

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
February 15, 2024
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Detzel, Kressel, Ragen, Schneider and Shewmaker. Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Lamb, Attorney Pringle, Chaplain Cords, Captain Swindle, Engineer Mimbs, Firefighter Sackman and Administrative Assistant Howard as well as one member of the public. Chief Rewis was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda - None

Presentations/Awards Deputy Chief Lamb shared a letter of commendation we received from Lee County EMS recognizing Captain Swindle and his crew for their work on a recent call. A copy of the letter will be put in each employee's file. He also read another letter of thanks from a resident of the district for the professionalism, care, and quick responses to their home over a period of several years.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January 2024 were presented for approval. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at January 31, 2024:

Operating Account: \$7,628,292.04; Impact Fee Account: \$777,900.48; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts: \$4,500,000;; Synovus Loan Payment Account: \$8.58

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

Chief / Prevention Division Report

Chief's Report:

- I will not be at the month's meeting. Deputy Chief Lamb will be running the meeting.
- The bay floors are completed. The new epoxy flooring looks great. With the addition of the new floor drains this should reduce the amount of water in the walking area and make it safer for the employees and visitors.
- Alva, Bayshore, Tice and FMSFD had a meeting with the Chief of Lee Control (Dispatch) about closest unit response for high priority call types to provide the closest available unit for structure fires, severe vehicle crashes, cardiac arrest, etc. The home district will still be notified and respond with the closest unit. This will be starting in the next couple of months.
- We have received multiple requests from residents in River Hall community for an ISO letter to provide their insurance company to reduce their homeowners insurance since the new station is open.

Prevention Division:

- New construction: Hemmingway Pointe has equipment back on site and starting to work again.
- Current construction: Great American Self Storage; Buckingham 365 Phase I
- Revenues: the division billed \$75 for one fire flow test for the month
- Meetings attended: Rotary meetings; Lee County Fire Chiefs; Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association; River Hall CDD; USAR Truck Check; Lee County Response Matrix (2 days); North Fire District closest unit response
- Inspections: the division completed 6 inspections for the month including 3 re-inspections

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed.

Attorney's Report

- There are new requirements for the financial reporting this year. The form remains the same but all filing will be done online through the State of Florida instead of sending a paper copy to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections as in the past.
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Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded and the motion passed.

Operations / Training Report

Operations:

- Check-It vehicle inspection software is fully functional
- Brush truck build continues
- Strike team leader this week
- Multiple high impact motor vehicle collisions: ejection, trauma alert, helicopter (C-Shift, Capt. Clouse); 2 trauma alerts, helicopter (C-shift, Capt. Clouse); rollover (A-Shift, Capt. Simmons)
- Call data: 1/1/24 to 2/29/24: 201 calls generating 283 vehicle responses
- Meetings: Officers meeting; Lee County Fire Chiefs Association; Lee County Fire Chiefs Training; Lee County Fire Chiefs Operations group; Medica Care Council; North/East Lee fire training group
- Training: daily functional fitness with crews; district familiarization; Vector Check-It implementation; EMS-Patient refusal of care documenting death in the field in-service with Dr. Atiyeh; multi-agency training at Station 82 training tower with Alva, Bayshore, NFM, Shores and Tice

Training Report

- Daily Training: Functional training and circuit style workouts; vehicle inspections/maintenance; SCBA/PPE checks; Vector Solutions
- A-Shift: Probationary FF training task book; VES training; ladders; hydrant hookup; brush truck review; air consumption drill; dexterity training; paramedic school prerequisites
- B-Shift: Probationary FF Juarez task book; Capt. Swindle college class; Vector Solutions; FF Sackman paramedic prerequisite class; Eng. Mimbs starting Haz-Mat Tech class; PIT Crew CPR; hydrant maintenance; training on drop bar carriage bolts; ladder training along with VES; Capt. Pledger Structural Collapse Refresher; air consumption drill; East training ladders/search and rescue; Brush 82 training; paramedic school prerequisites
- C-Shift: Probationary FF training; paramedic school prerequisites; ground ladders; hydrant maintenance; vehicle maintenance

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

Public Input on Agenda Items - None

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Approval for additional items to get the new brush truck in service. We would like to update the previous approval of \$50,000 to a total of \$60,000 which will include the truck purchase, new tires and wheels, lift, fender, bumper, winch, graphics, swapping the bed and skid from the old military truck, lighting package and installation.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve updating the total to \$60,000.

Commissioner Shewmaker seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Ragen passed on a compliment from his neighbor about a crew that responded to his home.

Commissioner Detzel: Thanks for everything you do, keep up the good work and be safe.

Commissioner Schneider: Thank you.

Commissioner Shewmaker: You do a great job. Thank you.

Commissioner Kressel: They have been to my neighborhood a few times recently – they do a great job!

Adjourn

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