

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2017

*****PENDING APPROVAL*****

Commissioners Present: Jack Abbit, Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt (via phone conference), Maurice Gilbert, Thomas McGee

Commissioners Absent: Mike Stange

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gilbert read a proclamation into the record, proclaiming June 11-16, 2017 as SWFD Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Week in South Walton. There were members of the SWFD Beach Safety Division present.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 8, 2017, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Commissioner Flynt read the April 30, 2017, cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Abbit and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's May 2017 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Talbert reviewed the 2017 Emergency Response Report which included Beach Safety Response and the False Alarm Fee History Report.

SWFD received the June estimate of taxable value from the County which is 10.5% higher than the certified value for 2016. At the current millage rate of .9799, this should generate \$1,357,429 more tax revenue than budgeted last year.

SWFD completed firefighter testing to establish an eligibility list. Testing included a physical agility test for twenty-four applicants of which fourteen applicants were granted oral interviews.

SWFD crews and staff members attended the Blessing of the Market Place at Good News United Methodist Church on May 15, 2017.

Chief Talbert, EMS Captain Cotton, and Union President Guyne visited Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast in appreciation for National Nurses Week.

Chief Talbert announced the newest member, Robert Hasinbiller, who began his service as SWFD's Emergency Vehicle Technician on June 12, 2017.

SWFD's Beach Safety Division kicked off the 2017 Jr. Lifeguard program on June 7, 2017 with over a hundred registered.

SWFD's Beach Safety Division co-hosted Sandy Wheels Beach Wheelchair event on May 19, 2017, in Miramar Beach.

SWFD's Beach Safety Division placed 2nd overall in the Destin Waterman Challenge May 13, 2017.

Chief Talbert, Chief Crawford and Fiscal Officer Carole Martin will be attending the Florida Association of Special Districts Conference June 12-15, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

SWFD is scheduled to host a Firefighter Cancer Support Network seminar, Cancer in the Fire Service, June 26-28, 2017.

A preliminary Budget Calendar was included in the Board packet.

Included in the Fire Board packet were recognitions from visitors complimenting the excellent services they witnessed by SWFD lifeguards.

Staff continues to monitor as well as work on County programs and projects that have an impact on the Fire District such as Event/Special Event Management, Beach Activities and the Parking/Traffic plans.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, July 17, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: Chief Talbert reported that for the first six months of the fiscal year, the pension fund earned 6.58%. The Trustees lowered the annual return assumption for actuarial calculations affecting the contribution for FY2019 from 8% to 7.5%.

Unfinished/Old Business: Commissioner Cooper asked if there had been any follow-up to R. E. McKenna's public comment at the May Fire Commissioners meeting where he expressed his frustration with the public's abuse of fire lanes at local businesses. Fire Marshal Sanchez reported that he has met with several business owners and is scheduled to meet with the Walton County Sheriff's Office to discuss a joint campaign.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.