

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

TIME: 6:00 PM

DATE: July 24, 2018

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 Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 5 – 0.

4. July 10, 2018 Work Session & Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 amended meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chairwoman Morris requested Secretary/Treasurer Raymond to read the Treasurer's report for June 2018.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond reviewed the summary of bank and investment account activities for the month ending in June.

A. June 30, 2018 Department Checks #44014 through #44150 for a total of \$267,014.81. [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the June 2018 Treasurer's report. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the department checks for June 2018. Commissioner Wood seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

6. Chief's Report [Information]

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

- Completion of membership process with the Chamber of Commerce
- Appreciation to the Town of Fort Myers Beach regarding FMBFD compliance in their short-term rental ordinance.
- Thank you letter from Lehigh
- Commissioner shirt sample
- Thank you letter from community

7. Attorney Report [Information]

No reports were provided

8. Restate Agenda Items

9. Public Input on Agenda Items

No input was provided

10. Old Business

A. 2018/2019 Budget Module Updates [Information/Discussion]

Chief Love explained three (3) different budget module options for the Life Safety Division. The Board and Chief Love discussed the modules in detail for budgeting purposes.

11. New Business

A. Adoption of the 2018/2019 Truth in Millage (TRIM) Rate [Discussion/Adoption]

The Board discussed different TRIM rate options as well as how the rate chosen will affect services and our community. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond made a motion to set the TRIM rate at 2.642. Commissioner Wood seconded. Motion approved 4 – 1 (Vice-Chairman Schindler dissenting).

B. Endorsement of the Clean Water Initiative [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Fleming discussed the water quality issues and the impact it has on our economy and health. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to endorse the clean water initiative call to action by Mayor Kevin Ruane of the City of Sanibel, Florida, as well as identify that endorsement to multiple other individuals as a symbolic gesture in cooperation with municipalities, counties, senators, congressman, other state and local leaders, endorsing the call to action and support for continuing clean water efforts for not only us, but the first responders who are put in jeopardy should they have to encounter these waters. Commissioner Wood seconded. The discussion continued regarding whom the letter should be sent to. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to amend the previous motion, addressing this to the Mayor of the City of Sanibel and copying President Trump, Senator Nelson, Senator Rubio, Representative Congressman Rooney, Congressman Diaz-Balart, Colonel Jason Kirk, and Lieutenant

Colonel Jennifer Reynolds. Commissioner Wood seconded the amended motion.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

12. Reports from Union Representatives Districts 3 and 15 [Information]

No Reports Provided

13. Fire Chief Remarks[Information/Discussion]

Chief Love stated that before the Commissioners leave we will come around with a sheet to get information for ordering shirts.

14. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Wood discussed the accolades that a vendor he recently worked with gave to Life Safety Specialists Bill Genevrino and Lloyd Adams.

Vice-Chairman Schindler discussed the unsolicited positive remarks that he heard at a recent Chamber of Commerce event he attended. He stated that the comments were regarding Chief Martin's team and how well they work with the community. Vice-Chairman congratulated Chief Martin on the courses he's completing. Vice-Chairman Schindler discussed how low our attorney bill has been compared to the past and how that money could help in the budget. Vice-Chairman Schindler also stated that he is willing to give up what he gets paid here to help, and that he would really like to see the TRIM rate at 2.58.

Commissioner Fleming asked how we are going to get the Clean Water Initiative letter signed and that he is leaving town on Friday. Chief Love stated that we could probably get the letter signed before he leaves. Commissioner Fleming gave kudos to the crews who took in the fire victims and stated that this is going above and beyond. Commissioner Fleming stated that his thoughts and prayers go out to the Fort Myers Police Officer who was shot in the line of duty. Commissioner Fleming wished all First Responders a slow and safe night.

Secretary/Treasurer Raymond agreed with other Commissioners' remarks and stated he is happy we are signing the clean water endorsement letter. Secretary/Treasurer Raymond discussed how important the life safety subject is to him and that he will continue to fight for the life safety of our community and our taxpayers.

Chairwoman Morris stated that when budget discussions continue that maybe the Commissioners should look at donating their pay to the Life Safety Division budget.

15. Public Input

No Public Input

Vice-Chairman Schindler stated that it is nice to see people from the public at our meeting and asked them to give input next time they attend a meeting.

16. Adjournment

7:23 pm