

JULY 21, 2022
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson; James Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary; and James Cena, Commissioner. Commissioners Dan Center and Anthony Evans were absent. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Training Chief Bobby Thayer, Deputy Fire Marshal Frank Meola, EMS Officer Dan Anderson, Captains Adam Chevalier, and Mike Bloski, along with Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- **Length of Service Awards**

Thirty-year service awards were presented to Captain Adam Chevalier and Lieutenant Melvin Bonds.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 2 Renovation - Update**

Assistant Chief Blanco gave an update on the project.

1. **FY2023 Budget with Revenue**

Chief Bounds spoke on the updates to the draft budget.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **IAFF Contract**

Chief Bounds and DVP Foss spoke on the contract. *Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the 2022-2025 IAFF Contract. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

3. Draft DR420

Chief Bounds presented a couple of variations for the millage. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve 1.2061 as the millage. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

4. Performance Review

Chief Bounds presented a contract for completing the required Performance Review that is due July 1, 2023, for a flat rate of \$60,000. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the Performance Review as presented. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

5. Fixed Asset Surplus

Chief Bounds presented a memo listing two assets that need to be surplus. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the Fixed Asset Surplus as presented. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*** Pension Committee**

Trustee Chair Adam Chevalier spoke on the recent trustee meeting.

6. General Pension Plan Budget for 2022/2023

Chief Bounds presented the General Pension Plan Budget for 2022/2023. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the General Pension Plan Budget for 2022/2023. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*** Union Report**

Derek Foss reported that the contract was ratified at a vote of 60 to 1. He thanked Chief Bounds and the board for the generosity in the three-year contract.

CHIEF'S REPORT

7. Chief Bounds noted that the report is in their packet, and he has nothing further to report. Short reports were given by Deputy Fire Marshal Meola, Chief Thayer, EMS Officer Anderson, and Logistics Officer Chevalier.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairperson Marken asked for commissioner comments. Commissioners Cena and Grote congratulated the staff and DVP Foss on the new contract.

Chairperson Marken reported that the next meeting will be on August 18, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer