

**APRIL 21, 2011**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2011

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

**Present:** Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Robert A. Kulchar, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner John J. Barry, III. Mark D. Ruben, Secretary was absent. Also in attendance were Interim Chief Michael Johnson, Assistant Chief JR Thayer, Deputy Chief Tim Berry, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Administrative Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. Commission General Counsel Maggie Mooney-Portale was also in attendance. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge**

Commissioner Kulchar gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Fire Marshal Adent introduced Inspector Frank Meola and spoke briefly on his history with the department. Frank moved from Suppression to the Prevention department on April 10, 2011. Inspector Frank Meola was welcomed by all.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was previously distributed. *Commissioner Kulchar motioned to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

The minutes of the April 7, 2011 Workshop Meeting was previously distributed. *Commissioner Kulchar motioned to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2011 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and recognized Kevin O'Neil. Mr. O'Neil distributed to the board members his listing of qualifications that the new Fire Chief should have.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- **Financials**

The March Financials were in their packet. *Commissioner Kulchar made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Commissioner Barry seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- \* **Discussion Regarding Process for Hiring Chief**

Chairman Durant reported that the Board met for a Workshop on April 7. There were good recommendations at that meeting. Chairman Durant recognized Maggie Mooney-Portale. Ms. Mooney-Portale had distributed an outline of items that need to be addressed to start this process. There was discussion. Chairman Durant asked that all commissioners come prepared for the next Workshop on May 5, 2011.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Firefighter Plan Actuarial Valuation**

Assistant Chief Thayer reported that the Board of Trustees has approved the 2010 Firefighters Actuarial Valuation at their April 12 meeting. The report is for the Board's information only.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2. **Pension Committee**

Chairman Lockie was in attendance and reported that the Board met on Tuesday, April 12. They approved the actuarial valuation as Chief Thayer reported. The fund is doing well. The new trustee, Tom Wright, Chief Thayer, Sean Connor and Debbie Tuckerman will be attending the May Trustee Training in Tallahassee. There should be some answers to the legislation changes by that time. The next meeting will be in July unless business requires a meeting before.

- \* **Union Report**

Chairman Durant asked if Adam Chevalier had any report for the Board. Adam reported that the dates for the MDA drive are May 13 and 14. The Chief has allowed on duty crews to assist with the drive. We will be at Sam's, Walmart and Publix. The board asked that a flyer be sent to them with specific dates, times and location.

## **VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

3. **Minutes of March 7, 2011 Meeting – Minutes**

President Rich McGinley reported that the association held a meeting in April. The Softball Tournament was held with Englewood winning. They are going to try and hold it in February next year as there was many conflicts with the date. The process for the Golf Tournament will be starting with a visit to University Park Country Club shortly to set the date.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

4. **Chief's and Departmental Reports**

Interim Chief Johnson reported that Deputy Chief Tim Berry turns 50 tomorrow!

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Durant recognized Commissioner Evans. Commissioner Evans thanked Adam Chevalier for the invitation to attend the Fire Ops. He was the only commissioner from Manatee County there. Commissioner Evans had a blast!

Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting will be a Public Hearing for Rate Establishment on Thursday, May 19, 2011 and a Workshop on May 5.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**

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Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

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Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer

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