

Minutes of the Van Zandt Emergency Service District #3
August 4, 2021

A special called meeting of Emergency Service District #3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:05 pm. A quorum was established. Board members present were: Marvin Shaw, Sue Baugh, Scott Opitz and Brian Cummins.

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Sue Baugh to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Scott Opitz. The motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith, SVZVFD president, gave his monthly report on activities. No action required.

Tim Meredith gave the financial report for SVZVFD. He noted that they had to make repairs to the radio equipment and tower that was hit by lightning but they had that covered in repairs budget. No action required.

Tim Meredith made a presentation on the need for a vehicle to handle resuscitation equipment. He had found a vehicle that they could take all the equipment which is presently on a personal vehicle of a volunteer. There was some discussion about the vehicle and the possibility of converting the Chief's Tahoe to carry the resuscitation equipment. Michelle Beaver, SVZVFD volunteer, gave a demonstration of how the resuscitation equipment is set up and used. No action taken.

Scott Opitz gave his financial report. He suggested we transfer \$40,000.00 from the operational CD to the checking account. He reported the following checks:

#1339 -	\$200.00	Ron Beaver for office supplies
#1340 -	\$15,696.00	Hoyt Breathing Air products for air packs
#1341 -	\$23,416.00	SVVFD for contracted services
#1342 -	\$1985.50	VFIS for insurance
#1343 -	\$228.02	Sue Baugh for office supplies
#1344 -	\$150.00	VZ Designs for computer repair

Brian Cummins made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Motion was seconded by Sue Baugh. The motion passed.

Marvin Shaw reported on a meeting with TXDOT to discuss the entry way for new fire station. TXDOT wants an engineering study on how runoff will be handled. He had contacted Abbott Consulting & Engineering about doing the hydrological study on entrance and to engineer the pad site for drainage at a cost of \$4500.00. Sue Baugh made a motion to table the proposed engineering study. Scott Opitz seconded the motion to table. The motion carried.

Heath Morris was introduced as the new board member pending his swearing in by the county judge or his secretary. No action required.

Sue Baugh reported on progress on getting files updated. She noted that 4 cabinets in the file cabinet had been filled. No action required.

Marvin Shaw reported that with the requirement from TXDOT on the hydrological study, the new fire station project would now be 5 phases instead of 3 phases. No action required.

There was a discussion on the budget for next year. After some discussion, Scott Opitz moved that we adopt a budget that totals \$490,462.76. Motion was seconded by Brian Cummins. The motion passed unanimously. Based on the ESD's certified tax value of \$652,211,122.00, Scott Opitz proposed to set a tax rate of \$0.0752 per \$100 valuation. The proposal was seconded by Sue Baugh. This rate is lower than the 2020/21 rate of \$0.077 per \$100 valuation. The motion passed.

The public meeting for citizen input on budget and tax rate as set for September 9 at 6:30 pm at SVZVFD station #4 located at 24632 State Hwy 64 in Canton, TX. The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was set for 7:00 pm on September 9 at the same location.

Brian Cummins moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Sue Baugh. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.