

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 6:00 PM
DATE: July 24, 2019
PLACE: 2525 Estero Boulevard – Town Hall
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Wood, Vice-Chairman Fleming, Commissioner Liszak, Commissioner Bennett, Fire Chief Love, District members and members of the public.

Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Raymond

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Chairman Wood called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Liszak made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 4 – 0.

4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

5. 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 10, 2019 Work Session & Meeting Minutes

B. June 30, 2019 Department Checks #45095 through #45162 for a total of \$189,048.30

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Liszak made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bennett seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously 4 – 0.

6. Presentation: Training Division Operations

Assistant Chief DiCristofalo presented the goals and objectives of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department's Training Division. The Board and Assistant Chief DiCristofalo discussed the requirements and expectations of the Insurance Services Office and the ways a lower score can be accomplished. Commissioner Bennett asked if Assistant Chief DiCristofalo could notify the Commissioners when there is training that they can attend.

7. Fire Chiefs Report [Information]

Chief Love highlighted items on the Chief's report.

Vice-Chairman Fleming requested that Chief Love provide the Commissioners with the article that Captain II DeVito wrote in the Firehouse Magazine and Chief Love stated that he would send them a copy. Vice-Chairman Fleming asked how many people we currently have registered within our Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Executive Assistant Chief Martin stated that he does not have that data at this time, but will provide it to Chief Love.

Commissioner Liszak asked what the process is for new properties registering in compliance with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, and how we are working with the Town to share that information. Executive Assistant Chief Martin stated that the Life Safety Division requests an updated list every quarter to compare our data.

8. Public Input on Agenda Items

No public input was provided

9. Unfinished Business

A. Water Quality Letters [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love discussed the water quality letters as well as who the recipients will be. Chief Love also provided the resolution recently passed by the Congress of Mayors. Commissioner Liszak stated that the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce recently adopted a water resolution and requested that we send a letter to the Chamber stating that we support the Chamber's water resolution as well. The Board agreed to have Commissioner Liszak and Chief Love move forward on the letters.

10. New Business

A. Truth In Millage [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love explained that the Truth in Millage Rate (TRIM) had to be tentatively set tonight and reminded the Board of previous discussions regarding the budget. The Board and Chief Love discussed the numbers presented in previous meetings. The Board discussed the necessity and reasons behind needing to raise the millage rate. Commissioner Bennett stated that he would be comfortable setting the TRIM at the maximum 3.0 rate and working to bring it down. The Board and Chief Love discussed the maximum millage rate and how other District's select their TRIM rates. Vice-Chairman Fleming stated that we need to be able to provide the community with numbers explaining how much this will cost them. Chairman Wood called for a motion to adopt the TRIM rate. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to set the TRIM rate at 3.0. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

B. Dates for Tentative and Final Budget Hearings [Discussion/Approval]

Chief Love provided the recommended dates, times, and locations for the upcoming budget hearings. Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget Hearing date, time, and location. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget Hearing for September 12, 2019, at 5:15 pm, at the

Fort Myers Beach Library. Vice-Chairman Fleming seconded. Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

11. Report from IAFF Union Representative District 15 [Information]

No reports were provided

12. Public Input

No public input was provided

13. Fire Chief Remarks[Information/Discussion]

No additional remarks

14. Commissioners Remarks

Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked Chief DiCristofalo for his presentation. Vice-Chairman Fleming thanked Chief Martin for answering his impromptu questions. Vice-Chairman Fleming welcomed Chief Love back from vacation and stated that he hopes he actually took a vacation and that people need time off.

Commissioner Bennett thanked Chief DiCristofalo for his presentation and stated that he was thankful that Chief DiCristofalo is here to provide his experience and expertise. Commissioner Bennett told the Commissioners that setting the TRIM rate is a very hard job to do and that this is not the final number so they still have a lot of hard work to do. Commissioner Bennett welcomed Chief Love back from vacation.

Commissioner Lyszak echoed the other Commissioners remarks and congratulated our Emergency Medical Services Division on the Mission Lifeline Award. Commissioner Lyszak thanked Chief Love and staff for their work on the information provided.

Chairman Wood echoed the other Commissioners remarks and stated that he is happy to see Captain II DeVito still taking a leadership role in teaching other the importance thermal imaging cameras in fires.

15. Adjournment

6:57 pm