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**ST PAULS FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2026**

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Vice-Chairman Suzanne McCalip called the Finance Committee Meeting to order.

Review Information Only – July 2026 – The Financial Report for July 2026 was presented tonight by Tonya Roberts. Personnel Services were \$625,788.96 and Operating Expenses were \$106,171.26 with a sub-total of \$731,960.22. Capital Expenses of \$0. Station 2 Expenses of \$0. Station 5 Expenses of \$20,990.89. Total Expenses were \$752,951.11. Tax Revenues were \$130,278.24. Interest Income was \$20,094.31. Miscellaneous Income/Reimbursement - \$0. The ending balance in the checking account as of July 31, 2026, was \$805,317.78.

Community Remarks – None currently.

The Finance Committee meeting was closed at this time.

Regular Meeting Called to Order – Chairman Glenn Baldwin called the regular meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Advertisement - The Finance Committee meeting and the regular meeting were advertised in the Post and Courier under "Legal Notices" on Thursday, January 7, 2026, posted on the front door 24 hours prior to the meeting and on the website.

Roll Call – Chairman Glenn Baldwin, Vice-Chairman Suzanne McCalip, Commissioner Lee Harrison, Commissioner Andrew Garrett, and Commissioner Wilton Stewart were present at Headquarters. Commissioner Larry Garvin and Commissioner Curtis Morrison were not present at this meeting. Pam Blevins was present at this meeting. Tonya Roberts was present at this meeting. Chief Johnson and Assistant Chief Garvin were present at Headquarters. Training Chief James "Boo" Ackerman was present at Headquarters. Assistant Chief Shawn Riley was present at Headquarters. Newly appointed Fire Marshall Tyler Klemmer and newly appointed Medical Coordinator Logan Plantand were present at Headquarters. Attorney Charles Condon Jr. was present at Headquarters.

Approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2026, Finance Committee and regular meeting – A motion was made by Commissioner Lee Harrison and seconded by Vice-Chairman Suzanne McCalip to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2026, Finance Committee and regular meeting. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Training Facility – Chief Johnson stated that he met with Charleston County who had changes, which will be resubmitted to the Architect. The parking lot will remain gravel with a handicapped parking concrete pad, arrows for directions and landscaping will need to be added to the existing fire station. The new property is not in the Parkers Ferry overlay and since there are separate plots and the parking lot is on the existing Station 5 property will need to be reviewed by the Board of Zoning and Appeals for exceptions. If there is an exception, it has to be made with the Board of Zoning and Appeals by October 26.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase Requests – No Purchase Requests at this time.

REPORTS

Chief's Report – Chief Johnson stated that on August 31, 2026, some of our employees will be going to Florida for the final inspection on the 2 new tenders we ordered. Frank McCormick, a reporter for Waterways Journal is doing a story for Stevens Towing it has been receiving lots of attention concerning the maritime training. Chief Johnson stated that a grant was applied for in July, to help get water to Botany Bay. Chief Johnson mentioned that there is training with Resolve Maritime Academy in Florida for a cost; this is for information purposes only. Chief Johnson and Assistant Chief Riley went to the similar training a few years ago in Texas. Chief Johnson mentioned that there was Promotional testing for 3 Captain position openings and 6 Lieutenant position openings. Recruit Orientation starts next week on September 2, 2026. Chief Johnson stated that we received \$3700 for the Mobile Fire Education Trailer; and \$40,000 for the Rescue Unit. Chief Johnson will be on vacation from August 24 to September 4, 2026; Assistant Chief Garvin and Chief Riley will be in charge while Chief Johnson is on vacation. There were 319 calls with 166 EMS calls for the month of July 2026.

Station Report – July 2026 – No station reports.

Maintenance Report – July 2026 – Parts Cost (internal repairs) \$9,118.48; Contracted Costs (sublet repairs) \$1,377.96; Tires – \$0.00; Towing – \$0; Total Cost – \$10,496.44; No. of Fleet Maint. XReg. Shop hours – 121; No. of Fleet Maint. OT shop hours – 78; Total shop hours – 199.

Training Report – July 2026 - There were 2541.5 training hours, 709 physical training hours, 0 hours for Community Events, 0 hours for Public Service, and 4 smoke detectors installed.

Assistant Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Garvin has some pictures from the drone over Swinton Creek during construction of the new bridge, which will be presented at the end of the meeting tonight.

Attorney's Report – Attorney Charles Condon Jr. is working with Chief Johnson on the MOU (liability) contract with Stevens Towing and will meet soon.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Baldwin called Assistant Chief Garvin about the ice machines. Station 1, 4, and 7 have ice machines. Station 5 will soon have an ice machine also. At the stations that do not have an ice machine, it seems to be working out for them to go to a fire station that does have an ice machine. The cost is \$1500-2000 for each ice machine. At this time, this has been turned over to the Fire Department; Chief Johnson and Assistant Chief Garvin.

Commissioner's Report – Vice-chairman Suzanne McCalip mentioned that she hopes Chief Johnson has a good time on vacation. Commissioner Andrew Garrett thanked the office staff for all the information that is mailed out for the meeting. Commissioner Lee Harrison said the fire department is doing a great job. Commissioner Wilton Stewart mentioned that we should save money where we can unless there is an issue. Commissioner Stewart also asked who had a license to operate the drone. The answer was Assistant Chief Garvin is the only person with a license at this time for the drone. Assistant Chief Garvin attended a SUAS kickoff meeting involving 3 counties. The EMD awarded a grant for drones so we can work toward getting 10 drone pilots. The Memorial for 9/11 is in Maryland. Commissioner Lee Harrison asked if we have vests? The answer was Yes. Chairman Baldwin appreciated the promotions.

Commissioner Training – None at this time.

Community Remarks – None at this time.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6pm.

The reconciliation of accounts for July 2026 was presented to the Commissioners. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Suzanne McCalip and seconded by Commissioner Lee Harrison to approve the reconciliation of accounts for July 2026. Motion passed.

Executive Session – None at this time.

Assistant Chief Garvin showed us the pictures of the drone over Swinton Creek Road during construction of the bridge. It was a great presentation.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Suzanne McCalip and seconded by Commissioner Wilton Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.



Glenn Baldwin, Chairman
St Paul's Fire District



Mary Adams, Clerk
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