

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 09, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Commissioner Hansen

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Commissioner Hansen

Roll Call: Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Cook - Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Excused (sick)
Commissioner Griffin - Present
Commissioner Klos – Absent
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present
Attorney Ian Mann - Present

Others Present: Union DVP

Minutes - Review and Acceptance of the May 12, 2009 Board Meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept May minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Commissioner Cook motioned acceptance of the May 2009 Financials. Commissioner Griffin seconded the Motion. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Promotions and Awards: Chief Nisbet announces the results of the Engineers testing that and announces the promotion of Billy Lemieux to Engineer. Commissioners commend Engineer Lemieux in his promotion.

Admin/Ops/Fire Marshall's-Report (attached) – Chief Nisbet covers the Fire Marshall's report and Admin report.

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

Old Business –

- **Liquidate Florida Gulf Bank CD & Direct Placement of funds** – Office Manager states CD Matures the 23rd of June; we need to execute the paperwork to move the funds into the Regions Bank Money Market until a decision is reached for further investment; however research shows that interest yields are negligible everywhere; except one potential investment opportunity with Christian Financial Resources which is currently producing 4.25% with liquid access to funds. We are looking into having them as guest speakers next month; however; they are not FDIC insured and are not a Certified Public Depository; but they do appear solid. For now a motion is required to liquidate the CD instead of leaving the funds to roll at the new lower rate with penalties for early withdrawal. Motion is made by Commissioner Griffin to liquidate the CD and deposit funds into the Money Market with Regions Bank. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

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- **Sign Budget Transfer Record from May 12 directive – so executed**

New Business –

- **Preliminary Ad Valorem Values** – preliminary property tax information provides that based upon our current millage rate of 3.45 a yield of roughly \$1,288,540 would be realized. That translates to approximately \$290,000 reduction. This is preliminary and without Tangibles. Current numbers imply that property values in our District dropped over \$88,000,000. There is controversy over how those numbers were derived. Chief Nisbet states that there were 9 homes sold in our district and they sold for right around what tax rolls were before. He states that a home in Hunter's Glen sold 60 days ago as a repo for \$336,000; probably open land is what hurt us. Since raising our millage to our voted cap would only yield an additional \$17,000 at this time Chief Nisbet is suggesting we maintain our current millage rate for the upcoming budget year based upon the preliminary numbers. Commissioners state that they do not have an interest in raising taxes. Chief Nisbet states he expects to have preliminary budget figures by August except for some negotiable items and states that the DVP is well aware of the present situation and that if it is still the Board's wish, Commissioner Ducrou would sit on the negotiations team and we are awaiting confirmation of negotiation dates. Chief states that we are still doing well, that we still have our reserves, and we have curbed all controllable spending and suspended all future projects except for the brush truck, and he anticipates a carryover of around \$100,000 and our only commitment is the \$30,000 tender payment for which we have nearly that much in the Impact Fees Fund to cover that. He states he doesn't believe that this coming year will be the issue but that his concerns will be the 2010-2011 budget year. He states that the staff had met today and that they were well prepared to make the necessary cuts to cope with the situation and had expressed willingness to cut beyond Chief's expectations to make things work.
- **Chief brings to the Board a new item of business** - the Assistance for Firefighters Firestation Construction Grant guidance came out today and the application opens tomorrow. It is 100% funded for firestation construction to include property with no match and if awarded project start can be pushed out as far as 3 years. Probably only 100-150 of these grants will be issued and we meet the needs for about ½ of what they're looking for. They will award up to about 5 million dollars with no department receiving more than 15 million but they can request multiple stations. Chief asks the Board wishes him to pursue the grant. Commissioner Griffin asks about the additional staff requirement. Chief states that all time frames combined would actually take us to about 4 years down the road. Commissioner Hansen asks how long we would have to staff it. Chief replies that it would appear that 24hr. manning would probably be required but that we could, if necessary, take 2 full time personnel each and some of the 27 volunteers between the 2 stations we should be able to man it and initially there would only be 1 truck out there. Commissioner Cook asks where that money comes from and statements are that the money is from President Obama's stimulus act. Commissioner Cook expresses that while someone is going to take it, he feels uncomfortable taking it since all of us as taxpayers will be paying for it. Chief states that it is an opportunity for us to get that station we need on 31 for no cost to the District. Commissioner Cook states that it won't be truly at no cost. Chief Nisbet states that there's no doubt that we need the station out there based on call times and that Bonita Bay is still plugging along with their project and they could help us in supplying the trucks we would have out there at that time. Commissioner Cook asks when Chief needs his decision by. He states the application must be in by July the 10th. Commissioners state we could always reject it if granted and we elect not to proceed. Chief informs the Board that the Safer Act Grant that we were denied in January was just offered to us Monday as so many had decided they could no longer afford it in light of recent financial developments. Consequently he also was not comfortable accepting it as it did require the match. The new 2009-2010 guidelines will not require the match and it is his hope we would be awarded that one. It would allow for us to apply for 3 new and 3 sustainment for 5 years with

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no match. Chief asks if we would like to proceed with the application since we wouldn't have to turn dirt for 3 years and could reject it at that time if we need to. We could also take advantage of the lower property values during these time to acquire the necessary land for less as well. The Board is in agreement that we should proceed with the application.

- **Chief announces that we received word today that we were awarded a Grant for \$2500 from the Florida Firefighters Association** – for Wildland Gear Personal Protection to be used for respiratory protection for all of the paid staff and some volunteers on each truck – thanks to Captain Snyder for the discovery and acquisition of that grant. We also have applications in for the pumper (which we put on hold) and one for 25 sets of bunker gear.

Commissioner Hansen asks for any other new business or remarks – no remarks, so upon inquiry directly to the District's Attorney mention is made that we were served (of no consequence) for quiet title for land which we no longer held interest in. He explained how the new owners had acquired it through tax deed and were taking action to quiet title and that no response or action is required by us since we had sold it previously. We will have no future claim on the land.

Public Input – None

Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Griffin. Vote Called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.