

**AUGUST 15, 2013
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2013

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; and Commissioner James Cena. Anthony Evans, Treasurer 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

Commissioner Center spoke about former West Side Fire Marshal Bob Kline, Firefighter Christi Hollins grandfather, recently passing away. A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Special Business

Chief Gorski introduced Joe Bateman of Focus on Fire Prevention was in attendance to accept a plaque in appreciation for the donation of the over 1,000 smoke alarms to the District.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. Commissioner Center asked to pull the Financials and Pension report for discussion. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the remaining consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Financial Report with discussion. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote was called and the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Pension Reports with discussion. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote was called and the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* None

NEW BUSINESS

* **Presentation of the Technology Management Strategic Plan**

Chief Gorski introduced Alan McKee from Netwurx Technology Group. Mr. McKee gave a presentation that ended with questions from the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Chief Gorski reported that we had a Trustee Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 to approve the Firefighters Summary Plan Document and the revised page from the Actuarial Report.

Chief Gorski presented the General Plan Summary Document for the Commissioners approval. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the General Plan Summary Document. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

* **Union Report**

Adam Chevalier reported that there is a negotiation scheduled for August 20, 2013. Also, Larry Betts is back at home recuperating. Tony Lear lost his mother recently.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

* **No Meeting**

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Chief Gorski noted that has been a busy month. He has devoted a lot of time to the budget. The highlights from his meetings last month consist of a second meeting with the HazMat Team developing the strategic plan. There was a training movie made at Station 4 on Chemical Suicides. He met with Dr. Nonell yesterday.

Chief Gorski reported that a commissioner requested new business cards with our new email address on them. Any commissioner that wants new business cards needs to let Debbie know.

Chief Gorski distributed copies of Customer Service Satisfaction Survey's received since the last meeting. All responses were outstanding or excellent. He also distributed pictures and thank you cards received.

Chief Gorski reminded the Commissioners that there will be a Tribute to Heroes ceremony on September 11 at 9:30 am. This will be at the Riverwalk Memorial.

Chief Gorski received a letter from Maggie Mooney-Portale identifying that they are building new offices in Lakewood Ranch. Maggie will be relocated there. She will also be bringing David Jackson, her temporary replacement, to one of our next board meetings to introduce him to the Commissioners.

Also, there is an office set up on the Administrative side of the building, for the Commissioners use. They can come in and access their emails, get their mail or whatever they need in that office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioner Center reported that he will be unavailable to attend the September Public Hearings as he will be out of the country during that time. Commissioner Center spoke about the Chief's contract set to expire September 30, 2013. He will meet with Chief Gorski before he leaves to go over the budget. Also, he would like to have an Employee Appreciation Dinner for all employees. Commissioner Center also reported that at the last FASD Board of Directors meeting they were told that the Governors Report should be ready in 60 to 90 days. Commissioner Center also spoke about Chief Gorski's employment contract. There was some discussion. *A motion was made by Commissioner Center to allow the Chairman to work with Chief Gorski on his contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cena and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner Cena approves the Appreciation Dinner. Commissioner Marken also approves. She would like to work with IT and Debbie on the retention of records when we get to the cloud storage.

The next meeting will be the September Public Hearing on September 12th at 6:00 pm. Followed by the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on September 18th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary