

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2018

PENDING APPROVAL

Commissioners Present: Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt, Maurice Gilbert, Thomas McGee, Mike Stange

Commissioners Absent: Jack Abbit (via telephone)

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Flynt, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 12, 2018, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Commissioner Flynt read the January 2018 cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner McGee, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's February 2018 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

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

On March 1, 2018, SWFD Beach Safety Division began its thirteenth year with fourteen towers along Walton County's beaches.

SWFD staff participated in WCSO's Spring break meeting with the local business and lodging community.

SWFD Beach Safety Division along with Fire and Life Safety Division met with South Walton's Beach Ambassadors to provide an overview of SWFD'S mission.

SWFD supported the Seaside Half Marathon.

Chief Talbert and Beach Safety Director Vaughan met with Walton County Commissioner Chapman to discuss SWFD's role in beach closures as part of the county ordinance on beach activities.

SWFD hosted the Florida Fire Chief's Association Northwest Region meeting in Inlet Beach. Over 40 attended including our State Fire Marshal and the Superintendent of the Florida State Fire College.

Chief Talbert attended the TDC Destination Improvement Committee as an SWFD representative and will serve as Vice Chair in 2018.

Chief Talbert co-presented the public policy and government relations class for Florida's Emergency Service Leadership institute at the Florida State Fire College on March 5-7, 2018.

Chief Talbert and Chief Anderson attended the Walton County Chamber's First Friday Breakfast to hear an overview and participate in Walton County's effort to put together a strategic plan.

Chief Anderson provided a walkthrough of our Watercolor station for Bay County Fire Rescue to examine our station design and safety features.

SWFD continues to work through the submittal process for SWFD's Fleet Maintenance/Logistics Building and Training Tower project to be considered for Triumph/BP funds. Staff is monitoring the process and continues to attend meetings to ask and answer any questions that may arise.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, April 9, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: Firefighter Pension Board Quarterly Report

Commissioner Flynt reported that the pension fund earned a net of 4.27% during the first quarter of fiscal 2018. Commissioner Flynt also reported that the Pension Board is considering lowering the assumed rate of return for the fund from 7.5% to 7.0% upon the advice of consultants. There will be more discussion at the Pension Board's June 4, 2018 meeting. Lowering the assumed rate of return would increase the District's required contribution in future years and would contribute to maintaining the current financial health of the pension fund.

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business: Commissioner Flynt asked the Fire Board to provide names of grant writers to assist Staff with the Triumph submittal.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.