

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2011 FIRE TAX APPEALS
&
2011 MILLAGE RATE HEARING & 2011/2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING
&
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

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

Present: Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner John J. Barry, III. Robert A. Kulchar, Jr., Vice Chairman joined the meeting in progress at 6:34 pm. 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 public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

Assistant Chief Thayer gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing/Assessment Appeals

- **Verification of Public Notices**
Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Administrative Assistant Tuckerman stated that the public hearing was advertised as required.
- **Presentation**
Interim Chief Johnson stated that Resolution 2011-05 is our Tax Assessment Roll. To date we have received no formal appeals on those assessments.
- **Open Public Hearing for Appeals/Comments**
Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. for the assessment appeals. There was no public comment. *Commissioner Barry moved to close the public hearing for assessment appeals at 6:03 p.m. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Consideration of Resolution 2011-05**
Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2011-05 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments in front of them for consideration. *Commissioner Barry motioned to*

accept Resolution 2011-05. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motioned unanimously carried.

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**

Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing for assessment at 6:04 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2011-06 on the 2011 Millage Rate

- **Verification of Public Notice**

Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Administrative Assistant Tuckerman stated that the meeting was advertised as required.

- **Presentation of Millage Rate/Procedures**

Interim Chief Johnson stated that the Board had in front of them Resolution 2011-06 and that our millage rate remained the same as last year, 1 mil which is lower than the roll back rate of 1.0505 by (4.81)%.

- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**

Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for the millage rate at 6:05 p.m. There was no public comment. *Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the millage rate. Commissioner Barry seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Consideration of Resolution 2011-06**

Chairman Durant stated the Board has Resolution 2011-06 on the 2011 Millage Rate for consideration. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept Resolution 2011-06 on the millage rate. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing on the millage rate issue adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2011-07 on the 2011/2012 FYE Budget

- **Verification of Public Notice**

Chairman Durant called for verification of the Public Notice. Administrative Assistant Tuckerman stated that the hearing was advertised as required.

- **Presentation of Proposed Budget/Procedures**

Interim Chief Johnson stated the Board has Resolution 2011-07 to adopt our 2011/2012 Budget. Interim Chief Johnson gave a brief overview of the budgeting process and how we got where we are. There was some discussion from all commissioners.

- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**

Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing for comments in regards to the budget at 6:20 p.m. There was no public comment. *Commissioner Barry made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the millage rate. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Consideration of Resolution 2011-07**
Chairman Durant stated the Board has the final budget and Resolution 2011-07. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept Resolution 2011-07 on the 2011/2012 Budget. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing on the budget at 6:22 p.m.

Continuation of Regular Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 18, 2011, regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners were previously distributed. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2011, regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Barry seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Financials**
The August Financial Reports were distributed with the agenda. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept the August Financial Report. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motioned carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

- * None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surplus Inventory**
Interim Chief Johnson reported that the attached memo and list shows the surplus equipment for September 30, 2011. He is recommending that the Board approve the surplus of the items listed on the memo. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept the Surplus Inventory list presented. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
 2. **2010/2011 Budget Revision – Resolution 2011-08**
Interim Chief Johnson reported that the attached memo and revised Budget was for the Board's approval. *Commissioner Barry motioned to accept Resolution 2011-08 for 2010/2011 Budget revision. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- * **Fire Prevention Month**
Fire Marshal Adent reported that the month of October is filling up fast. Fire Prevention will be visiting school classrooms from pre-K to 2nd grade. There are 23 daycare facilities and 11 elementary schools in our district. There is a Sesame Street "Strange Looking Things" puppet show that has been taped to give to the schools for classroom use. For the 1st and 2nd grades we will present the game show "Jeopardy" using our robots. For

the 3rd through 5th graders, they will be doing the Home Safety Survey again this year. This is the fourth year of doing this program with no cost to the district. Students will take home a survey to complete and when turned in will receive a t-shirt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. Pension Committee

Assistant Chief Thayer reported that there was no meeting this month. The next scheduled meeting would be October 11, 2011. July statements were for information.

*** Union**

Adam Chevalier reported that negotiations are continuing. He is confident that the Union will be able to meet the District in a compromise.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

- 4.** The last meeting was September 6. The minutes were sent with the Board packets. President McGinley reported that the Volunteer Association is working on the Golf Tournament, scheduled for October 21. Firefighter Chuck Moonen and the HazMat Chili Team are getting ready to defend their title for the Chili Cook-off. The Cook-Off is scheduled for November 13 at Main Street, Lakewood Ranch. President McGinley thanked all the 911 Committee for their time and hard work in getting the memorial ready. They did a terrific job.

CHIEF'S REPORT

5. Chief's and Departmental Reports

Interim Chief Johnson thanked the Board for their comments. The staff has worked very hard on the budget for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioner Barry was glad to hear that the Union is working together with the District on the budget. Commissioner Evans wanted to commend Adam. He feels confident that we can come up with a compromise that will suit both the District and the Union. Chairman Durant thanked the 911 Committee on the memorial. Battalion Chief's Smith & Blanco did a good job. Battalion Chief Smith noted that they had 100 chairs in the meeting rooms and there was standing room only in the lobby and out front. They all thought the memorial went well. B.C. Smith also noted that he drove by on Sunday, September 11 and saw several people stopping by. Some left flowers and a candle. Chairman Durant asked if it would be possible to get some kind of a sign directing people back here for the memorial. He had heard that some people had a hard time finding the Administrative Offices.

Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer/Acting Secretary

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