

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
FT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME 7:00 PM**

DATE: September 11, 2007

**PLACE: Station Thirty-One Meeting Room
3043 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman John Scanlon, Vice-Chairman Ted Reckwerdt, Sec./Treasurer Betty Goodacre, Commissioner Joe Schmid, Commissioner Carol Morris, Chief Mike Becker, Assistant Chief Larry Evans, Financial Director Jane Thompson, Network Administrator Joe Lacroix, Administrative Assistant Jenny Magaw, Attorney Richard Pringle, Attorney John Hament, Firefighters, Members of the Press and Interested Citizens

Meeting called to Order by Chairman Scanlon at 1900 hours

Moment of silence for September 11 victims

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion presented Chairman Scanlon to approve the regular meeting on August 14, 2007 and special meeting on August 27, 2007. Motion passed for August 14, 2007 unanimously. For the special meeting with amendments approved unanimously.

Sec. /Treasurer Goodacre read the treasure's report for the record. Checks 031191 thru 032164 for a total of \$505,907, motion to approve checks presented by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt. Seconded by Chairman Scanlon. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Becker first recognized the district employee's anniversaries. Chief Becker's first item pursuant to the August 27th meeting for contact negotiations between the District and Fowler Construction, trying for the best possible agreement. Second item, the budget for next year, September 17th date for final budget meeting moving forward there are budget amendments consistent with budget proposal. Capital project fund for construction planning. Administrative Director position proposed so that board can take official action to approve position. Attorney Hament to present Chief's evaluation delayed from July meeting. Union negotiations proceeding, it need large amounts of research next session should take place end of September. Issue of closest unit response is controversial about service gap area, research is ongoing to provide solutions. Engine 32 update, the engine was totaled, State Fire Marshall

finished investigation, report pending, FHP is still investigating. Procurement of vent saw, asking for approval.

Motion to accept Chief's report Sec. /Treasurer Goodacre.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt

Motion passed unanimously.

All commissioners expressed concern on mutual aid to Bonita. The Chief of Bonita Fire Department to be present at next meeting in October to answer questions. Cease and desist order given for automatic response but mutual aid will continue. Attorney Pringle advised.

Motion to accept amendment to Chief's report, unanimous.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Pringle

First item construction with Fowler Construction meeting occurred and the results were for the new Station 33 the price was reduced to \$1,698,000 and is all inclusive. Station 32 remodel price was also reduced.

Second item, the boundary overlap dispute, to change legal description special legislation is needed to amend boundary. First thing is to get on agenda, or agreement with Bonita. Commissioners voiced concerns and Attorney Pringle answered.

Attorney Hament

Readdress performance appraisal of fire chief. Form for appraisal needs to be approved or more changes if needed.

Chairman Scanlon restated the agenda items:

Old Business:

- Item #1 Contract proposal with Fowler Construction
- Item #2 Fire Chief Performance Evaluation Form

New Business:

- Item #1 Administrative Director Proposal
- Item #2 Budget Amendments
- Item #3 Creation of Capital Project Fund
- Item #4 Procurement of Vent Saw
- Item #5 Ambulance Billing
- Item #6 Delegation to Attorney Pringle in boundary changes

Public Input

No Public Input

Old Business

1. Contract Proposal with Fowler Construction

Commissioner Morris stated that contract is lopsided in favor of Fowler Construction. Attorney Pringle clarified. Article 2.1 states date of commencement starts day of agreement. Article 2.3 states substantial completion within 294 days. Article 20.2 address delays in permitting due to Lee County permitting and allows for increase due to delays.

Amendment provision to provide language that addresses non-completion on time. Article 20.9 states that a sales tax savings if FMB pays for major materials, savings will be returned to district, changes in writing.

Architect is now advocate for district and is included in fee.

Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt stated language changes in following articles: Article 20.2 language should be included from Station 32 in Station 33, language will be moved. Article 20.6 languages needs to be changed.

Motion to accept with amendments for Station 32, Sec. /Treasurer Goodacre
Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt
Motion approved unanimously, 5-0.

Motion to accept with amendments for Station 33, Fire Chief Becker
Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt
Motion approved unanimously. 5-0.

2. Fire Chief Performance Evaluation Form

To approve as is or are changes needed. Attorney Hament reviewed and addressed concerns.

Motion to approve, Chairman Scanlon
Seconded by Commissioner Schmidt
Future Discussion

Category No. 9 will add the word demonstrating three times in front of knowledge.

Category No. 7 the word periodically will be removed.

Retract first Motion

Second Motion, approved with amendments, Chairman Scanlon
Seconded by Commissioner Morris
Motion approved unanimously, 5-0.

New Business

1. Administrative Director Proposal

Chief Becker gave brief description of job.

Motion to approve Administrative Director Proposal, Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt

Seconded by Chairman Scanlon

Discussion, Commissioner Schmid stated does not like structure. Chief Becker explained. Commissioner Morris does not like job description. Other job descriptions under review, same descriptions in more than one job. Chief Becker explained. All job descriptions need to be updated.

Motion voted on 3-2 approved.

2. Budget Amendments

Financial director Jane Thompson reviewed budget amendments for current year. Excess or unbudgeted budget funds transferred into Capital Project Account to fund account.

Impact fees discussed. For October meeting, discuss to negotiate contract with Wachovia for lower rates.

Motion to accept budget amendments, Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt

Seconded by Commissioner Schmid

Motion approved unanimously, 5-0

3. Creation of Capital Projects Fund

Jane Thompson stated to have fund with Colonial Bank

Motion to approve Capital Project Fund, Chairman Scanlon

Seconded by Commissioner Morris

Motion approved unanimously, 5-0

4. Procurement of Vent Saw

Chief Becker reviewed Vent Saw. Discussion about saw will be replacement for chainsaws, which are not as valuable. Three saws are needed, one for each truck.

Motion to procurement of Vent Saw, Sec. /Treasure Goodacre

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt

Motion approved unanimously, 5-0

6. Ambulance Billing

Chief Becker explained how billing works. New billings with ADPI and older billings are done in-house. Collections are being pursued for older accounts. Discussion questions about billing. Problem has been resolved because of now having ADPI.

No vote required.

6. Boundary Changes

Direction for Attorney Pringle to go forward with boundary clarifications.

Chairman Scanlon, Motioned for approval, approved unanimously, 5-0

Other Business

Reports from Union Representative

No Union Representative Present

Remarks of Commissioners

Commissioner Morris thanked everyone for hard work.

Commissioner Schmid thanks Jane for budget proposal, get efficiency expert for best interest.

Sec. /Treasurer Goodacre glad to see construction moving along, hope to get Administrative Director.

Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt recognizes employees for service, commends Dave Collins for help, thanks committee, still has problem with Administrative Director.

Chairman Scanlon recognizes employees for service and Jane for work on budget, Chief, Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt and Mr. Pringle for work.

Public Input

No Public Input

Adjournment

Call for adjournment of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2119 hours on September 11, 2007.

**FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
FOR THE 2007-2008 BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 AT 5:05 P.M.
Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District
3043 Estero Blvd., Station 31-Meeting Room
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman John Scanlon, Vice-Chairman Ted Reckwerdt, Sec./Treasurer Betty Goodacre, Commissioner Joe Schmid, Commissioner Carol Morris, Chief Mike Becker, Assistant Chief Larry Evans, Financial Director Jane Thompson, Network Administrator Joe Lacroix, Administrative Assistant Jenny Magaw, Fire Fighters, Citizens of Fort Myers Beach and Members of the Press.

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Scanlon at 5:05 P.M.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Becker made a presentation on the proposed budget and how it would be used.

PUBLIC INPUT ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Beach Resident Pat Smith spoke and praised the Chief and Financial Director for the new budget proposal.

Beach Resident Carol Landry spoke and praised the Chief and Financial Director as well.

Beach Resident Paula Keiger inquired about the Professional Fees on the proposed budget.

Beach Resident Larry Keiger questioned the reserves and salaries being proposed.

Secretary/Treasurer Goodacre reviewed the current finances of the district, including current and proposed millage rates.

Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt commented and cautioned the board on setting the millage too low.

Commissioner Morris clarified the states guidelines on how many months of reserves the district needs to have, either three or six.

Motion made by Commissioner Morris to go with managements proposed millage of 2.0014 mills.

Motion seconded by Chairman Scanlon.

Ayes- Chairman Scanlon, Commissioner Goodacre, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Schmid.

Nay's- Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt.

Motion for a millage rate of 2.0014 passes with a vote of 4-1.

Attorney Pringle clarified that with the vote of 4-1 in favor of the millage rate of 2.0014 mills the Resolution 2007-1 is now on record which outlines the now approved millage rate to the state.

PUBLIC INPUT ON THE TENATIVE BUDGET

Beach resident Dick Werner spoke and stated the importance of the budget and commended the district on the proposed budget.

Attorney Pringle reviewed the next appropriate steps to take.

Resolution 2007-2 outlines the budget of \$21,707,688 dollars for the 2007-08 budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodacre to approve the budget effective October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for the amount of \$21,707,688.

Motion Seconded by Chairman Scanlon.

Aye-Chairman Scanlon, Commissioner Goodacre, Commissioner Schmid, Commissioner Morris.

Nay-Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt.

Motion passes 4-1 in favor of the proposed budget of \$21,707,688 for the 2007-08 year.

Motion for the final budget hearing Monday September 17, 2007 at 5:05 P.M. made by Chairman Scanlon.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Schmid.

Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

**FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
FOR THE 2007-2008 BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 AT 5:05 P.M.
Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District
3043 Estero Blvd., Station 31-Meeting Room
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman John Scanlon, Sec./Treasurer Betty Goodacre, Commissioner Joe Schmid, Chief Mike Becker, Assistant Chief Larry Evans, Financial Director Jane Thompson, Community Resource Officer Jessica Elinski, and Citizens of Fort Myers Beach.

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Scanlon at 5:05 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Reckwert absent.
Commissioner Morris absent.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Becker made a presentation on the current and proposed budget.

Commissioner Goodacre read the final millage rate and budget proposal.

PUBLIC INPUT ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

No public input.

Resolution 2007-3 read by Jane Thompson.
Resolution proposed a 2.0014 millage rate.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodacre to adopt the proposed millage rate of 2.0014.
Motion Seconded by Chairman Scanlon.
Aye-Chairman Scanlon, Commissioner Goodacre, Commissioner Schmid.
Motion passes 3-0 in favor of the proposed millage rate of 2.0014 for the 2007-2008 year.

Motion made by Commissioner Scanlon to approve the proposed budget of \$21,707,688.
Motion Seconded by Commissioner Schmid.
Mr. Pringle presented himself.
Aye- Chairman Scanlon, Commissioner Goodacre, Commissioner Schmid.
Motion passes 3-0 in favor of the proposed budget of \$21,707,688 for the 2007-2008 year.

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Scanlon at 5:15 P.M.