

MINUTES  
OF  
COMMISSION MEETING

Present for July 10, 2019

Commissioners - Cochrane - McCurry - Muench  
Chief Matt Scott  
Assistant Chief Bill Briscoe  
Administrator Mary Hickey  
Training Officer Tim Barrett

In attendance were the following: Tiffany Repecki - Breeze Newspaper - Tony Fontaine - Rob Doerr - Bryan Clement - Tom Tracy- Todd Walters - John Reitenbach - Keven Barbot - Samantha Quinn - Rob Wilkins - Mike Martin.

Fire Marshall Tassoni is excused due to illness.

Commissioner Muench opened up the meeting at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Muench announced the meeting and called for an executive session, immediately. All attendees left the room. Meeting came together at 9:12 AM.

1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business: The minutes from the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Board Members. A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was second by Commissioner Cochrane. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business: Administrator Mary Hickey reviewed the financial statements. The annual audit came in and everything is stable. Additional talks to add expenses to Budget Year 2019-2020 due to the new cancer bill.

3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business: Training Officer Tim Barrett discussed ongoing pediatric medical training. Fire training continues although due to extreme heat, training in bunker gear is at a minimum. Special Ops open water swim training is still going on. Two Shifts have already been through it. A Shift had training one morning, on the paddleboard, and were able to rescue two citizens in distress off Turner Beach. Firefighter Moore and Firefighter Wilkins got to the victims early and saved both of their lives. Had the firefighters not gotten there as quickly as they did there may have been a different outcome. Sheriff Marceno called the station later that night and thanked the firefighters on scene. Sanibel Fire and Rescue District firefighters are better trained than most due to the various rescue situations on the Island. Commissioner

Muench asked about a recent Jet Ski incident. Firefighter Doerr said we responded but the people were already on shore. Training Officer Tim Barrett discussed a drowning during C Shift. Firefighters were able to bring that citizen back. Phoenix Awards were given to all involved with saving these lives; these awards are given to firefighters who have positive outcomes with cardiac arrest patients.

4<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Assistant Chief Bill Briscoe stated that the calls for June 2019, were at 121, which were down by 6 calls from the 127 calls in 2018. We are down 30 calls year to date over 2018.

5<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Firefighter Walter discussed the future purchase of Marine 171. He has reaching out to 5 different companies on various boat options. He is waiting on two schematics; once he receives these there should be enough information to decide on purchasing Marine 171.

6<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Assistant Chief Briscoe discussed all pumps have been tested and passed. Ladder 171 will be tested tomorrow. The tower at Station 172 should be completed as far as permits go. The old tower needs to be taken down and we are working with Sanibel Natural Resource Department to complete the vegetation check-off. Commissioner Muench asked why the Sanibel Natural Resources Department are involved. Chief Scott explained that due to vegetation around the tower they need to be involved.

7<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Assistant Chief Briscoe discussed catching up on re-inspections for Fire Marshal Tassoni. Gene's Bookstore is almost complete before being signed off; El Cio is doing a large remodel. Assistant Chief Briscoe has a meeting next week with the General Contractor to discuss issues with water flow at the Big Arts project. We are waiting to see if Big Arts will wait for Fire Marshal Tassoni to return to work but will give them the option for a 3rd party to do the inspection if they choose not to wait. There has been several LP Inspections. The Shell Museum is moving along currently.

8<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott discussed Resolution 2019-07-01 which is for the donation of the surplus engine to the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners, to be used in the County's Estiffangula Volunteer Fire Department. After the reading of Resolution 2019-07-01 Administrator Hickey calls for its adoption. Commissioner Cochrane moves for the motion and Commissioner McCurry 2nds the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. All Commissioners agreed to adopt the resolution.

9<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott discussed Resolution 2019-07-02 which is set the tentative Millage for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. After the reading of Resolution 2019-07-02 Administrator Hickey calls for its adoption. Commissioner Muench moves for the motion and Commissioner Cochrane 2nds the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. All Commissioners agreed to adopt the resolution.

10<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott congratulated Firefighter Martin for 12 years of service at Sanibel Fire and Rescue District. Chief Scott asked if the Commissioners had any items to discuss; there were none.

11<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Firefighter John Reitenbach addressed the audience as the Union Representative for the District. He said he was there in case anyone from the Board had any questions that he may be able to answer. Firefighter Reitenbach discussed there have been three previous negotiation meetings. The Commissioners didn't have any questions for him.

12<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Commissioner McCurry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 AM. Commissioner Cochrane seconded the motion. There was no Discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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