

JULY 18, 2013
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2013

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

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

Call to Order

Chairman Durant called the meeting 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 introduced Karen Morinelli. She is our labor attorney.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Vehicle Replacement Program**

Chief Gorski gave an update to the Vehicle Replacement Program. The committee has seen several different manufactures of fire apparatus. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 28. Chief Gorski also distributed a Draft Resolution outlining the designation of unreserved fund balance for establishment of a vehicle replacement program for the Commissioners to review.

NEW BUSINESS

* **Presentation of Vehicle Black Box Information**

Chief Gorski gave a short presentation to the Board showing the information available on our black boxes installed on newer engines. He also outlined to the Board what information the new "blue boxes" will have.

1. DR 420

Chief Gorski had spreadsheets showing the effect of the roll-back rate from 2012 on the ad valorem taxes. He identified what the effect would be using the current roll-back rate and 1.0 millage. There was some discussion. *Commissioner Cena motioned to approve the roll-back rate of 1.0193 on the DR 420. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

Chief Gorski also updated the Board members on the need to change the second September Public Hearing date due to a conflict with the Board of County Commissioners date. He suggested we move the date from Thursday, September 19 to Wednesday September 18. All board members were in agreement with that change.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Chairman Foss reported that the Trustees held a meeting on July 9. The actuary, Chuck Carr attended via phone and Paul Shamoun from FMPTF was also in attendance. The Board members learned about the Actuarial Valuation from Chuck Carr and Paul Shamoun gave a report on the investment earnings for the Plan. There was discussion. Chief Gorski also noted that the Plan is doing great even though there was a slight loss for June. FMPTF will be setting up a website for us to comply with transparency requirements. They will make sure that all documents that need to be on a website are available. We can put a link on our website to theirs when it is active.

* **Union Report**

Adam Chevalier reported that they had a good negotiation session. He believes that the Union and Department are getting really close to an agreement. The next negotiation is set for July 25.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

2. Minutes of July 8 Meeting

Adam Chevalier gave a brief overview of the meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

3. Chief Gorski noted that his report shows some of the meetings he has attended this past month.

Commissioner Durant asked if we could have a "hit" counter on our website. Chief Gorski replied that we are working on it.

Chief Gorski reported that we now have 30 employees interested in being involved in the Hazardous Materials Response.

Chief Gorski reported that Netwurx will be attending another meeting.

Chief Gorski distributed a thank you letter for Commissioner Center's participation as a speaker at the 2013 Florida Association of Special Districts Annual Conference. He also distributed copies of the Customer Service Satisfaction Surveys received.

In reviewing our Policies, Chief Gorski discovered that we haven't formally adopted NIMS. Staff is currently working on the General Order books that will formally adopt NIMS.

Chief Gorski also distributed a Press Release regarding the Child Safety Seat instruction that we are currently offering. We have had a couple of people come in for the instructions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chief Gorski reported that Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Bounds has been reviewing all properties in our district to identify and/or correct the coding of properties in our district so that we collect all taxes due. Robert has done a great job.

Chief Gorski also reported that Fire Marshal Adent will have the gentleman that has been behind the grant that has allowed us to install over 760 smoke alarms attend one of our upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Cena reported that there was a Manatee County Fire Commissioner's Association Meeting on July 1st at East Manatee. He noted that they spoke about a group of citizens, known as the Chandler Brothers that have been going around to governments to make sure they adhere to Florida Public Records Laws. Chief Gorski spoke about this group also noting that currently they are concentrating on Police Departments.

Chairman Durant asked if we have any figures on what the costs will be associated with the HazMat Team. He wanted to make sure that we have spoken to the other districts and the county. Chief Gorski replied that we will be in contact with everyone as soon as we have all our information.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary