

MINUTES
RESCHEDULED - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
FT. MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 4:00 PM
DATE: September 4, 2008
PLACE: Red Coconut Recreation Hall
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice-Chairman Ted Reckwerdt, Sec./Treasurer Betty Goodacre, Commissioner Joe Schmid, Commissioner Carol Morris, Attorney Richard Pringle, Chief Mike Becker, Assistant Chief Larry Evans, Administrative Director Margaret Banyan, and members of the public.

Absent: Chairman John Scanlon

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt at 4:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for our troops

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt announced that the meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Report be tabled and proceed with the Chief's report on procurement requests on agenda. Sec./Treasurer Goodacre read the Treasurer's Report for the record.

Chief's Report

New Business

• **Procurements**

- 1) **Lightweight Burn Pan:** Chief Becker stated that the request for the lightweight burn pans would limit the need for cleanup and use less contaminant than the old system. The pans would be utilized for training with schools, CERT teams drills, Fire Prevention Week and everyday use.
- 2) **I V Pumps:** Chief Becker stated that the new I V pumps would administer drugs simultaneously. The IV pumps are refurbished by our current vendor and have a warranty on the equipment.
- 3) **Viking Gas Range, Scotsman Ice Machine, GE Refrigerators, Heat Sanitizing Dishwasher:** Chief Becker stated that these items are needed for Station 33. The appliances requested were researched for quality, so the need for replacement will be minimal.

Attorney Report

Attorney Pringle noted that the rescheduled meeting of August was due to Hurricane Fay. Attorney Pringle had no further business.

Public Input

Flip Harby provided public input.

New Business

Discussion

Lightweight Burn Pan cost of \$10,840.89– Commissioner Schmid motioned to approve the purchase of the lightweight burn pan. Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt seconded.

Commissioner Schmid asked if there was training prior to use.

Chief Becker stated that there is orientation of the equipment and training to “train the trainers”.

Commissioner Schmid asked what the life cycle was on the equipment.

Fire Inspector, Lieutenant Darren White described the capabilities of the burn pans and stated they are new to the market, so the life of the product has not yet been determined.

Lightweight Burn Pans procurement approved unanimously 4 – 0.

IV Pumps cost of \$10,353.00 – Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt motioned to approve the purchase of the IV pumps. Sec./Treasurer Goodacre seconded.

Commissioner Morris asked what the District is using now.

Chief Becker stated that the District is using a single channel pump donated by Lee Memorial Hospital which is now obsolete. The new pump’s life expectancy is 10 years, but is a refurbished product. Chief Becker stated that extensive research was done on the requested pumps to assure dependability.

IV pumps approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Viking Range cost of \$8,685.00 – Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt motioned to approve the purchase of the Viking gas range. Commissioner Morris seconded.

Commissioner Schmid asked if there was a need for the back guard which at an additional \$276.00.

Chief Becker stated it was a part of the appliance.

Commissioner Schmid noted that it would be best if we received a quote from another vendor.

Chief Becker stated that two separate vendors were quoted with no difference in price.

Commissioner Morris questioned the need for restaurant quality.

Chief Becker stated that the station is utilized during a hurricane for providing meals to the community, plus the repair and maintenance is minimal.

Viking range approved 3 – 1.

Scotsman Ice Machine cost of \$1,649.00 – Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt motioned to approve the purchase of the Scotsman ice machine. Sec./Treasurer Goodacre seconded.

Commissioner Morris questioned the need for an ice machine when Station 33 will have three refrigerators.

Chief Becker stated ice machines are not just for station use, but carried in on the trucks for rehydration, rehabilitation, and cool-down of patients and firefighters.

Commissioner Schmid stated that the station did not need an industrial ice machine.

Chief Becker stated that the useful life on an industrial ice machine would be more economical.

Scotsman ice machine approved 4 – 0.

Three GE Refrigerators total cost of \$3,228.00 - Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt motioned to approve the purchase of the three GE refrigerators. Commissioner Schmid seconded.

Commissioner Schmid noted that there were other vendors less expensive than GE and would be a comparable product.

Chief Becker stated that the District did get quotes for comparison.

Dr. Banyan stated that she double checked comparable brands such as Frigidaire, etc. and there was approximately a \$70.00 price difference, but Bill Smith appliance does provide local maintenance on the appliances.

Commissioner Schmid asked if the District negotiated based on volume of purchase.

Chief Becker stated that it was requested and the numbers received were based on all items purchased through Bill Smith.

Commissioner Morris questioned the need for stainless steel.

Chief Becker stated that the life of stainless steel is better.

Three GE refrigerators vote lost (failed) 2 – 2.

Heat Sanitizing Dishwasher cost of \$3,400.20 - Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt motioned to approve the purchase of the heat sanitizing dishwasher. Commissioner Schmid seconded

Commissioner Morris stated that most dishwashers have a sanitizing feature and it is an unnecessary cost to the District.

Chief Becker stated that the FF's are exposed to germs, disease, on a daily basis and a high sanitizing machine is needed. Chief Becker stated that the commercial grade of the machine will give additional life span.

Heat sanitizing dishwasher approved 3 – 1.

Chief Becker disclosed that he intended to purchase the refrigerators as a non-capitalized expense under the \$1,000 limit as refrigerators were an essential item for Station #33.

There was general verbal agreement that the purchase of refrigerators was appropriate.

Remarks from Commissioners

No remarks from the Commissioners.

Public Input

Pat Smith provided public input.

Adjournment

Call for adjournment of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM on September 4, 2008