

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 5:00 PM
DATE: July 27, 2022
Fort Myers Beach Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Larry Wood, Vice-Chairman Ron Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer John Bennett, Commissioner Jacki Liszak, Commissioner Jim Knickle, Fire Chief Ronald Martin, District Chief Scott Wirth, Finance Director Jane Thompson, and District Members.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** 5:00pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Adoption of Agenda** [Discussion/Approval]
Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Liszak, motion passed 5-0.
4. **Restate Agenda Items** [Information]
5. **Public Input on Non-Agenda Items** – *none*
6. **Consent Agenda** [Approval]
Items listed are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion; if a Commissioner desires discussion, the specific item will be removed during the adoption of the agenda and considered separately.
 - A. July 13, 2022 Work Session Minutes
 - B. May 2022 checks 46866 – 46946 total \$220,889.56
 - C. June 2022 checks 46947 – 47011 total \$221,121.24Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Knickle, motion passed 5-0.
7. **Fire Chief Report** [Report]
Chief Martin shared the District's activity report, noting that the District has been very busy. Staff is planning for FY2022-2023 and responding to current fiscal challenges. Chief Martin thanked the Board for approval on wage increases for District 3 and certain administrative staff and added that the District is in contract negotiations with District 15. Human Resources is focusing on how to engage employees in solving problems. Chief Martin recognized several anniversaries and milestones for District employees. The District is continuing to recruit for firefighter/paramedic and currently has three (3) candidates in the testing phase.

Chief Martin updated the Board on the status of the new station, advising planning is moving well and there should be a new design concept in the next few weeks.

Operations response times are exceeding expectations with an average time of 5 minutes 20 seconds. In training, staff has been focused on hose line management. In Health Services, Assistant Chief Kraus has been working on a community AED initiative.

In Support Services there has been a lot of maintenance activity. Assistant Chief Armiger is coming up on eleven weeks in his new position and is doing well.

In Finance, they recently received a FEMA reimbursement of \$13,149. The COVID overtime reimbursement of \$128,238 was denied but Finance Director Thompson is in the process of appealing. The District did not receive reimbursement for firefighter supplemental compensation for the fourth quarter, and was short the reimbursement for the first quarter; a continuing sign of the shortfall in the State's pooled funds for this program.

Life Safety has been processing a high volume of permitting and inspections. On May 1st Life Safety participated in the Taste of the Beach event. IT Administrator Kaufman oversaw several initiatives and shored up security. There has been an increase in inspections and plan review and Life Safety recently received the permit application for this fall's Roar Offshore (date TBD).

Chief Martin noted that the last ten months as Chief have been great and in summary he would like to reiterate that people come first.

8. **Unfinished Business**- None

9. **New Business**

A. Truth In Millage (TRIM) [Discussion/Public Input/Approval]

Chief Martin made a presentation on the TRIM process.

Chairman Wood motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, motion passed 5-0.

B. Dates for Tentative Budget Hearing [Discussion/Public Input/Approval]

The Board agreed the September 14th, 10:00 am meeting will be cancelled. The Tentative Budget Hearing will be September 14th at 5:15pm.

Commissioner Knickle motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, motion passed 5-0.

10. **Fire Chief Remarks** [Information/Discussion]

Crews responded to two (2) structure fires and crews responded without issue.

South Trail Fire District has asked that Fort Myers Beach Fire District assist them with plan review for a 90-day term. Fire Official approved this and the District will be working on an agreement in the following weeks.

Chairman Wood asked about dates for the District 15 contract, Chief Martin shared that there is a tentative voting date of August 10th.

11. **Attorney Report**- none

12. **Commissioners Remarks** [Information]

The Commissioners thanked everyone for a great meeting and thanked crews for their work on recent fires.

13. **Adjournment** 5:36 pm