

**MAY 2011
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED 2011 FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES
AND
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, May 19, 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. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

Call to Order

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Tuckerman administered the oath to volunteers Dowell and Maltby. Interim Chief Johnson gave them their badges. The staff and Board members welcomed them.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Proposed 2011 Fire Assessment Rates

Chairman Durant called for the verification of public notice. Administrative Assistant Tuckerman reported that the verification of publication was received from the papers.

Interim Chief Johnson noted that there were no increases in assessments.

Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 pm and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Chairman Durant closed the Public Hearing and opened the Board deliberation on Resolution 2011-02 for consideration.

Commissioner Kulchar moved to adopt Resolution 2011-02. Commissioner Barry seconded the motion. Chairman Durant called for the vote and the motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

Continuation of Regular Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 21, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners were previously distributed. *Commissioner Barry moved to accept the minutes of April 21, 2011 Regular Monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Kulchar seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

There was no Workshop on May 5, 2011 due to lack of quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for any public comment and there was none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

• Financials

The April 2011 Financial Report was previously distributed with the agenda. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept the April 2011 Financial Report. Commissioner Kulchar seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

*** Discussion Regarding Process for Hiring Chief**

Commissioners discussed how the process for hiring a chief would progress. It was decided that if they had a quorum, they would hold a Workshop on June 8, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Old Station 3 Building

Deputy Chief Berry reported that we had received three bids for repairs to the old Station 3. The last bid came in late. *Commissioner Kulchar motioned to approve the recommendations from the Chief Officers to repair old Station 3. Commissioner Barry seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

2. Budget Revision

Assistant Chief Thayer reported that the Board had the Budget Revision recommendations in their packet. He would take comments or questions as needed. *Commissioner Barry made the motion to approve the Budget Revision. Commissioner Kulchar seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. Pension Committee

Assistant Chief Thayer reported that he, Debbie Tuckerman, Sean Connor and new trustee Tom Wright attended the training in Tallahassee earlier this week. Derek Foss, Union Steward, also attended the training. The next trustee meeting will be July 12, 2011. There were minor changes at the legislative level, but the Governor signed none at this time. They are expected to become law effective July 1, 2011.

*** Union**

Adam Chevalier thanked the board for their part in allowing the firefighters to assist in

the Boot Drive. Several Commissioners attended the 2-day drive. MDA made \$2,050. Adam said that the Pink Hats Heal tour would be coming sometime during the summer months. He will keep the board updated when he has more information. Chairman Durant recognized Merv Kennell, president of IAFF Local 2546. Merv wanted to let the Commissioners know that the Local distributed over \$150,000 to local charities earlier today. The Local was happy to give back to the community. Merv also mentioned that the District has a great group of people that assisted in giving back to the community.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

4. Minutes of April 4, 2011 Meeting

For your information only.

CHIEF'S REPORT

5. Chief's and Departmental Reports

There were no additions to the reports presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant asked for comments from the public and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

There was discussion on the hiring process for the chief. Commissioners understood that Staff has a lot on their plate right now with the Budget process and Union negotiations. There was discussion on holding another workshop on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. If Commissioner Ruben can attend, they will hold the workshop.

The next meeting will be June 16 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer