

AUGUST 20, 2015
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, August 20, 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, 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.

Consent Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RFP 2015-02 Request for Professional Group Insurance Benefits Broker**
Chief Gorski requested this item be addressed before the Old Business. After discussion, it was decided to table this item until September's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **FY16 Proposed Budget**
Chief Gorski presented the Proposed Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Resolution 2015-05 – Investment of Fallen Firefighters Fund**
Deputy Chief Bounds presented the Resolution. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the investment of the Fallen Firefighters Fund with FMiT. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
3. **2015-16 Schedule of Regular Meetings**
The schedule of regular meetings for the fiscal year 15/16 was presented. Discussion followed. It was decided to change the meeting time to 5:00 pm. The advertisement will be published if there is a consensus on the start time. The schedule will be ratified at September's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief update on the legislation issues that are affecting our Chapter 175 plan.

* **Union Report**

Adam reported that the Health Insurance Committee has been meeting regularly. With the resignation of Derek Foss as Steward, Adam has decided that we don't need a steward so will not be replacing him.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

4. **For information only.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

5. Chief Gorski gave an overview of his report. Chief Gorski distributed flyers for the Open House and Tribute to Heroes ceremony. He also distributed the latest Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for commissioner comments.

Commissioner Marken asked about advertising the Open House.

Commissioner Cena is happy!

Commissioner Evans also noted great job on the Proposed Budget.

The next meeting will be a public hearing on Thursday, September 10, 2015, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary