

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
June 15, 2023
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, Shewmaker and Kressel. Also in attendance were Chief Rewis, Attorney Pringle, Chaplain Cords, Admin. Asst. Howard from the District, and Andrew Karmeris and Sal D'Angelo from Special District Services.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda

None

Presentations/Awards

Andrew Karmeris and Sal D'Angelo from Special District Services presented the Performance Review. The review covered the required items and included recommendations for future operations and policy considerations. The findings were positive and the recommendations will be helpful as the District grows and expands services. There was some discussion and Mr. Karmeris and Mr. D'Angelo answered questions about the review.

Commissioner Detzel called for public input – there was none.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve the Performance Review. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 2023 were presented for approval. Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at May 31, 2023 :

Operating Account: \$5,649,286.44; Impact Fee Account: \$1,503,580.00; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts: \$5,769,695.42; Synovus Loan Payment Account: \$108,300.73

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

Chief/Prevention Report

Chief's Report

- C-Shift has been working hard to get all of the equipment and tools mounted in the new engines to get them ready to be placed in service.
- We have posted information on the new firefighter positions; the deadline is tomorrow evening to receive applications. We are ready to start the interview process.
- We have a rough price on the repairs for the bay floor at Station 1. We will discuss this under New Business.
- Negotiations with Districts 18 and 20 for Article 11: Minimum Manning went well. We will discuss this under Old Business.
- Reminder that Financial Disclosures are due July 1, 2023.

Fire Prevention Division Report

Current Construction: Multi-family units in Pebblebrook at Verandah; Oakview community on Buckingham Road – 51 single-family homes; Hemmingway Pointe community; Circle K – Palm Beach Blvd. and Buckingham Rd.

New Construction: None to report

Projects Completed: Multi-family unit in Portico (last building)

Revenues: \$964.48 was billed for the month of May

Meetings Attended: Rotary weekly meetings, Lee County Fire Marshal & Inspectors Association; Lee County Fire Chiefs Association; River Hall CDD

Public Education: Multiple CPR/AED/First Aid courses for the community

Inspections: The division completed 11 inspections for the month of May

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

Attorney's Report

- We would like the Board to approve asking the Lee County Attorney for the broadest opportunity to use Impact Fees for Station 2 in order to clarify acceptable uses for current and future Impact Fees collected.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to give Attorney Pringle the requested approval and Commissioner Ragen seconded. Commissioner Detzel asked for public input on the motion and there was none. The motion was put to a vote and passed.

- Request to table the renewal of the Tuscan engagement renewal under Old Business.

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

Operations Division/Training Report

Items of Interest

- Vector Solutions Scheduling is live. Working well.
- Bunker boot vendor selected, new boots for all Ops members coming soon.
- New engine training with manufacturer rep.
- East Lee County Co-op (joint training with Alva, Bayshore, NFM, Shores & Tice FDs) was a success, our guys performed well. Thanks to the SST for coverage.
- Structure fire on Old Olga and Pine. Thanks to a rapid response and fast water, crews kept the fire contained. (C-Shift, Acting Captain Poulton)
- Call Data: May 1-31 = 186 calls for service generating 238 vehicle responses. YTD through May 31 = 1,082 calls for service generating 1,337 vehicle responses.

Meetings attended

- Officer's meeting, Lee County Fire Chiefs Association, Lee County Fire Chiefs Training group, Lee County Fire Chiefs Ops group, several meetings and site visits at Station 82, Vector Solutions Scheduling, East Lee Chiefs, union negotiations, Medical Care Council

Training

- Daily functional fitness with crews, EVOC, district familiarization, new engine orientation, AAR (after action review) of structure fire, District MVV (Mission, Vision and Values), Dr. Atiyeh – EMS altered mental status and stroke

Training Report

- A-Shift: various classes; reviewing new trucks; building familiarization; Washburn, Glenn and Salyers attended the Pierce training
- B-Shift: Target Solutions, Pierce training; Schumacher attended Heavy Rigging class; Pledger completed Live Fire 16-hour renewal; Hunt completed Live Fire 40-hour class
- C-Shift: mounting equipment on new trucks; Station 2 liaisons; Peterson completed Tactics II, Fire Protection Systems, SERP class and Course Design; Taylor completed Safety Officer task book, Course Design and Legal Issues for Safety Officer; Peterson attended the Pierce training

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

Public Input on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

1. Approval of Article 11: Minimum Manning update
Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the update to Article 11 and authorize the Chief to sign when it has been put in the correct format. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded and the motion passed.
2. Discussion and approval of contract for Tuscan Audit Engagement renewal
Commissioner Schneider made a motion to continue this item until the July meeting.
Commissioner seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

1. Approval not to renew the 4-Week CDARS when it matures and move the funds to the Operating Account to be used toward the remainder of the Station 2 construction costs.
Commissioner Detzel made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.
2. Approval of repairs to Station 1 bay floor.
The recommendation we have received for the cracking and buckling of the bay floor is to cut out all the entire floor, leaving only the footers supporting the exterior walls, and re-pour the floor. We would also install new linear floor drains running down the middle of each bay

comparable to the ones being installed at Station 2. The new drains are heavy duty and will require extensive plumbing to install them and tie them in to the existing drainage system. We have requested several bids but at this time we have not received all of them. We would like to get approval to have the repairs done at a cost not to exceed \$80,000 including the concrete, the drains and the plumbing. There is enough in the Capital Improvement line to do the floor this fiscal year.

After some discussion Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the repairs as requested. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Comments from Commissioners:

Everyone is doing a great job. The new trucks look good. Keep up the good work.

Adjourn

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Detzel seconded and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.