

October 19, 2023
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
Jim Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
Daniel Center, Commissioner
Jim Cena, Commissioner
Robert Bounds, Chief
Rick Blanco, Assistant Chief
Dan Anderson, Training Chief
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

None

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet without the treasure's report. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Grote 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**
Magnum builders sent a first draft blueprint of the remodel. AC Blanco and the building committee had a meeting to discuss. Suggestions for changes were sent to the builders.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fixed Asset Surplus**
Commissioner Center motioned to approve the fixed asset surplus. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

2. **Res. 2024-01 Uncollectable Accounts Receivable**
Presented by Chief Bounds. In July of 2020 SMFR assisted in a criminal case in which funds have been deemed uncollectable. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve resolution 2024-01. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

3. **Ordinance 2024-01 Fire Prevention Code – First hearing**
Presented by Chief Bounds. Every 3 years the Florida Fire Prevention Code is updated. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the first hearing of the Ordinance 2024-01. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
4. **State of Florida Mutual Aid Agreement**
Presented by Chief Bounds. Statewide mutual aid agreement stating SMFR personnel will participate in assistance in the event of a disaster. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the State of Florida Mutual Aid Agreement. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
5. **UPC Interlocal Agreement**
This is the agreement between Manatee County, Sarasota County, East Manatee Fire Rescue District, and Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District. The commissioners discussed the terms of the agreement. Commissioner Center suggested Chief Bounds get clarification on the procedures stated in section 1c of the agreement. Chief Bounds will meet with all parties of the agreement to discuss concerns.
- * **Feasibility Study Proposal**
Chief Bounds presented a feasibility study and three quotes from architectures to the Board. The feasibility study would give insight on what would need to be done to build a training tower at Station 3. Chief Bounds recommended his choice from the three architectures. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the feasibility study to be completed by Wilder Architecture. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Pension Committee**
Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status. Capt. Chevalier and Lt. Foss met with cancer foundation to assist with raising funds. There is a plan to coordinate a boot drive to raise funds.
- * **Union Report**
LT. Burnett was reporting in the absence of Lt. Foss. Suppression staff expressed their gratitude for the annual pay raise. Lt. Burnett and three other employees attended the annual pension conference.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Training Chief Anderson: SWAT Medic program no longer an option at this time. SMFR and the SWAT program couldn't agree on the interlocal agreement.
AC Blanco: The engine that was set to be received December 2023, was postponed and now is set to be received in February 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

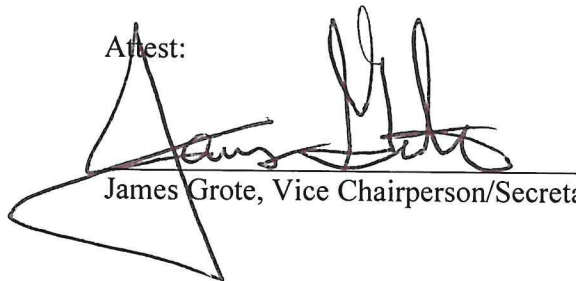
COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked everyone for their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:


James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer