

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
2022 MILLAGE RATE HEARING & 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
Anthony Evans, Commissioner
Daniel Center, Commissioner
Jim Cena, Commissioner
Robert Bounds, Chief
Dan Anderson, Training Chief
There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2023-06 on the 2023/2024 Millage Rate

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Chairperson Marken called for verification of the Public Notice. EMA Ferguson stated that the meeting was advertised as required and the affidavit has been received.
- **Presentation of Millage Rate**
Chief Bounds stated that the Board had Resolution 2023-06 for their approval. The rate of 1.2061 mills has been the same for several years.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Chairperson Marken opened the Public Hearing for the millage rate at 5:03 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Center made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:04 pm on the millage rate. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2023-06**
Chairperson Marken stated the Board has Resolution 2023-06 on the 2023/2024 Millage Rate for consideration. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the fiscal year 2023/2024 operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District at 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.0752 mills by 12.17%. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
The Public Hearing on the millage rate was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2023-07 on the 2023/2024 FYE Budget

- **Verification of Public Notice**
Chairperson Marken called for verification of the Public Notice. EMA Ferguson stated that the hearing was advertised as required and the affidavit has been received.
- **Presentation of Proposed Budget/Procedures**
Chief Bounds stated the Board has Resolution 2023-07 to adopt our 2023/2024 Budget. He went over the updates.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**
Chairperson Marken opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:07 p.m. There was no public comment.
- **Close the Public Hearing**
Commissioner Center made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2023/2024 Budget at 5:08 p.m. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Consideration of Resolution 2023-07**
Commissioner Center motioned to approve Resolution 2023-07 on the 2023/2024 Budget. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Chairperson Marken adjourned the Public Hearing on the budget at 5:10 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

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 4 remodel**
Chief Bounds and AC Blanco met with Sweet Sparkman and Magnum Builders to go over the remodel and pre-drawing.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Chairperson Adam Chevalier gave a brief report of the pension.

* **Union**

Derek Foss: The local chapter of the union is looking to bring back the dinner ball. Foss is expected to receive award from Congressman at a later date.

CHIEF'S REPORT

* **Chief's Report**

Chief Bounds is putting together a plan in regards to the quick attack vehicle.
Deputy Fire Marshal Meola: Fire prevention month is starting in October.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairperson Marken asked for comments. The commissioners thanked the chief and staff for their work.

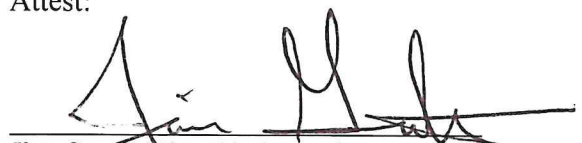
The next meeting will be Thursday, October 19, at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Melanie Marken, Chairperson

Attest:


Jim Grote, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer