

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
FT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M
DATE: April 10, 2007
PLACE: Station Thirty-One Meeting Room
3043 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chair Scanlon, Vice-Chair Reckwerdt, Sec./Treasurer Goodacre, Commissioner Schmid, Commissioner Morris, Chief Becker, Assistant Chief Evans, Attorney Pringle, Administrative Assistant Sharon Medeiros, Union Representative John May, Fire Fighters, Members of the Press and Interested Citizens

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Scanlon asked for a deviation from the Agenda in order to accommodate Sharon, a member of the community, who recently required the services of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department, and wanted to commend the men who performed CPR on her and saved her life.

Chief Becker lead the swearing in ceremony of Cody Chilson and Alyssa Lenderman and presented retired Assistant Chief Doug Desmond with his Ax.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vice-Chair Reckwerdt for the approval of the March 13, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 30, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes

Seconded by **Commissioner Morris**

Motion carried unanimously

Sec/Treas Goodacre read the treasurer's report and asked for approval

Motion by Vice-Chair Reckwerdt to approve the treasurer's report

Seconded by Commissioner Schmid

Sec/Treas Goodacre asked for the approval of the department checks

Motion by Vice-Chair Reckwerdt to accept the department checks

Seconded by **Chair Scanlon**

Motion carried unanimously

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Rob Fowler introduced himself and brought the board up to date on the construction stating the Cap Plaza demolition is two and ½ months behind due to permitting issues but it fits with the original schedule presented back on November 9th 2006.

Bruce Gora, from the architect firm Gora and McGahey showed slides and provided information concerning schematic designs and updates of Station 32 and 33 going into detail of

the design of each building.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Becker announced the employee anniversaries and read the Chief's Report into the record, presenting the finished Chief's job description and emphasizing the need for a shared IT person for a more personal, cost effective and available service.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Richard Pringle read his report into the record, discussing the Lee County EMS collection process and the inter-local agreement with Iona-McGregor including a shared IT position.

Start 01:05:29

Chair Scanlon restated the Agenda Items:

Old Business:

- Item #1. Re-titling of USAR equipment into the corporation
- Item #2. Fire Chief's Job Description
- Item #3. Approval for Inter-Local Agreement with Iona-McGregor
- Item #4. Revision of Commissioner's Absentee Practice

New Business:

- Item #1. Approval for IT Position
- Item #2. Fire Chief's Job Evaluation Information
- Item #3. Approval for two Portable Radios
- Item #4. Approval of Tone Alert for transition to Coast Guard Station
- Item #5. Approval for Four Command Computers

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1.

Chair Scanlon made a motion to re-title the USAR equipment to their corporation

Sec/Treas Goodacre seconded

Discussion explained that the we are simply transferring our custodial role to the USAR Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously

Item #2.

Chair Scanlon made a motion to approve the Fire Chief's job description

Vice Chair Reckwerdt seconded

Discussion included how to determine the physical and psychological requirements as it is not stated or indicated in the description. It was explained that these are stated in the NFPA 1500

Question of all in favor called

Discussion continued regarding modification of the motion and Atty Pringle explained that the person who seconded the motion does not wish to modify it or accept modification.

Motion carried unanimously

Item #3.

Vice Chair Reckwerdt made a motion to enter into an inter-local agreement with Iona-McGregor

Sec/Treas Goodacre seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Item #4.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to amend the action taken last month concerning the reporting of a commissioner's absence to state if a commissioner is going to be absent they will administratively report the information to the Chief and the Chief will inform the board.

Chair Scanlon seconded

Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1.

Chair Scanlon made a motion to give the Chief the authority to advertise and interview for an IT position

Vice-Chair Reckwerdt seconded

Discussion included a salary range and the question of whether or not to defer the decision until the next meeting. It was explained, to postpone the approval, would only delay the already lengthy process of advertising and interviewing for this position. Chief Becker explained the problems related to our computer issues and how it is stretching our resources, costing the taxpayers money and still isn't working properly.

Roll Vote:

Commissioner Schmidt Nay

Commissioner Morris Nay

Sec/Treas Goodacre Aye

Vice-Chair Reckwerdt Aye

Chair Scanlon Aye

Motion carried 3 - 2

Item #2.

Tabled until Atty Pringle can get a suggestion from Atty Hament for a process for the Chief's Performance Evaluation

Item #3.

Sec/Treas Goodacre made a motion to approve the purchase for the two portable radios

Commissioner Schmid seconded

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #4.

Chair Scanlon made a motion to approve the tone alert base radio

Sec/Treas Goodacre seconded

Motion passes unanimously

Item #5.

Vice-Chair Reckwerdt made a motion to approve the four command computers

Sec/Treas Goodacre seconded

Motion carried unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

Union Representative:

Present but no comments

Remarks of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Morris commended the Chief and the men for saving the life of the woman who spoke earlier.

Commissioner Schmid acknowledged the swearing in of the employees and Doug's retirement and would like to see the call issue resolved and accurate.

Sec/Treas Goodacre congratulated the men on their years of service and welcomed our 4th women firefighter

Vice Chair Reckwerdt congratulated the men on their swearing in and anniversaries and on being the best Paramedics and Fire Fighters and commended the Easter Egg Hunt efforts and looks forward to having the Cap plaza temporary remodel plans.

Chair Scanlon congratulated the crews involved in the cardiac arrest efforts

PUBLIC INPUT:

Citizen Pat Smith congratulated the Chief on his cost saving efforts and had suggestions for the Fire Chief's evaluation process.

Meeting adjourned 9:24 pm

**The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District will
conduct negotiations with Southwest Florida
Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics
I.A.F.F. Local 1826 District 3 and 15**

DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2007

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE: Station 31
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Fort Myers Beach**

Public Welcome