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MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2017
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING

Held at the Indian Shores Municipal Center
19305 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL 33785

WORKSHOP MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Commissioners answering roll call were Chair Joe Bruni, Vice Chair Lou Snelling, Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear, Commissioner David Gardella, and Commissioner Laura Martin. A quorum was present with Chair Joe Bruni presiding. Attorney Jeff Albinson, Fire Chief Sal D'Angelo, and Finance Director David Martin were also present.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: None.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE - Robert Hill presented Matt Loder, Jr. of Crabby Bill's restaurant a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the PSFRD Honor Guard.

SERVICE PIN AWARD - Fire Chief Sal D'Angelo presented Lieutenant Chip Bodine with a pin for five years of dedicated service to the District.

AUDITOR'S FORMAL PRESENTATION - Richard Cristini with Jamieson, Davidson, and Cristini presented the District's 2016/2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Kelly Cisarik - [448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach] - Mrs. Cisarik discussed her concerns about station placement, as well as correspondence which took place between Chief D'Angelo and the Fire Chief of Madeira Beach in 2015.

Tim Burnham - [Did not state address] - Mr. Burnham identified himself as a firefighter/paramedic with PSFRD. Firefighter Burnham gave the Commission an update on the disaffiliation process that the firefighters are currently going through with IAFF Local 4966. He informed the Commission that an evidentiary hearing will take place at Station 27 on July 7, 2017, via telephone at 0900 hours. He added that he has personally retained an attorney to assist in this matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

16-16 Property for Station 26

Discussion: Chief D'Angelo informed the Commissioners that the letter of intent which was sent to Duke Energy by PSFRD in 2016 is in their agenda packets. Chief D'Angelo also discussed correspondence that preceded the correspondence Mrs. Cisarik referred to in her comments regarding station placement. Chief D'Angelo stated that **Duke Energy has contacted him again and requested that PSFRD make an offer on their property for Station 26.** He added that, knowing that there will be a station in North Redington Beach, the Board will need to make a decision on how to proceed with the Duke Energy property. Commissioner David Gardella added that PSFRD first contacted Duke Energy about this property over two years ago, and have since been informed about Pinellas County's plans in North Redington Beach.

Commissioner Gardella stated that he spoke with the Duke representative and they are giving PSFRD first opportunity to pursue the property. He discussed that impact fee funds are able to be used toward the purchase, but those funds were also intended to be used to replace Truck 28. He added that there is only a short window available to pursue the Duke Energy property, and he feels it is a great opportunity, so he believes it should be pursued as a priority above Truck 28 for at least the next 30 days. He added that he does not believe there is any other available property in Indian Shores sufficient for PSFRD's needs. Finance Director David Martin added that there is an excess of \$800,000 in the impact fee account. Chief D'Angelo added that PSFRD is required to use \$300,000 by the end of the fiscal year, or those monies will be returned. Chief D'Angelo stated that both projects (Station 26 and Truck 28) may be able to be pursued simultaneously. Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear discussed that the Duke Energy property is the ideal location for a station between Station 27 (Indian Rocks Beach) and Station 25 (Madeira Beach), as it is almost exactly the mid-point. He continued to discuss the benefits of the property and agreed that he feels that it should be pursued. Chief D'Angelo added that he wants the Commissioners to understand that if they approve the property but not Truck 28, there will be an increase in pricing for the truck in the new fiscal year. He discussed that a resolution is required for the lease of Truck 28; if it is postponed for 30 days, the resolution readings will be done in August and September, which will still be sufficient, as it will still be completed before the new fiscal year. In reference to Truck 28, Finance Director David Martin mentioned that the interest rates went up last week, and if they keep going up, that will change those numbers.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Carol Britz – 466 20th Avenue, Indian Rocks Beach – Ms. Britz stated that she does not understand why PSFRD would purchase property at the southernmost point of the District, especially because it will be a mile from the North Redington Beach station. Ms. Britz also inquired as to why property on the mainland is not being looked at to better serve the Oakhurst area. She added that she thinks that property on the other side of the Walsingham bridge should be considered.

Nancy Obarski – 708 Beach Trail, Indian Rocks Beach – Mrs. Obarski stated that she is concerned whether or not there is a commitment from the County for EMS funding for the new station location. Mrs. Obarski discussed that the Redingtons denied Chief D'Angelo's request to compensate PSFRD for the calls that are made into their district. She also stated that she believes that Chief D'Angelo has given conflicting information regarding PSFRD station location and the North Redington station.

Chief D'Angelo welcomed both Ms. Britz and Mrs. Obarski, or any other citizen, to review all e-mail correspondence and geography issues discussed.

17-09 SOP 217 DRAFT – Compensation During Declared Emergencies

Discussion: Chief D'Angelo stated that the purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform compensation policy for non-bargaining, exempt, and non-exempt District employees before, during, and after declared emergency situations. He added that this does not pertain to on-shift personnel. Chief D'Angelo explained that that, during a declared emergency, employees are subject to recall, and this provides an opportunity for employees to be compensated at a rate of time and a half. With a policy in place, the District is able to file through FEMA to be reimbursed for the additional compensation.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:54 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Chief D'Angelo asked the Board to make a motion to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, ending fiscal year September 30, 2016, as presented by Richard Cristini at the Workshop Meeting.

A motion to approve the 2016/2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER MARTIN
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

17-07 Special Meeting – EMS Dispute Resolution

Discussion: Chief D'Angelo stated that the attorneys are working on the final draft of the EMS settlement agreement. He asked the Board to agree on a date to hold a special meeting, with the addition of the cost to pay for the advertisement, regarding the EMS dispute resolution, with a location and time to be determined. He added that, if the Indian Shores board room is not available, the meeting can be held at a fire station, preferably around 10 a.m. The Commissioners discussed available dates and decided on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, tentatively at 10 a.m.

A motion to approve a special meeting on July 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., or as close thereto, subject to the availability of the location, regarding the EMS dispute resolution.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

16-16 Property for Station 26

Discussion: Commissioner Gardella would like to add an action item for the District to enter into negotiations for the Duke Energy property. No motion needs to be made at this time.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes: May 16, 2017 Workshop and Regular Meetings

Discussion: None.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Workshop and Regular Meetings.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report: May, 2017

Discussion: Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear stated that there is almost \$1,700,000 in the Money Market, about \$500,000 in the Florida Investment Pool, and \$1,500,000 in fixed income CDs, for total assets of \$3,271,000. Current liabilities for this month are approximately \$280,000. Fund balance reserves are slowly declining, as inflow from the non-ad valorem assessments do not meet the operational expenses. There is currently a small deficit, due to overtime, new air packs, and fleet maintenance costs. A budget amendment will be presented to the Board during the fourth quarter to include approximately \$62,000 of additional income, expenditures of \$15,000 for the recent Impact Fee Study, and \$30,500 for radios. There is a projected budget surplus, impact fees over expenditures, of \$36,400.

EMS funding currently exceeds the budget, and inspection and special event fees are slightly higher than budgeted. Refunded expenses are ahead of budget due to unexpected training reimbursements and an insurance refund from a sold vehicle. Personnel expenses are higher than anticipated, and benefits expenses are in line due to anticipated contingencies. Operating expenses show a negative variance, including fleet repair costs. The projected Unassigned Fund Balance is \$908,600, representing 17.7%, which demonstrates the District's need for additional income.

A motion to approve the May, 2017 Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MARTIN SECOND: COMMISSIONER SNELLING
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

3. Correspondence: Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear read a thank you card to Station 27 for their help with an event.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

John Pfansteil – 448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach – Mr. Pfansteil stated that he feels that it is fiscally irresponsible to make a decision on a station location unless Pinellas County agrees to fund EMS. Mr. Pfansteil stated that he knows that the Chief wants the Duke Energy property because he wants a boat.

Kelly Cisarik – 448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach – Mrs. Cisarik stated that she was disappointed that the CAFR was not included in the agenda packet, and suggested that the District was not in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Law. Mrs. Cisarik also stated that the District's use of prepaid treatment of referendum expenses wasn't addressed by the auditor's presentation and has not been addressed since she first brought it up.

ACTION ITEMS:

**17-03 Commission By-laws Revision (Resolution 2017-03)
(First Reading)**

Discussion: Attorney Jeff Albinson read Resolution 2017-03 in its entirety.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Nancy Obarski – 708 Beach Trail, Indian Rocks Beach – Mrs. Obarski stated that she is confused by the By-laws revision. She stated that the 2015 Commissioner By-laws was only put on the website after she brought it to the Commission's attention. She stated that the 2007 By-laws had signatures but the 2015 By-laws did not, so she feels that this is why the Commission is now reviewing the By-laws again.

17-06 Truck 28 Purchase

Discussion: Chief D'Angelo stated that the Commissioners have the Truck 28 backup documentation with their agenda packet. He added that Ten-8, Pierce Manufacturing, is the sole source provider for Florida and Georgia. He stated that the total cost may change based on equipment needed or not needed, and the current total is \$1,156, 806. Chief D'Angelo discussed that the lease purchase agreement is also included, and a resolution will need to be adopted by the Board to enter into a lease agreement. Discussion ensued regarding previous lease purchases. Discussion also ensued regarding trading the current Truck 28 versus utilizing it as a reserve apparatus. Commissioner Gardella stated that he feels that there are other issues that the District needs resolution on before making this purchase. The EMS dispute resolution may be to the District's benefit and may aid in the purchase of Truck 28. He stated that he feels that the District could wait 30 days until the next meeting and there is more information about the other issues currently going on. Chief D'Angelo stated that he will speak with the Ten-8 representative to inquire as to the potential cost difference in submitting the purchase order in September versus October. Chief D'Angelo stated that he feels that the Board should move forward with this, but hold off on the resolution and vote.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Kelly Cisarik – 448 Harbor Drive South, Indian Rocks Beach – Mrs. Cisarik stated that her neighbors who are retired firefighters expressed preference for a truck with a platform as opposed to a bucket, as it can rescue more victims at one time. Chief D’Angelo stated that the District received a proposal for a mid-mount platform but, as discussed at previous meetings, it is a great piece of equipment and he agrees, but the costs are more and that it will not traverse two bridges in the District. He stated that, with that type of truck, the District would need to hire six more firefighters and a rescue unit to put in place of Truck 28 to be first-due on medical calls.

REPORTS:

1. COMMISSION: Secretary/Treasurer Larry Schear stated that he attended a FASD conference in Orlando last week and completed five more required courses toward his Certified District Officials (CDO) certification, and he only has two more courses left. He stated that he believes all Commissioners would benefit from this, and suggested adding a formal budget line item next year for FASD training.

2. ATTORNEY: Attorney Jeff Albinson discussed the lawsuit in which Mr. Hoofnagle is the plaintiff and that there has been a change in the District’s counsel [Hill, Ward, Henderson] in that case. Mr. Hoofnagle’s attorney requested a time extension to file his documents, which the District’s counsel agreed to.

Attorney Albinson discussed the EMS lawsuit and explained that there is a potential set of parameters being worked on, and the District now has scheduled a meeting on July 11, 2017, and the terms will be available at that time.

3. CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief D’Angelo said that the District has had a very good month and gave kudos to the crews with the increasing calls. He stated that fire prevention activities are continuing, and the District has increased the Emergency Operations Center operations and classes. The Chief stated that a number of the issues discussed at this meeting are coming to closure, such as the EMS dispute and Truck 28; the outstanding issue being the referendum lawsuit.

At this time, Chief D’Angelo announced his resignation from PSFRD, and stated that August 4, 2017 will be his last day. He gave kudos to personnel and Commissioners, and stated that it has been a pleasure serving the citizens of the District as Fire Chief. Chief D’Angelo asked the Board to move forward with having Assistant Chief John Mortellite act as interim fire chief, as well as to start the process of advertising the job vacancy. Attorney Albinson suggested placing the assignment of interim fire chief as an agenda item on the special July 11th meeting. Chair Joe Bruni stated that he will work with David Martin reviewing the applications for the fire chief vacancy.

A motion to add the assignment of an interim chief to the special meeting agenda on July 11, 2017, as well as to the advertisement for the special meeting.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER MARTIN
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 8:49 p.m.

APPROVED:


Joseph V. Bruni, Chair Date Approved

ATTEST:


Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant