

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
FT. MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 7:00 PM
DATE: June 21, 2011
PLACE: 2523 Estero Blvd., Town Hall – Council’s Chamber
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

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

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Morris at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the May 17, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Vice-Chairman Schindler motioned to approve the May 17, 2011 regular meeting minutes.
Sec./Treasurer Brower seconded.
Minutes approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Chairwoman Morris requested Sec./Treasurer Brower read the Treasurer’s report.

Sec./Treasurer Brower read the May 2011 Treasurer’s Report for the record.

Sec./Treasurer Brower reviewed the summary of bank and investment account activities for month ending May 31, 2011.

- A. Sec./Treasurer Brower asked for approval of department checks #036914 through #36993 for a total of \$207,053.35 for May 2011.

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

Check approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Chief’s Report

Chief Becker recognized FF Andres Vila for his “off duty heroic efforts” at an incident that occurred in February in the City of Miramar on his way to work.

Chief Becker recognized employees with years of service.

Chief Becker reviewed the items on the Chief Report.

Vice-Chairman Schindler asked Chief Becker if there was any local publicity on the commendation for FF Andres Vila.

Chief Becker stated he would notify the local papers of the commendation.

Vice-Chairman Schindler commented on several items in the Chief’s report.

Chairwoman Morris asked Chief Becker if pets were allowed at the Clarion during a hurricane evacuation.

Chief Becker stated that pets were not allowed, that the Clarion is a base for employees to check in, and a place for rehab.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Pringle stated the RFQ/RFP can be discussed further as it comes up on the agenda. Attorney Pringle stated he had one item that was not on the agenda but is discussed in the Financial Report. Finance Director Jane Thompson refers to qualified investment accounts that the District can make depository's to. Attorney Pringle stated he did some research for another Fire District where they participate in a CDARS program, and were able to spread the money out to other banks, which hopefully will receive a "slightly" better return on their accounts.

Chairwoman Morris stated she called Sanibel/Captiva Bank and they stated they chose not to be a QPD due to the risk.

Reports from Local Union Representatives

No Input

Public Input

No Input

Old Business

- A. **Selection of Organizational Development Consultant** – Libby Anderson presented to the Board her proposal for the organizational development and comprehensive plan consultant for the District.

Discussion continued between the Board and Ms. Anderson.

Attorney Pringle stated that Ms. Anderson is the only respondent to reply to both parts of the RFP/RFQ comprehensive plan amendment and organizational development element. The Board can choose to combine the tasks or separate them based on the needs of the District.

Discussion continued between the Board and Attorney Pringle.

Chief Becker relayed his findings on the references for each respondent.

Chairwoman Morris stated the Board would rank the respondents and the scope of work to be done.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board should then direct him to draft a contract and bring it back to the Board for approval.

Discussion continued between the Board.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to rank Libby Anderson number one and Jo Ahern number two. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Chairwoman Morris asked the Board if they chose to let Ms. Anderson do both parts of the study.

Sec./Treasurer Brower stated the Occupational Development (OD) element is the most important task and the Board should have the option to just do the OD or do both.

Attorney Pringle stated that one contract with two alternate parts can be drafted and at the next Board meeting, the Board can determine what parts to approve based on terms of the contract.

Discussion continued between the Board.

Attorney Pringle restated the motion by Sec./Treasurer Brower. To negotiate a contract that has two alternates in it. One that has the organizational development aspect and one that has the comprehensive plan amendment aspect or both determined by the Board. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

New Business

- A. Approval to Extend the Sunset Provision of the Comprehensive Plan - Chief Becker** stated the committee is trying to prepare an update to the Board by the end of the year, but due to scheduling conflicts, he would like the Board to extend the date for submittal until February 2012.

Sec./Treasurer Brower motioned to extend the life of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to April 30, 2012. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

- B. Ambulance Billing Reduction in Payment Request** – Chairwoman Morris noted the request is from a college student and Blue Cross Blue Shield paid only a portion of the bill.

Discussion continued between the Board.

Sec./Treasurer Brower asked what is the least reimbursement amount the District will accept and does the District bill any extra to the patient over and above that amount.

Finance Director Jane Thompson stated that normally the least amount paid is by Medicaid. Depending on the total of the bill Medicare will reimburse the District up to approximately \$350.00 depending on the service provided by the District. There are different tiers of service the District provides and they are billed accordingly.

Discussion continued between the Board and Finance Director Jane Thompson.

Sec./Treasurer Brower motioned to approve the write-off request. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

C. Procurement

- 1. Purchase of Backup Server** – IT Manager Joe LaCroix presented to the Board the request for the Backup Server for the District.

Discussion continued between the District and IT Manager Joe LaCroix.

Chairwoman Morris recommended that IT Manager Joe LaCroix and she have a conference call with the different vendors to determine the best purchase for the District.

Sec./Treasurer Brower stated that Chairwoman Morris and IT Manager Joe LaCroix could do the conference call and this meeting could be continued to a later date to let them bring the findings and recommendation(s) from the conference call.

Attorney Pringle stated that the Board could continue the meeting to another date and time without a Sunshine Law issue. The other process would be for the Board to authorize a representative to make the final decision.

Commissioner Scanlon motioned to continue the meeting to July 5th prior to the workshop.

Discussion continued between the Board.

Vice-Chairman Schindler motioned that the Chair meet with Joe LaCroix and do the conference call with the determined vendors to determine the pros/cons and bring the findings to the Board.

Vice-Chairman Schindler motioned that the item be continued to July 5th at 9:30 AM prior to the workshop. Commissioner Scanlon seconded.

Motion approved unanimously 4 – 0.

Attorney Pringle stated that after reviewing the Sunshine Law it states the second meeting should be noticed. If he finds that it does need to be noticed, he would like Board approval to do so.

Chairwoman Morris okayed the notice if needed.

Reports from Local Union Representatives

No Input

Commissioner Remarks

Chairwoman Morris noted at the Commissioner's Forum she was disappointed with Iona/McGregor's response to the sharing of operations and they stated Attorney Pringle initially brought up the concerns.

Attorney Pringle stated he did not initiate the concerns of the discussion.

Chairwoman Morris stated the meeting would be continued until July 5th at 9:30 AM.

Public Input

No input

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM