

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

TIME: 6:00 PM

DATE: July 22, 2020

PLACE: 2725 Estero Boulevard – Town Hall
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Wood, Vice-Chairman Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer Bennett, Commissioner Lyszak, Commissioner Knickle, Fire Chief Love, District members and members of the public.

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0

4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

No public input was provided

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 8, 2020 Work Session & Meeting Minutes

B. June 30, 2020 Department Checks #46050 - #46138 for a total of \$361,286.23

Chairman Wood called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Fleming made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Lyszak seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

7. Presentation- A Historical Fire Perspective: Shaping Life Safety

Executive Assistant Chief Martin and Deputy Fire Marshal Campbell presented the critical elements behind fire and life safety codes in order to protect our Firefighters and our community.

8. Fire Chiefs Report [Information]

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

- COVID-19 update on work alterations, Department compliance, and off-duty exposure
- Closing on property moved up to the end of July
- Neighborhood Canvas to educate our community and check smoke alarms

9. **New Business**

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

Chairman Wood explained the process of establishing the tentative millage rate. Chief Love stated that once the tentative millage rate is set by the Board they can choose to lower it, but cannot make it higher. All Commissioners agreed with the staff recommendation of tentative millage rate of 2.9851. Chairman Wood called for public comment. No public comment was provided. Chairman Wood called for a motion. Vice-Chairman Fleming made a motion to adopt a TRIM rate of 2.9851. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

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

Chairman Wood stated that the tentative budget hearing date recommended is September 9, 2020 at 5:15 pm at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library. Chairman Wood noted that the recommendation for the final budget hearing is September 23, 2020 at 5:15 pm at the Fort Myers Beach Town Hall, but the date cannot be voted on at this meeting. Chairman Wood called for public comment. No public comment was provided. Chairman Wood called for a motion. Commissioner Lyszak made a motion to set the Tentative Budget Hearing for September 9, 2020 at 5:15 pm at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library. Commissioner Knickle seconded. Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

10. **Report from IAFF Union Representative District 3 and/or 15 [Information]**

District 15 (D15) Vice President (DVP) Jake Lamb stated that all is quiet with District 3 and D15.

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

Chief Love stated that he is proud of the presentation by the Life Safety Division as well as the work they do. Chief Love stated that the Life Safety Division will present a snapshot of the special event process at the next meeting.

12. **Commissioner Remarks [Information]**

Secretary/Treasurer Bennett discussed the presentation and the importance of our department. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett stated that he could not be more proud of our department. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett discussed the recent lightning strike and the response from our department and the community. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett wished retired Commissioner Bob Raymond a Happy 80th Birthday. Secretary/Treasurer Bennett also stated that he is proud of how the department is handling COVID-19.

Vice-Chairman Fleming echoed Secretary/Treasurer Bennett's comments and stated that the tragic fires presented tonight have been in our recent history, within the last 21 years. Vice-Chairman Fleming discussed how budget cuts can affect a Life Safety Division and stated that the Life Safety Division is just as important as the Firefighters.

Commissioner Knickle echoed the other Commissioners' comments. Commissioner Knickle discussed the fire in Ohio and the effects it had on the community.

Commissioner Lyszak echoed the other Commissioners' comments. Commissioner Lyszak thanked our inspectors for their work and collaboration in working with our community.

Commissioner Lyszak stated that the neighborhood canvas was a great idea and that she appreciated that our department went out to educate our community and took the opportunity to check for smoke alarms. Commissioner Lyszak stated that she visited the new Gulf Star Marina and that the owners gave our department accolades for their collaboration on the project. Commissioner Lyszak wished Bob Raymond a Happy Birthday.

Chairman Wood thanked Executive Assistant Fire Chief Martin and Deputy Fire Marshal Campbell for their informative presentation and stated that we will be able to share it with other members of our community in the future. Chairman Wood discussed his experience in doing a “walk-around” with our inspectors and how important their job is.

13. **Adjournment**
7:03 PM