

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015 FIRE TAX APPEALS**  
**&**  
**2015 MILLAGE RATE HEARING & 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING**  
**&**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2015

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

**Present:** Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner James Cena. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Durant called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Moment of Silence/Pledge**

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Special Business**

Chief Gorski promoted Lieutenant Mike Bloski.

**Public Hearing/Assessment Appeals**

- **Verification of Public Notices**  
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the public hearing was advertised as required.
- **Presentation**  
Chief Gorski and Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief overview of Resolution 2015-08 for our Tax Assessment Roll. He recommended the Board approve the resolution.
- **Open Public Hearing for Appeals/Comments**  
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. for the assessment appeals. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing for Appeals/Comments**  
*Commissioner Center moved to close the public hearing for assessment appeals at 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Consideration of Resolution 2015-08**  
Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2015-08 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for consideration. *Commissioner Marken made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-08. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motioned unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**  
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing for Assessment Appeals at 6:08 p.m.

**Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2015-09 on the 2015 Millage Rate**

- **Verification of Public Notice**  
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the meeting was advertised as required.
- **Presentation of Millage Rate**  
Chief Gorski stated that the Board had Resolution 2015-09 for their approval.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**  
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for the millage rate at 6:10 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**  
*Commissioner Cena made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm on the millage rate. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Consideration of Resolution 2015-09**  
Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2015-09 on the 2015/2016 Millage Rate for consideration. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the fiscal year 2015/2016 operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District at 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.1507 mills by 4.81%. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**  
The Public Hearing on the millage rate was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

**Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2015-10 on the 2015/2016 FYE Budget**

- **Verification of Public Notice**  
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the hearing was advertised as required.
- **Presentation of Proposed Budget/Procedures**  
Chief Gorski stated the Board has Resolution 2015-10 to adopt our 2015/2016 Budget.

- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**  
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for comments at 6:13 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**  
*Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2015/2016 Budget at 6:13 p.m. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Consideration of Resolution 2015-10**  
*Commissioner Marken motioned to approve Resolution 2015-10 on the 2015/2016 Budget. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**  
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing on the budget at 6:17 p.m.

#### **Continuation of Regular Board Meeting**

#### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Marken motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Center seconded the motion with discussion. After discussion, the motion unanimously carried.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\* None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\* **Surplus Fixed Assets**

Chief Gorski presented the list of Fixed Assets for surplus. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve Surplus Fixed Assets for September 2015. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

\* **Fire Prevention Month**

Fire Marshal Adent reported that the month of October is filling up fast. She has scheduled events at day cares and schools in our district along with Open House on October 3. The theme this year is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep! Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm."

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* **Pension Committee**

Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief report.

- \* **Union**  
Adam Chevalier gave a report.

**VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

1. **August 31, 2015 Minutes.**  
Battalion Chief Smith reminded the commissioners of the Golf Tournament on Friday, September 18.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

2. **Chief's Reports**  
Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his memo to the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Durant asked for comments. Chief Gorski reported on the award received by Inspector Larry Betts for Dedication and Professionalism awarded by Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Fire and Rescue/ EMS awards.

Commissioner Cena gave a brief overview of the events for 9/11.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

  
Melanie A. Marken, Secretary