

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

TIME: 6:00 PM

DATE: December 19, 2017

PLACE: 2525 Estero Boulevard – Town Hall
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Morris, Vice-Chairman Schindler, Secretary/Treasurer Raymond, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Fleming, 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 approve the agenda. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

4. Swearing-In Ceremony

Scott Wirth	Billy Cockman
Jorge Gonzalez	Ryan Huber
Eric Jacobowitz	Michael Tejada

5. Break

6. December 5, 2017 Work Session & Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond made a motion to approve the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wood seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

7. Treasurer's Report

Chairwoman Morris requested Secretary/Treasurer Raymond to read the Treasurer's report for September 2017, October 2017, and November 2017.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond reviewed the summary of bank and investment account activities for the months of September, October, and November.

A. September 30, 2017 Department Checks #43318 through #43369 for a total of \$173,040.06 [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the September 2017 Treasurer's report. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the department checks for September 2017. Commissioner Wood seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

B. October 31, 2017 Department Checks #43370 through #43476 for a total of \$388,105.52 [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the October 2017 Treasurer's report. Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to approve the department checks for October 2017. Commissioner Wood seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

C. November 30, 2017 Department Checks #43477 through #43581 for a total of \$266,698.82 [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the November 2017 Treasurer's report. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the department checks for November 2017. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

8. Chiefs Report [Information]

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

- Spirit of the Holidays events
- Wounded Warrior Project attendance
- Commissioner Tablets – discussion deferred to the January work session and meeting
- Slumber Safe presentation to Chamber of Commerce
- Network upgrades
- Upcoming FASD Conference

9. Attorney Report [Information]

Chairwoman Morris met with the attorney who is taking depositions and there was only one deposition taken today and that was former Fire Commissioner Dave Brower. The attorney needs to get a deposition from attorney Pringle, with a mandatory deposition set for him on January 16, 2018, along with Darren White. Chairwoman Morris reported that the Darren White trial is scheduled for a week in April. Chairwoman Morris will send out the information to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

10. Restate Agenda Items

11. Public Input on Agenda Items

No input was provided

12. Old Business

A. Board Policy Manual [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love reviewed the updated changes that were mentioned by the Board at the December 5, 2017 work session. Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the final amended board policy manual. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the final board policy manual.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

13. New Business

A. Election of Board Officers [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for nominations for Chair of the Board. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond nominated Commissioner Morris, Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded. Commissioner Fleming nominated Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Wood seconded. The Board of Commissioners discussed the nominations. Chairwoman Morris called for a vote. Commissioner Morris was elected as Chair 3 – 2.

Commissioner Morris – Aye

Commissioner Schindler – Aye

Commissioner Raymond – Aye

Chairwoman Morris called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board. Chairwoman Morris nominated Commissioner Schindler as Vice-Chair. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond seconded. No other nominations presented. Chairwoman Morris called for a motion. Commissioner Schindler was elected as Vice-Chair unanimously 5 – 0.

Chairwoman Morris called for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Vice-Chairman Schindler nominated Commissioner Raymond. Chairwoman Morris seconded. Commissioner Wood nominated Commissioner Fleming. Commissioner Fleming seconded. Commissioner Raymond was elected as Secretary/Treasurer 3 – 2.

Commissioner Morris – Aye

Commissioner Schindler – Aye

Commissioner Raymond – Aye

Discussion continued between the Board regarding the Board Officers positions.

B. Strategic Planning Focus Group [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love gave an overview of the Strategic Planning Focus Group process. Chief Love reported that we have selected Dr. Banyan to assist us in the creation of our upcoming Strategic Plan and introduced Dr. Banyan to the Board of Commissioners. Dr. Banyan gave a short presentation regarding the strategic plan process and received preliminary Board feedback.

14. Reports from Union Representatives Districts 3 and 15

No reports were provided.

15. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

No Remarks

16. Remarks of Commissioners

Commissioner Fleming wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. Commissioner Fleming discussed the Spirit of the Holidays events and stated that the Kids Foundation is a great organization and he's proud to be a part of it.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond discussed our meetings being televised.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond stated that the discussion of Board Officers should be added to a work session meeting and mentioned that maybe all Commissioners should be Officers. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Wood thanked Firefighters, First Responders, and Administration for getting us through Hurricane Irma and he believes we have a good handle on hurricane preparedness. Commissioner Wood thanked Chief Love for filling the gaps as we finalized our hiring processes. Commissioner Wood thanked everyone for letting him be a part of the department and board.

Vice-Chairman Schindler discussed the swearing-in ceremony. Vice-Chairman Schindler stated that it's been an enjoyable year and that we have seen this department turn around under the leadership of Chief Love and his staff. Vice-Chairman Schindler stated that he is proud to be a part of this organization and thinks that the strategic plan will help us keep moving forward.

Chairwoman Morris stated she has enjoyed being the Chair of the Board for the past year and looks forward to it again this year. Chairwoman Morris stated that she agrees with Secretary/Treasurer Raymond that the discussion of Board Officers should be on a work session agenda. Chairwoman Morris wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

17. Public Input

No input was provided.

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.