

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
FT. MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 7:00 PM
DATE: August 16, 2011
PLACE: 2523 Estero Blvd., Town Hall – Council’s Chamber
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Carol Morris, Vice-Chairman Ted Schindler, Commissioner John Scanlon, Commissioner Betty Goodacre, Attorney Richard Pringle, Chief Mike Becker, Asst. Chief Darren White, District members and members of the public.

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Schindler at 7:00 PM. Vice-Chairman Schindler noted that Chairwoman Morris was briefly delayed, but would be attending the meeting and Commissioner Goodacre would be reading the treasurer’s report in the absence of Sec./Treasurer Brower.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Schindler called for a motion to approve the July 19, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to approve the July 19, 2011 regular meeting minutes.
Commissioner Goodacre seconded.
Minutes approved unanimously 3 – 0.

Vice-Chairman Schindler requested Commissioner Goodacre read the Treasurer’s report.

Commissioner Goodacre read the July 2011 Treasurer’s Report for the record.

Commissioner Goodacre reviewed the summary of bank and investment account activities for month ending July 31, 2011.

- A. Commissioner Goodacre asked for approval of department checks #037074 through #037147 for a total of \$156,927.82 for July 2011.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to approve the department checks. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Checks approved unanimously 3 – 0.

Chief’s Report

Chief Becker recognized employees with years of service.

Chief Becker reviewed the items on the Chief Report.

Attorney’s Report

Attorney Pringle stated the Lani Kai code issues have been communicated to the District’s insurance carrier (PGIT). PGIT has recognized that the matter does fall within the District’s insurance coverage and will be handling any litigation that may be forthcoming. Attorney Pringle stated the agreement with Libby Anderson has been reviewed and minor adjustments have been made. The document is ready to be approved as written if the Board desires. There are several recommended revisions that need to be made to the Edison agreement with the District. Attorney Pringle will make the changes and bring before the Board at a later date.

Chief Becker stated there are two additional items that need to be added to the agenda. Two special event permits requesting waiver of fees, Boys Scouts event and Fish Tale Marina for the Harry Chapin Food Bank event.

Reports from Local Union Representatives

FF Mesick – DVP District 3 noted that the ride along program with Edison is beneficial for the District and will allow District employees to do ride time while on duty. FF Mesick noted he asked that Chief Becker allow FF Jake Lamb make a presentation to the Board.

FF Jake Lamb – gave a prospective of his position as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Engineer and Acting Lieutenant for the District.

Chairwoman Morris restated the agenda items and added to New Business:

- 1) Request for waiver of special event fee for the Boy Scouts; and,
- 2) Request for waiver of special event fee for Fish Tale Marina for the Harry Chapin Food Bank

Public Input

Beach resident Nobel Hockmeister provided public input on the District responding to assistance at his residence and thanked the firefighters for their help.

Captain Ivan Bestrom provided public input on the surveillance system in place. Captain Bestrom requested that the cameras be available for viewing by Station officers.

Chairwoman Morris requested the item be put on the agenda for the next workshop.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Approval of Job Descriptions** - Commissioner Scanlon motioned that the Board not approve job descriptions. Commissioner Goodacre seconded.

Discussion continued between the Board on the responsible party that should approve job descriptions. The Board agreed that it was the Chief's role to approve job descriptions in the District, with the exception of the Chief's job description.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Chief Becker announced to the Board that the Town Hall will be utilizing the Chamber on the same date as the Board's workshop and asked that the Board consider moving the workshop to Station 31.

Commissioner Goodacre motioned to move the September workshop to Station 31. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- B. Approval to Erect Memorial with WTC Artifact from 9/11** – Chairwoman Morris asked Chief Becker if the approval to erect the memorial had any type of monetary attachment to it.

Chief Becker stated the direction he is seeking tonight is to only move forward. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Gora have verbally committed to doing the work at no cost to the District. It is up to the Board if they are willing to alter the site at Station 33 and allow him to move forward with permitting, etc.

Chairwoman Morris noted if there are any monetary costs associated with the memorial the Chief will need to bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Goodacre motioned to give Chief Becker the approval to move forward with the memorial and if there is any cost associated that the Chief bring it back before the Board. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Vice-Chairman Schindler noted that if there are any costs associated with the memorial then the District could find a way to get donations, etc. to pay for it. There are no funds for extra items, but this is a worthy cause and he supports the memorial without any public dollars being spent.

Chief Becker noted that there will be a brief ceremony Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Station 33 and welcomes everyone to attend.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- C. Approval of Professional Consultant Contract with Libby Anderson** – Commissioner Scanlon motioned to approve Libby Anderson’s contract. Commissioner Goodacre seconded.

Chairwoman Morris asked if changes were needed if the Board would have an option to do an addendum to the contract.

Chief Becker stated that the RFQ allowed for renewal. If there would be a non-contracted issue, it would become another contract item for the Board to review at that time.

Discussion continued between the Board, Chief Becker and Attorney Pringle on the two billable elements of the contract.

Attorney Pringle stated he set the contract up so that the Board could accept the contract as a whole or portions of the contract.

Chief Becker stated that the organizational health of the District is critical at this time. Chief Becker recommended approving both parts of the contract, the organization development and the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairwoman Morris stated her concern was the monetary costs and thought the Board had discussed doing only the Comprehensive Plan portion and determine later if the other portion was needed.

Motion approve unanimously 4 – 0.

- D. Approval of Clinical Affiliation with Edison State College** – Chairwoman Morris noted that her understanding of the agreement with Edison was there was no monetary attachments to this request and Edison College would prepare the policy to cover any liability that could occur.

Attorney Pringle noted in his review of the contract there was several items that needed to be addressed. Attorney Pringle requested that the Board allow him to make the needed changes to the contract and bring back before the Board at a later meeting.

Commissioner Goodacre motioned to defer the item until the next Board meeting or to a later date to allow Attorney Pringle to make the needed changes to the contract.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- E. ADDED TO AGENDA – Approval to Waive Special Event Permit Fee for Boy Scouts of America** – Commissioner Scanlon motioned to waive the \$100.00 fee. Commissioner Goodacre seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- F. ADDED TO AGENDA – Approval to Waive Special Event Permit Fee for Fish Tale Marina to Benefit Harry Chapin Food Bank** – Commissioner Goodacre motioned to waive the \$100.00 fee. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motioned approved unanimously 4 – 0.

G. Commissioner Items – None

Reports from Local Union Representatives

FF Mesick – DVP District 3 stated that the Board has discussed that money is tight and the District continues to spend money that he feels is not needed with the surveillance system and attorney fees. Overtime that is reported in the packet notes it is related directly to time off. It is true in some respects but it is also reflective of minimum staffing. The District's minimum staffing is 11 but the District continues to operate on 13. The District seems to be spending and spending when it is communicated that there is a money issue.

Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Scanlon congratulated employees for their years of service.

Commissioner Goodacre congratulated employees for their years of service and the ride along agreement with Edison is a good idea and a benefit to the District.

Vice-Chairman Schindler noted that Jake Lamb's presentation was outstanding and he appreciates the job our firefighters do. The Edison ride along is a benefit for both the District and Edison College. Vice-Chairman Schindler also congratulated employees on their years of service.

Chairwoman Morris thanked Jake Lamb for his presentation and wished there would be a way to get it out to the public. The Board appreciates the job our firefighters are doing and thanks them for their commitment.

Public Input

Beach resident Lee Melsek asked that the agendas be put on the website prior to the meetings.

Chairwoman Morris asked that the item be put on the agenda for the next workshop along with the surveillance system.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM