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**MINUTES
MAY 17, 2022
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETINGS**

**INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
19305 Gulf Blvd.
Indian Shores, FL 33785**

**WORKSHOP MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL: Commissioners answering roll call were Vice Chair Louis Snelling, Secretary/Treasurer Lawrence Schear, Commissioner David Gardella, and Commissioner Betsey McKenna. A quorum was present with Vice Chair Louis Snelling presiding. Attorney Jeff Albinson, Fire Chief Jeffrey Davidson, and Finance Director Erin Brooks were also present. Chair Joseph Bruni was excused.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: None.

OATH OF OFFICE – Fire Chief Davidson administered Firefighter/EMT Mary Miller’s Oath of Office.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mrs. Diantha Schear invited all PSFRD firefighters to the Indian Shores Memorial Day picnic.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

22-08 Budget Presentation

Discussion: Finance Director Erin Brooks made a presentation to the Commission, illustrating both actual and projected revenues, expenses, and fund balances, as well as a five-year projection based on the District’s current financial situation. The presentation also included scenarios to attempt to fix the District’s financial situation; however, all scenarios still ultimately resulted in an overall projected loss in the upcoming years.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2022 Workshop and Regular Meetings

Discussion: None.

**A motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022
Workshop and Regular Meetings.**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report: April, 2022

Discussion: Secretary/Treasurer Lawrence Schear stated balance sheet accounts have been reconciled as of April 30, 2022. Consolidated government funds, assets, and liabilities are \$4.4 million; the investment program in accordance with District policy is \$4.13 million; current liabilities are within normal end-of-month limits, at \$100,000; the capital projects fund revenues total \$20,000. The projected FY2021-2022 Unassigned Fund Balance to Operating Expense ratio is 15%; FGFOA's recommended ratio is 17%.

A motion to approve the April, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCKENNA SECOND: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence: None.

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

REPORTS:

1. **COMMISSION:** Commissioner Schear invited everyone to the Indian Shores Memorial Day picnic and added that there is no charge for firefighters.
2. **ATTORNEY:** Attorney Jeff Albinson stated that he had been assisting with language for the contract with Indian Rocks Christian School for the generator and that has been completed. He stated that he has assisted with a couple minor questions about public records requests, but has nothing else to report.

3. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Davidson stated that he and Finance Director Erin Brooks have been working many hours over the last few months looking at solutions and recommendations to stabilize the District's funding. He stated that they requested three seats of funding as part of the EMS budget request, but that has not yet gone to the County Commission for a vote, but said he feels very positive about it.

Chief Davidson said that the recent Firefighter/Paramedic vacancy has been filled by Shawn Clark who comes to the District from Madeira Beach Fire. Firefighter Clark's first day was May 16th and he will be sworn in at the June meeting. He added that there will be promotions occurring over the next few weeks due to vacancies and restructuring for streamlining purposes.

Station 27 was successfully tented for termites, and the crews did a great job working with the Holiday Inn to make sure the relocation was successful. The Chief added that there were no coverage gaps, and Deputy Chief Mortellite ensured that crews had everything they needed.

Chief Davidson stated that the current Collective Bargaining Agreement expires September 30th and negotiations will begin soon. He added that Patrick Schwab is the new Union President.

Chief Davidson said he would like to recognize a few employees for going above and beyond during a recent incident involving an Indian Shores police officer. This will tentatively take place at the June Indian Shores Town Council meeting.

The Chief confirmed he has met with every County Commissioner and hopes to continue the relationships that have been established so that those people making the decisions understand the District's requests and why they are being made.

He commended Patrick Schwab for everything that he is doing with his membership, as well as in the community. He added that he feels management and labor have a good relationship right now.

On a personal note, Chief Davidson said that last Wednesday he held his first beach workout and invited everyone to join. The workouts are free and will take place every Wednesday, starting at 6:30 p.m., meeting on the beach, across the street from the Indian Shores Municipal Building.

Commissioner Gardella asked if the grant recently discussed was submitted in time. Chief Davidson stated that the Community Funding Project application was submitted, and staff is pursuing every funding source possible. Commissioner Gardella also asked if the Collective Bargaining Agreement was a 3-year contract, to which Chief Davidson replied that it was. The Chief added that there was a reopener, but the upcoming negotiations are for the full contract. He assured the Commission that they will work together to find a solution that works best for both the body and the District.

ACTION ITEMS:

22-09 Budget Meeting Dates

Discussion: Vice Chair Snelling asked the Commission if they received the proposed budget meeting dates from Ms. Fugate. There was consensus to hold the first budget meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, and the second budget meeting on Thursday, September 22nd. Both meetings will likely take place at 6:00 p.m. at Belleair Beach, but Ms. Fugate will confirm. It was also agreed upon that the regularly scheduled September 20th Workshop and Regular meetings will be canceled and will instead take place immediately following the budget meeting on September 22nd.

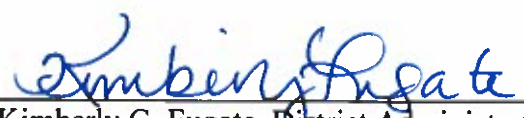
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Joseph V. Bruni, Chair

ATTEST:



Kimberly G. Fugate, District Administrator

6/21/2022
Date Approved