

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 FIRE TAX APPEALS
&
2016 MILLAGE RATE HEARING & 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING
&
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

- Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016
- Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243
- Present:** Melanie Marken, Secretary; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner James Cena were in attendance. Charles A. Durant, Chairman; and Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; were absent. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

Call to Order

Secretary Marken called the public hearing to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Moment of Silence/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing/Assessment Appeals

- **Verification of Public Notices**
Secretary Marken called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the public hearing was advertised as required.
- **Presentation**
Chief Gorski stated that the Board had Resolution 2016-08 for their approval.
- **Open Public Hearing for Appeals/Comments**
Secretary Marken opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. for the assessment appeals. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing for Appeals/Comments**
Commissioner Evans moved to close the public hearing for assessment appeals at 5:04 p.m. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2016-08**
Secretary Marken stated the Board has Resolution 2016-08 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for consideration. *Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-08. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Secretary Marken adjourned the Public Hearing for Assessment Appeals at 5:05 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2016-09 on the 2016 Millage Rate

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Secretary Marken called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the meeting was advertised as required.
- **Presentation of Millage Rate**
Chief Gorski stated that the Board had Resolution 2016-09 for their approval.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Secretary Marken opened the Public Hearing for the millage rate at 5:07 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:07 pm on the millage rate. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2016-09**
Secretary Marken stated the Board has Resolution 2016-09 on the 2016/2017 Millage Rate for consideration. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the fiscal year 2016/2017 operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District at 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.1452 mills by 5.32%. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
The Public Hearing on the millage rate was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2016-10 on the 2016/2017 FYE Budget

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Secretary Marken called for verification of the Public Notice. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman stated that the hearing was advertised as required.
- **Presentation of Proposed Budget/Procedures**
Chief Gorski stated the Board has Resolution 2016-10 to adopt our 2016/2017 Budget.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Secretary Marken opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:12 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2016/2017 Budget at 5:12 p.m. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

- **Consideration of Resolution 2016-10**
Commissioner Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2016-10 on the 2016/2017 Budget. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Secretary Marken adjourned the Public Hearing on the budget at 5:13 p.m.

Continuation of Regular Board Meeting

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Secretary Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **None**

NEW BUSINESS

- * **IAFF Agreement**
Chief Gorski an overview of the IAFF Agreement. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the IAFF Agreement. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- * **Resolutions 2016-11 and 2016-12**
Chief Gorski presented Resolution 2016-11 Fire Apparatus Lease Purchase Agreement. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2016-11. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

Chief Gorski presented Resolution 2016-12 Leasing Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2016-12. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- * **Fire Prevention Month**
Chief Gorski reminded the Board that Open House will be on Saturday, October 1 at Station 3 from 10 am to 2 pm. B/C Smith also reminded the Board that the Golf Tournament is Friday, September 16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Pension Committee**
Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief report.

* **Union**

Adam Chevalier thanked the Board and Staff for the agreement. Negotiations were completed in four meetings. The firefighters that were on the committee were thanked along with the membership that ratified the agreement.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

1. August 31, 2015 Minutes.

Battalion Chief Smith reported that we will be competing in the Morton's Gourmet Market 17th Annual Firehouse Chili Cook-off on October 16.

CHIEF'S REPORT

2. Chief's Reports

Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his memo to the Board and presented Customer Service Surveys.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adam Chevalier was recognized by the Board. He thanked the commission for their assistance in the contract, without their leadership they couldn't have completed the process. Merv Kennell was recognized by the Board. Mr. Kennell also thanked the board.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Secretary Marken asked for comments. Mr. Kennell gave additional thanks. Commissioner Evans said good job on the budget. Commissioner Marken echoed Commissioner Evans comments.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Marken, Secretary

Attest:

Anthony Evans, Treasurer