutes

Motion: Board Member Zais

Second: Board Member Patterson

Vote: Unanimous

4 REPORTS FROM FIRECHIEF

- a) Budget

Chief Barbee stated he has provided a presentation and budget request to the Town Manager, Adam Lindsay as to the needs of the fire station for the 2017-2018 budget year. Additional fire engine is need to replace the 2000 model that is currently being used. Due to there not being enough fire hydrants in some areas this would require additional tanker trucks. Chief Barbee stated additional staffing is needed due to the high demand of growth in the area. With the addition of nine full-time positions in January 2017, the ratio is 24 full-time employees and 24 part-time employees in the fire department. Chief Barbee stated that there is a need for additional firefighters however; there are no

plans for a large group hired like in January 2017 .The plan is to only hire a few people over the next few years and once the high school program has graduates, it is hoped to be able to hire a few of the recruits.

b) Operations

Chief Barbee stated a new fire truck would arrive at the end of April 2017. The new fire engine will replace a 1994 E-One Freightliner Fire Engine. Chief Barbee stated how important it is to try and find a fire department that may be in need of a 1994 fire engine. A total of four fire departments responded to the offer. The Town of Fairmont had been hit with a with a large amount of destruction after hurricane Matthew in the fall of 2016 therefore, after a visit from the Fire Chief from the Town of Fairmont a letter was received requesting the fire engine. This request went before the Clayton Town Council and was unanimous approved donating the fire engine to the Town of Fairmont. Chief Barbee proudly stated the fire engine will be placed on the consent agenda as surplus property and will be donated to the Town of Fairmont at the April 3, 2017 Town Council meeting. Chief Barbee stated the truck would be delivered to the Fairmont Fire Department on April 4, 2017.

c) Apparatus - Status Report

Mr. Zais provided a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting the new fire engine that will be delivered mid-April 2017. This is a 2017 Pierce Enforcer Engine that holds 1000 gallons of water and 1500 gallons of water per minute can be pumped. This fire engine is being custom built and will be used as a water tank truck but a rescue truck as well. Mr. Zais stated this is a shorter truck. The shorter truck is needed due to the tight turns in several neighborhoods. Mr. Zais stated due to the narrow streets in some of the neighborhoods the longer trucks could not make the turns. This company will provide training for the new truck after delivery. The engine will be in service by the end of May or the beginning of June of 2017.

d) High School Program - Update

Last year Chief Barbee attended a meeting on the two-year degree program for high school students to receive their firefighter certification shortly after a student graduates from high school. This four and half year program starts in August of 2017 and will be open to ninth grade students. One semester would be completed after graduating high school. Four schools in Johnston County will be participating in the program. Clayton High School and Smithfield-Selma High Schools both will be offering this program. The Clayton fire department will be participating in the mentoring of some of these students throughout the school year. Chief Barbee is looking forward to how this program will interact with the hiring process down the road.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

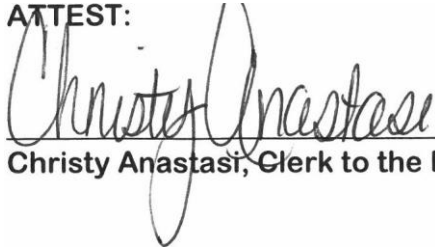
6 ADJOURN

- a) With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Motion: Board Member Zais
Second: Board Member Hardee
Vote: Unanimous


Matt Sutphin, Chair

ATTEST:


Christy Anastasi, Clerk to the Board