BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4
Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 19, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
Time of Meeting - 3:00pm

Chairman Johnny Barnette called the public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Lisa Chaffin called roll as follows: Johnny Barnette, Jerry Bordelon, Jeff Wyatt, and Marvin Myers were present. Bob Robinson was absent. Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Hurmon Gibson, Tim Turner, and firefighter Jacob Maddox were also present. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana. The invocation was given by Hurmon Gibson.

**MOTION** was made by Marvin Myers and seconded by Jerry Bordelon to accept the written minutes for August 15, 2017. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Marvin Myers and seconded by Jeff Wyatt to approve the written Financial Reports through September 18, 2017. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Fire Chief JT Wallace gave update on the Civil Service Appeal Hearing for Jonathan Craft. Chief Wallace informed the board that the decision was upheld and explained the absence of the parish attorney and the decision to proceed with the hearing. Chief Wallace advised the board that there could possibly be another appeal and he would update the board members with any information when or if that happens.

Fire Chief JT Wallace discussed the need for the new hire to start working to fill vacancies and notified the board that he was ready to start as soon as the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to approve the Internal Personnel Action Forms for Susie Parrie and JT Wallace Jr. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr. discussed the need for repairs on several fire hydrants. Chief Wallace informed the board that the fire hydrants in need of repair on the Town of Benton water system are taken care of

5275 Swan Lake Road Bossier City LA 71111 (318)965-9454 www.bentonfire.org by the town and the fire hydrants south of town on the Bossier City water system in need of repair have not been fixed. The city of Bossier has privatized the care and maintenance of the water system and the company over the water system does not think it is their responsibility to fix the broken hydrants. Chief Wallace is consulting with the city engineer to resolve this problem and will update the board when the issue is resolved.

Motion was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to hire a new firefighter to fill vacancies. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to adjourn. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tim Turner Johnny Barnette, Chairman