

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014 FIRE TAX APPEALS
&
2014 MILLAGE RATE HEARING & 2014/2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING
&
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2014

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 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.

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. Chief Gorski also reported that the TRIM notices were sent out a month ago.
- **Presentation**
Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of Resolution 2013-06 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 6:05 p.m. for the assessment appeals. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing for Appeals/Comments**
Commissioner Cena moved to close the public hearing for assessment appeals at 6:05 p.m. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2014-06**
Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2014-06 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments in front of them for consideration. *Commissioner Cena made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-06. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motioned unanimously carried.*

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing for Assessment Appeals at 6:06 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2014-07 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 in front of them Resolution 2014-07 and that the 2014/2015 operating millage rate is 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of .9652 mills by 24.96%.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for the millage rate at 6:11 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm on the millage rate. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2014-07**
Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2014-07 on the 2015 Millage Rate for consideration. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2014-07 on the millage rate. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
The Public Hearing on the millage rate was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2014-08 on the 2014/2015 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 2014-08 to adopt our 2014/2015 Budget.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for comments at 6:15 p.m. There was no public comment.

- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Marken made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2014/2015 Budget. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2014-08**
Commissioner Marken motioned to approve Resolution 2014-08 on the 2014/2015 Budget. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing on the budget at 6:16 p.m.

Continuation of Regular Board Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* None

NEW BUSINESS

* **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. The theme this year is "Test your Smoke Detector".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Chief Gorski reported that although July's returns were low, we are expecting a good return for August. Paul Shamoun, FMPTF, reported that overall as of July 31, we are at 9.5% increase.

* **Union**

Adam Chevalier was not at the meeting. Chief Gorski reported that work continues on the Directives/SOP.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

* No Meeting

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Chief's Reports

Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his memo to the Board. He also distributed the Customer Satisfaction Surveys received to date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant and Commissioner Evans asked why Deputy Chief Berry has not been in attendance at the meetings. Chief Gorski reported that he had family and vacation time scheduled.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary