

**OCTOBER 20, 2011
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, October 20, 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 Assistant Chief JR Thayer, 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 6:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 6, 2011 Public Hearing for the Proposed Resolution 2011-03 Millage Rate & Public Hearing for the Proposed Resolution 2011-04 Budget was previously distributed. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2011 Public Hearing for the Proposed Resolution 2011-03 Millage Rate & Public Hearing for the Proposed Resolution 2011-04 Budget. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

The minutes of the September 14, 2011 Public Hearing for the 2011 Fire Tax Appeals, 2011 Millage Rate, 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Budget and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was previously distributed. *Commissioner Kulchar motioned to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Public Hearing for the 2011 Fire Tax Appeals, 2011 Millage Rate, 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Budget and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Barry seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

• **Financials**

The September Financials were previously distributed. *Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve the September financials as presented. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

*** First Reading of Ordinance 2011-01**

A First Reading of Ordinance 2011-01 was done by Fire Marshal Adent. *Commissioner Barry made the motion to advertise and hold a Public Hearing on November 17, 2011 for the Ordinance. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*** Fire Prevention Month**

Fire Marshal Adent gave an update of the activities for the month of October. She will have totals at November's Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Pension Committee

Assistant Chief Thayer reported that the Board of Trustees met on October 11, 2011. The audit was presented by Randy Dillingham of Christopher, Smith & Leonard. Paul Shamoun and Dustin Heinz from The Florida League of Cities will be attending the January meeting. The actuarial valuation authorization forms for both the Firefighter and General plans were previously distributed. Assistant Chief Thayer is requesting that we complete these valuations for 2011. *Commissioner Barry made the motion to approve the actuarial valuations for the Firefighter and General Pension Plans. Commissioner Kulchar seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*** Union Report**

Adam Chevalier reported that they are still working with the District on the Union Negotiations. The next negotiation meeting is October 24, 2011.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

2. Minutes of September 6, 2011 Meeting

Battalion Chief Herb Smith reminded the Commissioners that the Golf Tournament is on Friday, October 21 at 1:00 pm. The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, November 13 at Main Street in Lakewood Ranch from 2 – 6 pm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

3. Chief's and Departmental Reports

The reports are for information only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner's or administration comments and recognized Commissioner Evans. Commissioner Evans would like to start the open the application process to hire a chief right away. There was discussion. It was decided to hold a Workshop on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Durant recognized Adam Chevalier. Adam spoke that a lot of the personnel want the process to hire a Chief to go forward. The personnel are thankful to Interim Chief Johnson and believe that he is doing a good job but want a permanent Fire Chief.

Assistant Chief Thayer asked if the Board would like staff to attend the workshop. Chairman Durant said no.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer/Acting Secretary

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