

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2022
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, and Shewmaker. Also in attendance were Chief Dowaliby, Assistant Chief Rewis, Deputy Chief Lamb, Attorney Pringle, Chaplain Cords, Administrative Assistant Howard, members of the public including George and Kathy Reeves and their friends, Lee County EMS personnel with their families, Ft. Myers Shores Fire Department (FMSFD) Medical Director Dr. Atiyeh and his wife, and members of the department with their families.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda

None

Presentations/Awards

Chief Dowaliby introduced Mr. George Reeves who was in attendance to thank the FMSFD and EMS personnel who provided care to him when he suffered a cardiac emergency. Mr. Reeves thanked everyone involved in his care who helped him as well as his wife who has been by his side helping him to recover. Deputy Chief Lamb introduced FMSFD's new Medical Director Dr. Atiyeh as well as Lee County EMS (LCEMS) District 5 Officer Lt. Witte and then presented each EMS and FMSFD employee with a Lifesaving Award for their part in aiding Mr. Reeves.

LCEMS Personnel: Lt. Witte accepted the award for LCEMS EMT Samuel Gonzalez who was not able to attend; Paramedic FTO (Field Training Officer) Tyler Chisholm from LCEMS was the Paramedic in charge of all medical care on scene and of transporting Mr. Reeves to the hospital.

FMSFD personnel: FF Tommy Schumacher; FF Bronson Janey; FF Austin Gee; Engineer Danny Hunt; Engineer Michael Pledger; Captain Ricky Swindle.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 2022 were presented for approval. Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Detzel seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at May 30, 2022 :

Operating Account: \$5,202,016.88; Impact Fee Account: \$1,335,127.49; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts: \$5,757,819.97; Synovus Construction Account: \$2,971,073.25; Synovus Loan Payment Account: \$108,273.99

Note: There was a bank error in May due to a change in the way they classify our Public Funds operating account which is now classified as a "high yield public funds" account instead of an "interest bearing public funds" account. They made that change which for some reason resulted in the May 25, 2022 payroll direct deposit being paid out of the impact fee account instead of the operating account. As soon as I discovered the error the bank researched and found the cause of the mistake which they corrected so there would not be any further errors. They also sent a letter explaining that the error was due to their update. I also contacted Commissioner Apperson immediately and received her verbal approval to transfer the funds from the operating account back into the impact fee account to offset the error. The correction will be on the June report.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Chief's Report

I would like to congratulate Commissioner Apperson on her recent retirement from Lee County Parks and Recreation. She has served the residents of Lee County tirelessly and now it is time for her to enjoy the fruits of her labor. I hope everyone is prepared for hurricane season. The recent storm was a good test run for the department. I would like to thank Captain Jones for assuring the station was taken care of and that manning was adequate.

Items of Interest

- We have a heartfelt presentation tonight.
- Mr. Pringle will concentrate on two things: Contacting a facilitating the final HealthInvest HRA agreement, and; DC Lamb's employment agreement
- The crew did water day for the Buckingham Exceptional School and at the Manatee Park summer program.
- Union negotiations have been moving forward. I would like to have an executive session after the meeting to update you.
- The trip to Pierce manufacturing went well. AC Rewis can update you at the meeting if you have any questions.
- Birthdays to celebrate this month: AC Rewis; Captain Jones, his son, and his youngest daughter; Engineer Mann's son; FF Salyers' oldest son; FF Schumacher; and FF Taylor
- Wedding Anniversaries: FF Mimbs and his wife

Meetings Attended

- Five union negotiation sessions
- ISO meeting
- Weekly staff meetings
- Officers meeting

Training

- Captain Swindle will give the Captains' Training Report this month.

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

Attorney's Report

- The contract with Fortress was completed and signed.

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

Fire Prevention Division Report

Current Construction:

- Multi-family units in Portico

- Multi-family units in Pebblebrook in Verandah
- Greenwell Investment Properties – Multi-tenant office building and warehouse

New Construction:

- None to report

Projects Completed:

- None to report

Revenues:

- The division billed \$75.00 for the month
 - 1 – Fire Flow Test

Meetings Attended:

- Lee County Fire Chiefs Association
- Lee County Fire Marshals
- Rotary

Education:

- None to report

Public Education:

- Sunshine Christian Academy visit
- Grace Church 911 Day
- Manatee Park summer camp

Inspections:

- The division completed 31 inspections for the month of March including 10 re-inspections.

General:

- This was a slow month because I was in Wisconsin at the Pierce Manufacturing plant for the inspections on the new engines and I went out of state for a little vacation.

Commissioner Regen made a motion to accept the Prevention Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Operations Division Report

Items of Interest

- Mutual aid car / structure fire in Tice's district (B-Shift)
- Zoll AED procurement has been finalized – Thank you
- Development of EMS skills evaluation training sheets

- Infant cardiac arrest
- Water Day – End of School at Buckingham Exceptional School
- Call data May 1st – 31st =205 calls for service, generating 284 vehicle responses
- Call data YTD (Jan. 1st – May 31st) = 1,003 calls for service, generating 1,291 vehicle responses

Meetings attended

- SWFL Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) Region 6
- Officer's meeting
- Weekly staff meetings
- Lee County Emergency Medical Care Council
- Lee County Fire Chiefs Association
- Prepare Lee with CFO Patronis and Lee County Emergency Management

Training

- Daily Functional Fitness with crews
- Basic Airway management with Dr. Atiyeh
- Radio / Cell tower rope rescue
- District familiarization
- ESO documentation
- Leadership and expectations

We have several talented members and crews; wouldn't it be neat to see them in action? Feel free to schedule a ride along, we would be happy to have you!

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Operations Division Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Training Report

- Daily Training: Functional training and circuit style workouts; truck checks; SCBA and gear checks; Target Solutions
- Monthly Training: Ladder inspection and proper use; one pre-incident plan per shift; R.I.T. drills; Fire Ground drills; Hydraulics/Apparatus; EMT
- Upcoming Training: Co-op/facilities training in Bonita Springs; Radio Tower/high angle rescue training with Iona and Tice

- A-Shift: FF Salyers has completed his Engineer Task Book and is able to act as Engineer; FF Glenn has worked on his Task Book and just needs a few more hours to complete it; Air consumption drill completed for all personnel; Various pump training; FF Mimbs is currently completing classes for his Fire Investigator certification; Covering Tice and Bayshore while they train for co-op; Multiple hours of driver training
- B-Shift: Air consumption drill completed; Engineer Pledger completed USAR Task Force Leader class; FF Janey completed USAR Tech Search Specialist; FF Schumacher completed Rope Tech; Engineer Hunt continuing to work on Acting Officer Task Book; Training with DC Lamb – Science of Modern Fire Attack, Fire Dynamics, Modern vs Legacy Fires, Size Up’s, Control and Flow Path, etc.; High Angle Radio Tower Rescue
- C-Shift: Training with DC Lamb – Science of Modern Fire Attack, Fire Dynamics, Modern vs Legacy Fires, Size Up’s, Control and Flow Path, etc.; Engineering Training; Public events; Union negotiations

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Training Report. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

1. HRA Final Contract – Mr. Pringle discussed the HRA which was approved last month. The Chair was authorized to sign the documents but it would be prudent to authorize the Chief to sign in the event that the Chair is not available when the final contract is completed.
Commissioner Ragen made a motion to authorize the Chief to sign the HRA agreements.
Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Deputy Chief Lamb’s employment agreement
Mr. Pringle discussed several items included in Deputy Chief Lamb’s employment agreement. There was discussion and some questions from the Board. Commissioner Shewmaker asked to table the agreement until next month. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

New Business - None

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Union Report

DVP Hunt: We are actively negotiating with the Chief on the new contract. Thanks to the Board for everything they do.

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioners thanked the guys for their hard work and professionalism.

Adjourn

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.