

**MARCH 17, 2016
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016

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

Present: Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; and Commissioner James Cena. Daniel Center, Vice Chairman and Anthony Evans, Treasurer were absent. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, 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 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

Consent Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Station 4 Land Sale**
Chief Gorski gave an update on the Station 4 Land Sale.

* **Radio & Radio System Update**
Chief Gorski reported on the status of the Radio & Radio System Update.

NEW BUSINESS

* **Resolution 2016-03 Adoption of the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals**
Chief Gorski presented Resolution 2016-03 for approval. *Commissioner Marken motioned to accept Resolution 2016-03 Adoption of the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

* **2015 Annual Report**

Chief Gorski distributed copies of the 2015 Annual Report.

* **Gehring Group Contract**

Chief Gorski gave an update on the status of the Gehring Group Contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committees**

The next meeting for the Firefighter Plan is scheduled for April 12, 2016. Deputy Chief Bounds updated the Board on the cost studies for the FF, General and OPEB Plans. *Commissioner Marken motioned to proceed with the cost study for the General Pension Plan. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

Commissioner Marken motioned to proceed with the cost study for the OPEB Plan not to exceed \$3,000. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

* **Union Report**

Adam Chevalier reminded all commissioners about the dinner dance. He also said that PERC has been notified regarding negotiations starting in June 2016.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

* Minutes for March 7, 2016 meeting not available.

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his report. Chief Gorski also noted that the "Cat Award" was presented at a very nice banquet. We received a plaque and photos. Robert & Larry Betts will be attending a banquet where Larry will receive the Fire Safety Commendation Award from The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Additionally, Fox News out of Miami was out filming a story on Chief Gorski's Narcan program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Cena mentioned that the next MCFComAssn meeting will be here at the Administration Building on April 4th.

Fire Marshal Adent updated the Board on an upcoming Spaghetti Dinner that was won at a silent auction at Rowlett Elementary. Fire Marshal Adent also updated the smoke alarm installation process.

Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting will be April 21, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

Melanie A. Marken, Secretary