

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 2019
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Apperson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Apperson, Kimball, Schneider, Ragen and Detzel. Also in attendance were Chief Dowaliby, Attorney Pringle, Deputy Chief Rewis, Administrative Assistant Howard, Chaplain Cords, Engineer (DVP) Washburn, Captain Clouse and Alva Commissioner Adam Crittendon.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda

Old Business: Approve final total for repair to Engine 82 of \$6,232.67.

Presentations/Awards

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for July 2019 were presented for approval. Commissioner Kimball made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Opening Balance	July 1, 2019		\$1,916,790.36
Credits		\$8,113.68	
Debits		\$281,053.68	
Ending Balance	July 31, 2019		\$1,643,850.36
Opening Balance	July 1, 2019		\$827,803.23
Credits		\$62,317.57	
Debits		\$0	
Ending Balance	July 31, 2019		\$890,120.80

First Bank - CDARS			
4 Week Public Funds CD			\$2,000,000.00
13 Week Public Funds CD			\$2,000,000.00
26 Week Public Funds CD			\$2,000,000.00
Total CDARS			\$6,000,000.00
Total			
			\$8,533,971.16

Commissioner Kimball made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Chief’s Report

I hope everyone is well and your hurricane plans are in place. I would like to thank everyone for the work they have done in my absence. I greatly appreciate it.

Items of Interest

- I would like to have an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss Union Negotiations.
- Mr. Pringle will have an update on the Verandah property next door.
- We are working through the budget process.
- The lettering for the Confined Space Trailer is done and it looks great.
- I would like to thank Engineer Swindle for heading the airway and trauma bag update.
- We have some birthdays to celebrate this month: Firefighter Janey; FF Mimbs’ wife Courtney; FF Whatley’s daughter Savannah. Engineer Swindle and his wife Stacey celebrated a wedding anniversary as did FF Gee and his wife Amanda. Congratulations everyone and I hope your day was special.

Meetings Attended

- No meetings attended this month.

Training

- Captain Jones, Engineer Pledger and FF Peterson are in Trench Rescue Technician Class.
- Engineer Poulton and FF Hunt will be taking Rope Technician class.
- FF Mimbs is halfway through Paramedic school. He will complete his course work in October! He deserves recognition for his commitment to success. As we work towards improving emergency medical services to our community, he will be a driving force in training and outcomes.

- The men continue to train. We have several men working on their Bachelor and Associate degrees.
- We have two upcoming events at Buckingham Exceptional School about the wedges purchased for the school through the Rotary Club project. WINK News will be there to do a story on it.
- We are having a roofer come to check for leaks due to some water issues upstairs. We'll keep you updated as we get more information.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Commissioner Detzel seconded and the motion passed

Attorney's Report – Attorney Pringle will have input on some Old and New Business items.

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed

Fire Prevention Division Report

- Current Construction: Portico Clubhouse
- New Construction: None to report
- Projects Completed: Functional Rehab of SW Florida
- Revenues: The Division billed \$1,059.00 for the month.
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshal's and Inspectors Association; Lee County Fire Arson Task Force
- Prevention Education: CAD System Administration training – 3-day class
- Inspections: The division completed 46 various fire inspections for the month.
- General Information: Cape Coral's Smoke Detectors for the Hearing-Impaired Program is being opened up to the entire county so we will be able to get information out to our residents to apply for the program.

Commissioner Kimball made a motion to accept the Prevention Report. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

1. Discussion of Verandah property: Attorney Pringle said he sent the information from the last meeting to Mr. Martin and the answer he received is positive. As discussed last month: the price for the property will be \$8.00 per square foot for approximately 41,873 square feet. They will give us a credit of \$40,000, which will result in a price of \$294,984.00. We will also address several other items including; necessary variances for building closer to the property lines than current setbacks allow, the current drainage system to remain in place, joint driveway access, allowing access to the Comcast building. There are several steps that we and Verandah will have to take before we can finalize everything, but we expect to be able to come to an agreement. Part of the process will hopefully be to combine all three lots into one.
2. Budget – The newest budget draft is available. We had a smaller increase than expected, about \$60,000.00, so we cut a lot of stuff out. We are still planning for some capital expenditures and quite a bit of training next year. We are still receiving a good amount of Impact Fees so the district is still growing, but it may be a year or even two before that growth really begins to show up in our ad valorem. Please contact us with any questions as you look through the draft.
3. Approval of final cost for the repair to Engine 82 of \$6,232.67. The board approved up to \$6,000 for the repair last month, but the final cost came in a little bite higher.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve \$6,232.67 for the repair to Engine 82.

Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

1. Approval for emergency repair to the 2006 F-250, currently used by Deputy Chief Rewis. We have a choice between replacing the engine with a new one for \$9,238.95 or just fixing everything with no guarantee of how long the repair will last. That option would cost several thousand dollars less, but this is the vehicle that we plan to keep long term to tow the air trailer, prevention trailer and the confined space trailer, after Deputy Chief Rewis gets his new vehicle. We feel that the new engine is a better investment for that reason and recommend that option to the board. If we had to replace the truck, it would cost approximately \$55,000 to

get the same type of vehicle including the installation of the lights, sirens, radios, graphics, etc. After some discussion of the plans for our vehicles, Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve the engine replacement for \$9,238.95. Commissioner Kimball seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

Chaplain Cords commended A-Shift for their good work and professionalism on a cardiac call last week. He was able to ride with the crew to the call and was very impressed with the care they gave. Chief commented that A-Shift has done a lot of finishing work for the gear storage shed and we now have all the bunker gear stored in it.

Union Report: DVP Washburn: Everything is good. Union negotiations are ongoing.

Comments from Commissioners: Thanks to everyone and stay safe. Commissioner Kimball commented on the impact fees and future growth. Commissioner Apperson said that the increase in call volume is incredible. She also thanked management and the members of the department for their work to be responsible with the budget. She said she appreciates the advice and recommendations to the Board

Adjourn

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kimball seconded and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.