

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2018

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

Commissioners Present: Jack Abbit, Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt, Maurice Gilbert, Karen McGee, Mike Stange

Commissioners Absent: none

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Abbit and seconded by Commissioner Flynt, the Board unanimously approved a change in the agenda order to move the Fire Commissioner Seat 2 Vacancy from New Business to the start of the meeting.

Commissioner Gilbert announced that Commissioner Thomas McGee's wife, Karen McGee, had expressed her interest in carrying out her late husband's term as Fire Commissioner, Seat 2.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Karen McGee to carry out Thomas McGee's term effective immediately through the remainder of the term. Commissioner McGee was sworn in by SWFD Attorney Youell.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 13, 2018, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Flynt and seconded by Commissioner Stange, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 28, 2018, Board of Fire Commissioners Proposed Budget Workshop.

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

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Flynt and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's August 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.

SWFD hosted its annual public budget workshop on August 28, 2018 at 2pm.

SWFD supported the Alys Beach 5k and the Sandestin Triathlon.

On August 23-24, 2018, Chief Talbert attended a Florida Association of Special Districts meeting in Stuart, Florida.

SWFD personnel received their annual physicals through our new provider- Life Scan.

SWFD personnel participated in the PCB Annual 9-11 Stair climb on September 8, 2018.

SWFD Fire Commissioners, Chaplain, staff, members and family met at Topsail State Park to run 3.43 miles along 30A in memory of the firefighters lost on 9-11-01.

SWFD Honor Guard conducted flag posting and ceremonies at the US Steel Workers Conference at the Hilton.

SWFD's New Truck 2 has been delivered. A push in ceremony is to be scheduled.

SWFD extended a formal offer to a new Fleet Director to will begin orientation on September 17, 2018.

Two SWFD firefighters successfully completed their one-year probation and were officially pinned in August 2018.

SWFD's Request for Proposal for Beach Safety Services shall be submitted to Walton County by September 26, 2018.

SWFD's Annual Pancake Breakfast and 35th Anniversary Open House is scheduled for October 6, 2018 at WaterColor Station 2.

Included in the Board packet were copies of recognitions from citizens and visitors complimenting the excellent services received from our members.

Included in the Board packet was the proposed 2018/2019 Budget Calendar.

A Final Public Hearing of Tentative Ad Valorem Taxes and Budget 2018/2019 is scheduled for September 25, 2018, at 5:01 p.m.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, October 8, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Flynt reported the pension fund has earned 7.27% for the fiscal year to date through June 30, 2018. At the quarterly pension board meeting on August 27, 2018, the trustees voted to lower the assumed rate of return for actuarial calculations from 7.5% to 7.25%. This will add approximately \$200,000 to the District's Fiscal Year 2020 required pension plan funding. Commissioner Gilbert thanked Commissioner Flynt for her service on the Pension Board.

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business:

Board Action: Ratification of Labor Agreement with South Walton Professional Firefighters Chief Talbert thanked all involved for their support and professional insight in the negotiations process. Chief Talbert read aloud the Board Action Item whereas Staff recommended ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with South Walton Professional Firefighters Association.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Abbit, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with South Walton Professional Firefighters Association.

Bob Wells, Vice-President of the South Walton Professional Firefighters Association, thanked Staff and the Fire Commissioners for their support during the labor negotiations process.

Fire Chief Talbert presented Jerry Copeland with an appreciation plaque, challenge coin and firefighter helmet in appreciation and recognition of his dedication through the years to the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations between the South Walton Fire District (SWFD) Board of Fire Commissioners and the South Walton Professional Firefighters Association (SWPFFA)/Local 3516.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.