

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
FORT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
DATE: June 20, 2017  
PLACE: 3043 Estero Boulevard, Station 31 – Training Room  
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Morris, Vice-Chairman Schindler, Sec./Treasurer Raymond, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Wood, Fire Chief Love, District members and members of the public.

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded. Chairwoman Morris requested that New Business item “14(A)” (Presentation and Approval of September 30, 2016 Audited Financial Statement) be moved to the top of the agenda after the Treasurer’s report and to add New Business Item “14(D) (Results of FASD Conference). Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Sec./Treasurer Raymond seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**4. Swearing-In of Firefighters**

Joseph DeCastro  
Natalie Leon

Michael Jordan  
Joel Martinez

**5. Promotion of Cody Chilson to Lieutenant**

**6. Break**

**7. June 6, 2017 Work Session and Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]**

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the June 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to approve the June 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wood seconded. Chairwoman Morris requested to amend the minutes under “Long Term Facility Planning”. Sec./Treasurer Raymond made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**8. Treasurer’s Report**

Chairwoman Morris requested Sec./Treasurer Raymond to read the Treasurer’s report for May 2017.

Sec./Treasurer Raymond reviewed the summary of bank and investment account activities for month ending May 31, 2017.

- A. May 31, 2017 Department Checks #42977 through #43064 for a total of \$239,016.69 [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the May 2017 Treasurer's report. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the department checks for May 2017. Commissioner Wood seconded.  
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

**9. Presentation and Approval of September 30, 2016 Audited Financial Statement [Discussion/Approval]**

Jeff Tuscan from Tuscan & Company, P.A. presented the audit. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the audited financial statements for year-end September 30, 2016. Sec./Treasurer Raymond seconded. Chairwoman Morris called for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Fleming	Aye
Commissioner Wood	Aye
Sec./Treasurer Raymond	Aye
Chairwoman Morris	Aye
Vice-Chairman Schindler	Aye

**10. Chiefs Report [Information]**

Chief Love highlighted items on the Chief's report, as well as:

- Meeting with Town of Fort Myers Beach in regards to hurricane planning
- Scheduling of an EOC and Dispatch tour for the Board
- Statistics for the Executive Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and Assistant Chief of Training, Education, and Safety recruitment
- Customer Survey Feedback
- Cost Assessment on vehicle maintenance
- Painting at Station 32
- Update on finalizing of logo and uniforms
- Chief Martin reported meeting with Fowler to discuss Station issues
- Discussion of the September 5, 2017 Work Session Meeting falling the day after Labor Day. (To be discussed at the meeting next month)

Other Topics Discussed by the Board and Chief Love:

- Discussion regarding hurricane passes
- Discussion regarding State identification cards
- Fort Myers Beach Town Manager meetings

**11. Attorney Report [Information]**

Chairwoman Morris stated that mediation for the Darren White case is scheduled for July 12, 2017.

**12. Restate Agenda Items [Information]**

**13. Public Input – Agenda Items Only**

None

#### **14. Old Business**

A. Procurement Package of Fire Station Exhaust System [Discussion/Approval]

The Board and Chief Love discussed the timeline for purchasing the diesel exhaust systems for the stations. Chairwoman Morris called for a motion. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the bid proposal for the purchase of a diesel exhaust system as identified in the attached proposal from Magnegrip at a purchase price of \$35,019.35 and to grant the Fire Chief authority to complete the transaction and if needed, negotiate unforeseen items, up to 5% of the original quote. Commissioner Wood seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

#### **15. New Business**

A. Presentation and Approval of September 30, 2016 Audited Financial Statement [Discussion/Approval] (*Item presented following Item “8”, Treasurer’s Report*)

B. Resolution 2017-02 to Amend Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love and Director Thompson explained the resolution. Chairwoman Morris called for a motion. Commissioner Wood made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-02 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 whereby amending the budget for 2016/2017. Sec./Treasurer Raymond seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

C. Job Description Update [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love discussed the proposed update in all non-bargaining unit job descriptions for consistency. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the clause stated on the action item blue sheet for all non-bargaining unit job descriptions. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

D. Results of FASD Conference

Commissioner Fleming, Sec./Treasurer Raymond, and Chief Love reported on their recent attendance at the FASD conference.

#### **16. Reports from Union Representatives Districts 3 and 15**

*No Reports*

#### **17. Remarks of Commissioners**

Commissioner Fleming congratulated the new members who were sworn-in.

Commissioner Wood agreed with Commissioner Fleming’s comments and stated that he really likes the swearing-in process. Commissioner Wood thanked Executive Assistant Chief Martin and Division Chief Kraus for their articles in the paper.

Vice-Chairman Schindler stated that he likes the symbolism of the Fire Chief giving a bugle off his collar to the member promoting. Vice-Chairman Schindler thanked Jeff Tuscan and congratulated everyone on the audit.

Chairwoman Morris agreed with other Commissioners comments. Chairwoman Morris examined if the Board would entertain discussion in regards to a settlement in the Darren White case.

**18. Public Input**

Fort Myers Beach resident stated that he is involved in the Darren White case also and that there would need to be a reasonable number to discuss a settlement.

Fort Myers Beach Firefighter David Beers stated that there is a “team” feeling in administration and they are feeling it on the floor also, the culture is changing.

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.