

UPPER HOMINY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVID LIVINGOOD, CHAIRMAN
GLENN HOWELL, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN
BRIAN WARREN, SECRETARY
ELISE ISRAEL, TREASURER
HAROLD MCCARSON
SARA HOWELL
SCOTT MCJUNKIN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALLEN RASH
JAMES NETHERTON

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Shane Prestwood, Office Manager, Andrea Blankenship

Meeting called to order at 19:00 hours by Chairman Livingood. Prayer was by Sara Howell.

Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting were read by Brian Warren, Secretary. Motion to approve, made by Sara Howell. Harold McCarson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2024 was given by Secretary Warren (Treasurer Israel joined the meeting late); copy attached. Motion to approve was made by Scott McJunkin. Glenn Howell, Jr. seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financials as of December 31, 2024 were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solar Initiative: The solar panels have been installed on the building. There was an 80% inspection today. They found two issues which were fixed immediately. The project should be up and running in the next couple of weeks.

FEMA: All the paperwork has been sent to the County to forward to FEMA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget: There are lots of unknowns with the budget; mostly as a result of loss of sales tax and the property re-evaluation being put off a year. Chief Prestwood, feels if we lose money, the State or County will have to step in with funds or we will need to go up on our tax rate—this would be our last resort. We will set aside 13% for retirement match. It looks like we may be allowed to enter the State retirement plan-13% matching is a requirement of the plan. We should have budget numbers in March.

Employee Handbook: Secretary Warren will email the updated copy of the Handbook to the Board for their review.

No further business; next meeting will be the Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn Howell, Jr. Scott McLunkin seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 20:23.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Warren, Secretary