

JULY 17, 2014
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2014

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 Executive Management 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 thanked everyone for their contribution to the Good Morning America Contest. He thought we were all winners even if we didn't go to New York City.

Quarterly Employee Awards

Chief Gorski presented length of services awards:

Randy Smith – 15 years Frank Meola – 10 years
Paul Wojcik – 10 years

Phoenix Awards were presented to the following:

Todd Pierce Chris Snider
Wayne Lambert Chad D'Agostino
Dustin Daughtrey Brian Hodges
Dan Reisdorf

The following received two Phoenix Awards:

Randy Smith
Tony Hauck Seth Burnett

Consent Agenda

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

Introduction of New Volunteers

Chief Gorski had Battalion Chief Herb Smith introduce the nine new volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY15 Projected Revenue

Chief Gorski distributed a draft of the Proposed Revenue for FY 15.

2. FY15 Proposed Continuation Budget and FY15 Budget Proposals

Chief Gorski distributed a draft budget along with detail and options for FY15.

NEW BUSINESS

3. DR420

Chief Gorski asked the Board for their recommendations for ad valorem rates for FY15. *Commissioner Center motioned to set the millage rate at 1.2290 for FY15. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

4. Engagement Letter from CS&L

Chief Gorski presented the Engagement Letter from Christopher Smith & Leonard. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the Engagement Letter from CS&L. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*** Pension Committee**

Chief Gorski reported that the Trustees will meet on August 12. Both plans have been approved by the State. Interest was good last month. Deputy Fire Marshal Bounds has created a budget for the Trustees to look over in August.

*** Union Report**

Adam Chevalier thanked the volunteers. The directives are still being worked on, but the discipline directive has been completed.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

5. Minutes of May 20 Meeting – For Information

6. Minutes of July 7 Meeting – For Information

CHIEF'S REPORT

7. Chief Gorski gave an overview of his report. He also distributed Customer Satisfaction Surveys that have been received. Chief Gorski also distributed maps showing locations of various run information for 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for commissioner comments.

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary