

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

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
DATE: June 12, 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 Hament, Administrative Assistant Sharon Medeiros, Financial Director Jane Thompson, Representatives from Fowler Co, Gora and McGahey and Johnson Engineering, Union Representative Troy Mesick, Fire Fighters, Members of the Press and Interested Citizens**

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Sec/Treas Goodacre for the approval of the May 08, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Seconded by Vice Chair Scanlon  
*Motion passes unanimously***

**Sec/Treas Goodacre read the treasurer's report for the record**

**Sec/Treas Goodacre asked for the approval of the department checks  
Motion by Vice-Chair Reckwerdt to approve the department checks  
Seconded by Commissioner Schmid  
*Motion passes unanimously***

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief Becker** asked if he could report on the items in his report out of order due to presentations and announced the employee anniversaries. He continued to read his report for the record. **Chief Becker** presented a slide show representing the construction plan, the comprehensive plan and the hurricane plan. Asking questions be held until the presentation was complete, Chief Becker began discussing the Construction Plan in detail.

The power point presentation was turned over to **Margaret Banyon** of Johnson Engineering to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

**Chief Becker** finished the slide show explaining the Hurricane Plan portion.

Question and Answer period was extensive, with a request for a motion to proceed with the construction option #2 be added to the night's agenda under "Old Business."

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Attorney Hament** read his report into the record, commenting the Union Contract bargaining process includes an executive session, discussing the process he used in developing the Fire Chief's performance appraisal tool, how it ties directly into the Fire Chief's job description and how best to implement it.

**Chair Scanlon** restated the Agenda Items:

#### **Old Business:**

- Item #1. Fire Chief's Performance Evaluation
- Item #2. Approval of Comprehensive Plan
- Item #3. Vote on Construction Option Two with the option of refusal

#### **New Business:**

- Item #1. Approval of 2007 Hurricane Plan
- Item #2. Approval of Surplus Equipment

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Citizen Pat Smith stated she thought the Chief's job description and evaluation tool are excellent and she discussed the budget with reference to the Tallahassee tax cut proposal.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Item #1.**

**Chair Scanlon** made a motion to table this item until Atty Hament makes some necessary changes

Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

*Motion passes unanimously*

#### **Item #2.**

**Vice Chair Reckwerdt** made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan and also later on to revise it and make any changes necessary

**Chief Becker** stated every six months the plan is updated.

Seconded by **Sec/Treas Goodacre**

Discussion: **Commissioner Morris** questioned the date of the last plan

*Motion carried unanimously*

Item #3.

**Commissioner Morris** made a motion to give the Chief permission to move ahead with pursuing option two which is to consider construction on station 32 and 33 simultaneously

Seconded by **Sec/Treas Goodacre**

*Motion passes unanimously*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item #1.

**Sec/Treas Goodacre** made a motion to approve the 2007 Hurricane Plan

Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

Discussion: **Chair Scanlon** would like personal numbers removed from the plan

**Chair Scanlon** amended the motion to state approve the 2007 Hurricane Plan but strike the personal phone numbers of all listed employees in the plan

Seconded by **Vice Chair Reckwerdt**

*Motion passes unanimously*

Item #2.

**Chair Scanlon** made a motion to take the surplus equipment off the inventory

Seconded by **Sec/Treas Goodacre**

Discussion: **Commissioner Morris** wanted to know what is being done with the equipment

*Motion passes unanimously*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Union Representative:**

**Troy Mesick** thanked the Board for passing the Comprehensive Plan and stated he was pleased the negotiations were going smoothly and a date has been set up for a second meeting.

**Remarks of the Commissioners:**

**Commissioner Morris** congratulated the Chief on all the reports and hard work that was done and asked if anyone went to the Commissioner's Forum and what was discussed.

**Commissioner Schmid** recognized the men's anniversaries and continues to be concerned about the discrepancy with the ambulance information. He thanked Jane Thompson for putting an additional column in the revenue and expense reporting and questioned if new, non-fire fighting employees being hired are entitled to full medical benefits when they retire. He feels there should be something in writing spelling out the medical benefit for non-fire fighting employees upon retirement so they don't expect the same as the fire fighters.

**Chief Becker** explained the discrepancy with the ambulance reports is the difference in the number of calls and the number of patients transported and this discrepancy will be reconciled each month as was the case with this month. Chief Becker also expressed, that with actively pursuing the VEBA for all retirement employees, it may be counter productive, at this time, in the midst of implementing the VEBA, to develop and commit to anything else.

**Commissioner Schmid** continued with questions concerning USAR participants  
**Chief Becker** explained some of USAR participation

**Sec/Treas Goodacre** stated this is the time for Commissioners to make statements but not to ask all kinds of questions and go into all kinds of program...if you want something on the board, put it on the agenda, she's getting tired of going on for almost half an hour of program after the meeting is practically over. She congratulated the men on their years of service and thinks it's wonderful that we have such good employees and they're staying with us. She's glad the Comprehensive Plan was passed. She's on the committee and a lot of hard work went into it.

**Vice Chair Reckwerdt** recognized the men's anniversaries and has completed his IS-700. As a CERT member, he visited the EOC and was very impressed. He stated the Commissioner's Forum was very informative; there are a lot of audit changes and the IRS is starting to monitor the districts. He felt the Comprehensive Plan was done well and thanked Jane Thompson for GATSBY 34.

**Chair Scanlon** acknowledged the employees for their years of service, the updated Hurricane Plan and Comprehensive Plan

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm