

**MINUTES
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2018**

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 9:00 am.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Bowen, Commission Chairman
Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Commission Vice Chairman/Secretary
Jeff Hannah, Commission Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief
Samantha Babb, Director of Sewer Services
Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Guzik

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bowen at 9:03 am. Chairman Bowen gave the floor to Mr. Tom Guzik. Mr. Guzik stated that he attended the last two commission meetings and the only time he heard of a possible new Headquarters was in a previous meeting, and a possible new Headquarters was in the distant future. Mr. Guzik asked what, when, where, and how in regards to a possible new Headquarters. Chairman Bowen explained that the District is possibly looking to build a new station in the near future; however, he could not currently disclose any proposed location details. Chairman Bowen went on to state that anything the Board decides on a new station will be disclosed in a public meeting before the District moves forward. Mr. Guzik stated that is all he could ask and thanked the Board. Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea interjected by stating that it is law that anything of this nature that is decided by the Board is to be decided in a public meeting. Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea went on to explain that when in executive session, the Board cannot make decisions of any kind. The Board can only discuss in executive session and then make decisions publicly where the Board is able to be questioned by the public. Mr. Guzik asked Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler to let him know if there any future meetings on the matter at hand. Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler stated that she would notify Mr. Guzik of any upcoming meetings and added that if the Board goes into executive session and decides to take action today, they can come out of executive session and mention the action taken. Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler clarified that the Board can decided to move forward with a purchase in executive session and then mention it after executive session is exited. The Board and Department Heads invited Mr. Guzik to stay and wait until executive session is over for any possible action taken; however, they could not guarantee how long the executive session would last. Mr. Guzik suggested that the Board look into having a landing pad for helicopters on the property proposed for purchase in order to prepare for the future. Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler stated that the District is planning ahead fifty years in regards to its proposed purchase. Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler also informed Mr. Guzik that she had not been sending him the meeting agendas prior; however, this was the third or fourth meeting where a proposed purchase of real property was on the

meeting agenda and as the properties come available, the Board meets and goes into executive session to discuss the properties. Fire Chief Baker informed Mr. Guzik that the District is also remodeling Station #81. Mr. Guzik stated that there is question about Station #81 having issues. Senior Accounting and & HR Specialist Hackler also commented that looking at a five-year plan, the District needs to move on to something new with regards to a new station. Mr. Guzik disagreed, stating he was looking out for the older residents of District, then thanked the Board.

Chairman Bowen stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this special called meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea moved to go into executive session for discussion of the proposed purchase of real property on or near Wade Hampton Boulevard. Treasurer Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 9:09 am.

Treasurer Hannah made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea, the motion carried. The Board exited executive session at 11:41 am. No action was taken during executive session.

Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea made a motion to authorize both Department Heads to negotiate an offer on Project A, not to exceed the discussed amount. Treasurer Hannah seconded that motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Without any further business, Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.


Commissioner Paul Bowen, Chairman

9-11-18
Date Minutes Approved


Commissioner Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Vice Chairman/Secretary


Commissioner Jeff Hannah, Treasurer