

**DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**  
Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners  
**Main Station**  
848 Airport Road  
Destin, Florida 32541

January 13, 2015

**Minutes**

Commissioners present: Tommy Green, Rick Moore, Mike Buckingham, Jack Wilson, Bob Wagner

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chiefs Ron Gerdeman and Joe D'Agostino, and Kathryn Wagner

Present: Dawn Stuntz

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Tommy Green.

**Public Comments:**

Patty DeFrenza – 4648 Sunsail, Destin – The public comment made by Patty DeFrenza is being transcribed verbatim as Ms. DeFrenza gave the Commission a copy of her questions and then took them back later in the evening.

Ms. DeFrenza asked, “Was a new command vehicle purchased?” Tommy Green stated yes. Ms. DeFrenza asked, “Was that about \$50,000?” Chief Sasser stated that’s what was in the budget. Ms. DeFrenza stated, “A new command vehicle was purchased for \$50,000, this will be short just a few minutes, this was requested through two budget cycles and denied. Now we have two command vehicles here at Station 9 to manage less than 25 structure fires a year. When you as Commissioners authorized spending of \$88,000 on a referendum for millage rate tax increase and the cap rate that failed to pass, the public was told no services would be reduced if the referendum did not pass. But services were cut, both in fire and EMS. The Commission voted to stop paramedic services this recently as last October, because you had no money. So how did you justify \$50,000 for a new command vehicle and \$45,000 in bonuses to all fire department employees, including upper management, when EMS service is now limited. Where did the money come from? I hope it wasn’t impact fees, because I read there’s ridged restrictions on expenditures for impact fees. So we just stated 2015 and there’s \$95,000 spent already.”

Patty DeFrenza stated, “Item two, 28 million was collected in bed taxes over the last two years so I’m wondering again, why is the beach safety program on the Destin Fire districts budget and all these expenses? This is a fire department for EMS and fire, not a beach safety program. Okaloosa County manages Okaloosa Island beach safety so the expenses of our safety patrol belongs to the County and not shouldered by the City of Destin, which I believe pays \$100,000, and the Destin resident taxes, tourism volume demand the big budget beach safety program and it should be managed by the County, and many citizens have asked that. And why are you not billing the TDC since they brought in 28 million in the last two years? It was the busiest on record bring 14.7 million in 2014 and 13.5 million in 2013 a 9.3 increase. So why are you not billing again, this has been brought up over and over? When Panama City bills the TDC for this coverage and receives revenue. The Destin fire protection district should receive reimbursement for providing these services during peak increased tourism, which is what Panama City does, as our call volume increases dramatically from the tourism needs, not our residential needs. So I’d

like to know when are you going to start delegating the billing of the TDC for these services? They are generating them through Destin, primarily cause it's 80% of the tax base comes from Destin and the TDC fund."

Patty DeFrenza stated, "Another question is the Beach Safety Chief on our fire department pension. I have a real question about that because when the season ends does he, if he is, does he work here 24 hour shifts when the season ends? Because from my experience in the fire service only full time fire medics should receive fire pension, and the Destin Fire Department should be doing that, and again it shouldn't be any burden on this department. I think you should give it back to the County to manage and let them take over or let the TDC pay it in full. And I've asked before, but haven't received it, I've asked for the department salaries to be published or received, and I have even wrote a request to the office. This should be transparent to the taxpaying citizens. I did request it in writing for these documents, as well as the new coded response for EMS, but I have not received anything yet. I would like to set an appointment to review department job applications for credential purposes and qualifications, I believe the Florida sunshine law allows that."

Patty DeFrenza stated, "The other question is there's and established 20 in 20 out policy, so why isn't this Commission enforcing that? The longer people stay, the higher work comp injury probability increases, and so do their salaries and pensions. Enforce the 20 in 20 out policy and promote the Captains. We don't need to be paying these very high salaries providing their health benefits when they've already had 20 years and get 70% of their pay for life, indefinitely. This needs to be addressed. So, from my observation over the years and going to these meetings, it seems like, it's now 2015 and this department is faltering and needs to evolve meet the citizens and the 80 to 90 thousand visitor's safety needs. It is the Commissioners responsibility to manage our tax funds appropriately and make changes to personnel to assure this if needed. We are decreasing services, increasing expenses it's time to start exercising other options. And just a summary, 7 firefighter paramedics resigned in 2014. We have two inexperienced personnel. New firefighters are not required to be paramedics, so eventually you'll have a deficiency in EMS personnel. Current firefighter paramedics across manning apparatus which is a safety issue and I can't believe the moral is at an all-time low."

Patty DeFrenza stated, "Apparently from some court records whistle blowers seem to get fired. The training, Chief Sasser said the trainings been on computers, no evolutions for two years. Firefighters need to practice on fire stream appliances to keep familiar and up-to-date on master streams, standpipes. Training on computers is like playing Pac-man, until you're actually out there doing it you don't keep sharp on your skills. I think the Commission instead of accepting a training report should ask for an actual report that says who trained when, what they did, and I've never heard this Commission ask for that. Which also increases work comp injuries because they are not familiar with the apparatus or the equipment. And of course you all know I have a real problem with EMS response being limited and this is the protocol that Chief proposed to save money and this Commission approved. Even Dino Valeani had no idea about the reduced response definition and I asked for that for public record and still have not received it. The Destin residents should be informed by a published definition of the new reduced response operating procedure, and fully understand that their 911 calls may or may not be responded to by Destin paramedics as automatic response ceased as of October 2014."

Patty DeFrenza stated, "I personally feel that this clearly a breach of public safety and the money you saved is going to come back to haunt you because somebody is going to file something

because they didn't respond. This was a service we were all lead to believe, as citizens, was a 24/7 service advertised by the Destin Fire department. EMS calls should not be coded into alpha charlie delta echo, it's just unacceptable. 911 callers often relay very inaccurate information and we all know the County ambulances often delayed or further away than the Destin paramedics, cause we have two stations, which we can be there in a minute. And I lost my friend Melanie Morris, who was here in this meeting, asking you not to do that. She lost her life waiting for the ambulance from an asthma attack, that's why she's not here. So, you can't count on the County ambulance, we have an expectation of excellence here, we're not only the citizens, also all the money that tourism brings and the visitors expect, because I've asked visitors, we didn't know that. We pay for fire EMS 24/7, it should not be subject to the Chief's discretion."

Patty DeFrenza stated, "In closing this fire department is 14 years behind South Walton in providing advanced life support EMS and transport services. Filing a certificate of need, as our past Chief Tuffy Dixon advised when I asked him, should be done, which would clearly fund our budget with the County tax subsidy and patient transport fee. Possibly adding over two million per year to our budget reserves. No other city in Okaloosa has 80 to 90 thousand visitors. We have a need and an obligation to provide state of the art EMS to residents and tourists and not limiting any response in emergency. As a corporate administrator when a corporation begins to falter they bring in fresh new experienced administrator. We need this department to move forward in 2015, not regress. We need leaders who will support and encourage the staff to state grievances without fear of reprisal or repeated costly litigation. We need leaders who can delegate responsibility instead of asking for more money for assistance. That website's still not updated and public education, we all know CPR saves lives you don't even need to do mouth to mouth anymore, but teaching CPR on weekdays is fruitless because taxpayers have to go to work or get their children off to school. So have weekend classes in mid-afternoon if you expect anyone to be able to come and learn CPR, and it should be free as we pay taxes for these department services. And it would be nice if at the next meeting we could have some answers to some of these because year after year these are brought up and there is no changes, no responses, it seems to fall on deaf ears. There's gonna be somebody, and there apparently has been, where minutes were wasted for a full arrest. You only have four minutes to brain damage and six minutes to death, this coded procedure needs to go away. You already have the trained paramedics, you are already paying them. Why would they sit in the station? Go after receiving those funds from a subsidy from Okaloosa County. And if you want to create a citizens task force, I'd be happy to volunteer, go to these County meetings and say we have a need that is above and beyond the other communities in Okaloosa County. They don't have 80 to 90 thousand people converging on their town, we do. And for those little breaks, spring break and summer, those two seasons, you can bill the TDC, they have 28 million dollars. How do you think people are going to feel about their life safety if they find out Destin may or may not come and we already know the County ambulance was on Okaloosa Island when that man got hit by a car and they had to wait for the ambulance and it was freezing out. This will come back to you, mark my words it's not if it's when, and I think that should be eliminated."

Rick Moore asked if we could get a copy of the letter.

Tommy Green stated he was going to ask you for a copy of your questions. Patty DeFrenza stated sure. Tommy Green stated because there were numerous questions. Patty DeFrenza stated I think that if we could just like, time after time there is never any answers and then it can be delegated to people. She stated you know I'm all just trying to help make Destin a better place to live and be safe and I don't think we should shoulder the responsibility of all the

tourism when they've got 28 million in the coffers. Tommy Green stated he can tell you from personal experience, just to get what money we've gotten out of the TDC is like pulling teeth. We have spent many hours pursuing that and begrudgingly they gave us some but not anything like what we asked for. Patty DeFrenza stated then give them back the beach safety program. Tommy Green stated it goes back to the County Commissioners though. He stated they're the ones that make the decision, the TDC board is only an advisory panel, they don't make the decisions, that goes straight to the County Commissioners. Patty DeFrenza stated why don't we go to Panama City and see how they file it and they receive the funds, and follow their example or their formula or whatever they're using to receive the funds from the TDC because their getting it and we should as well. She stated she has no problems going to the County Commission meetings, so if it needs to be done and it takes time, even if it takes a year, I will go and I'd be happy to help, but they've got to start, I think tourism would drop if they know Destin paramedics aren't coming. There's already been people who said they're going to reevaluate their vacation because they want to be somewhere where they know, South Walton has people who will come when you have children with medical issues.

Tommy Green stated he would try to get you some answers to these questions by next meeting.

Deborah Furman – 4327 Preserve Place, Destin, stated that Ms. DeFrenza hit on a couple things but one of her questions was the website, the minutes haven't been added since June, personnel's wrong it hasn't been updated and she would like to know when you are going to get that updated with all the minutes, correct personnel changes, etc..

Deborah Furman stated another issue she would like to know more about is since 2010 there has been three law suits filed and two of them are currently pending and they're civil rights violations in Federal Court in Pensacola, Metz vs Sasser is one and May vs Sasser. She asked how much is being spent in legal fees, there is another one that's been settled, was settled earlier in 13 or in the middle of 13, Metz vs Destin Fire Control. She asked what's allowed in the budget for legal fees and what's being spent. She stated certainly is it going to cover the taxpayer of Destin are paying for legal fees for pretty much what I can read civil rights, wrongful termination. She stated it's been one person, there's been no law suits prior to 2010 for almost 10 years and I think the Commission should consider placing the Chief on leave through the pendency of the litigation. Mike Buckingham asked to say that last part. Deborah Furman stated, I think that you should consider placing the Chief on leave during the pendency of the litigation. You've had three lawsuits in less than 4 years and they are all targeted for wrongful termination. I hear that one other employee is gone, Ms. Wykoff.

Mike Buckingham asked Deborah Furman why you would feel that way. Deborah Furman stated because it shows a pattern with employees. She stated when I was in corporate America when we saw three wrongful termination lawsuits it was obvious that it was an issue around one person, that's why. Jack Wilson stated, so you assume the lawsuit result before was adjudicated. Deborah Furman stated we put someone pending leave, yes, corporations do that. Jack Wilson stated not mine. Tommy Green stated not mine.

Deborah Furman stated another issue the Chief Medical Officer brought in nearly a million dollars in grant funds but that person has been eliminated and I wanted to know whose writing grants now. She asked what grants are being written, how much money is being pursued. Chief Sasser stated we will get to that later on in the agenda. Tommy Green stated we are going to address that in the agenda, there is currently three grants in the process right now.

Deborah Furman stated, that was it, if you could just give me an update on legal fees for 2013 and 2014, I know that things are going to mediation but the taxpayers haven't been informed about these lawsuits and we're paying the money for that, taxpayers are, and as you know attorneys out of Tallahassee run about \$600 an hour. Mike Buckingham asked if that was something we could get you for the next meeting. Chief Sasser stated, bringing it up here is one thing, but you need to put in an official public records request for that kind of information instead of just addressing it at this meeting. Come and sit down with Kathryn, address exactly what record it is you are looking for, that way we can pull what needs to be pulled instead of just and open air statement. Mike Buckingham stated he liked that idea and asked Deborah Furman if that was okay with you. He stated that you are more than welcome to come in and sit with her. Deborah Furman stated, sure, wouldn't you want to know how much is being spent or are you'll aware of the legal fees and all the legal bills. Mike Buckingham stated I think you're asking that question and if you're asking that question you are more than welcome to get that information if you would like to come in and sit down with Kathryn and tell her exactly what you are looking for. She will be more than happy to get that for you, that's not problem. Deborah Furman stated okay, she's got a request and I'll send it in.

Engineer Rob Koenig stated he just wanted to thank the gentleman and ladies for the bonuses at Christmas time, which were unexpected and we appreciate that. He stated I wanted you guys to know that a significant portion from several of the guys used that money to provide things for less fortunate and your generosity was passed on and not hoarded.

There were no further public comments.

#### **Review of minutes:**

The minutes for the regular meeting of December 9, 2014, were presented. Jack Wilson stated there was a typo on page one under review of minutes. Jack Wagner is not a Commissioner and it should be either Jack Wilson or Bob Wagner. Rick Moore stated he thinks there a correction on page 2 where it states that Rick Moore stated that \$1,500 is too much and he wasn't in favor of \$1,500. Kathryn Wagner stated she would have to listen to the recording as she did not transcribe these minutes. Jack Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and corrected from the transcript. Rick Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Review of the Financial Report:**

Kathryn Wagner presented the financial report for December 31, 2014. She stated the report is for the three months of the current fiscal year. She stated the financial statements have been adjusted for these three months, however, she is not finished doing yearend adjustments of September 30, 2014. She stated the main items on the balance sheet which will be affected are fixed assets and under liabilities we have a few items such as compensated absences of under a year and over a year, those are the items which need to be adjusted for September 30<sup>th</sup> and which will flow forward into this current year. She stated our cash is in a good position as we have been receiving our current year ad valorem taxes. Receivables are in line, liabilities were high at the end of December due to a timing of payments. She stated all of our assets and liabilities are in line. She stated when the adjustment is made to September 30<sup>th</sup> the liabilities will decrease and our equity will increase, so it does not affect the revenue and expenditures.

Kathryn Wagner reviewed the revenues and expenditures stating that we are 3 months into the year so are looking for a percentage remaining of 75%. She stated we do have large one time

payments which are made at the beginning of the year, such as renewal of computer software. She stated overall for the three month period, on page 12, our expenditures are at 78.35% so we are just under budget. She stated that on page 12 the format of the financial statement has been changed to move an item which did not have a corresponding budget item. So the last item titled non-budget item, transfer impact fees collected to reserves has now been segregated out from the top income portion. She stated that way you can see the budget compared to the actual.

Jack Wilson stated that the collections look very much on pace, so everybody's paying in November this year. Kathryn Wagner stated we are actually about 2 ¼% lower in collections then where we were last year.

Mike Buckingham made a motion to approve the financial statements for December 31, 2014. Jack Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

#### 1. Award bids for new ATV's and Viking's

Chief Sasser stated that we advertised and sent out requests for proposals for the bids for the ATV's, Viking, and Waverunner. Bids will not be open until tomorrow at 1 o'clock and asked the board to award the bid to the lowest bidder.

Jack Wilson asked if we have ever been in a situation the last four or five years where we didn't award it to the lowest bid. Chief Sasser stated he believes so. He stated we receive our parts and do a lot of work with Wards, who has normally been the low bid. He stated he thinks there was an occasion, possibly the concrete out front. Jack Wilson stated there was a circumstance we weren't comfortable with the lowest bid so we took the next lowest bid. He asked if there was a risk of just granting you the authority to do the low bid, that we'll miss the opportunity for that kind of judgment call here. Chief Sasser stated yes there is.

Jack Wilson made a motion to give the Chief the authority to accept the lowest bid after consultation with Commissioner Buckingham, to make sure there are no other matters to otherwise be considered.

Rick Moore asked if we know who we have so far. Chief Sasser stated Wards, Powersports out of Pensacola, and Panama City.

Tommy Green stated we have been with Wards for the last seven or eight years. Chief Sasser stated we pull a lot of our parts out of there so he usually comes in lower than everybody else on these bids.

Mike Buckingham seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

### **Chief Reports:**

#### 1. Beach Safety report

Joe D'Agostino stated other than the vehicles coming in and going out there is some recruiting of college kids both foreign and domestic. He stated one of the issues is trying to find a pool for them swim in for their re-qualifications.

Jack Wilson asked how much pool do you need. Joe D'Agostino stated 25 yards would be ideal. Rick Moore told Joe to check with Hurlburt because they allow Fort Walton or somebody to go over there to train. Joe D'Agostino said he has started to get that dialog going.

Rick Moore asked if all those vehicles have been sold. Joe D'Agostino stated no. They were bid on and some of those people have not come through with the money, so at this point we will probably have to rebid them. Jack Wilson asked what were the winning bids for the vehicles. Chief Sasser stated the UTV was around \$4,200, the waverunner was a little over \$2,000 and the ATVs ranged from \$2,400 to \$3,800. Chief Sasser stated these vehicles are in really good shape so he is kind of surprised that no one has taken them yet.

## 2. Training report –

Chief Sasser stated the year end for the past calendar year is presented which lists all the classes, topics, and hours which they trained over. The total hours for the year last year were 251 hours and only 240 hours are required for the year.

## 3. Inspection report

Ron Gerdeman stated nothing to report but will address any question you may have. Tommy Green stated there are were 73 projects underway. Ron Gerdeman stated it was a flexible number as projects are closed and others are opened up.

## 4. Response Change report

Chief Sasser presented the report for December 2014. He stated this is very similar to what we have seen the last couple of meetings. He stated in December we responded to 10 requests and of those 10, six were man power assistance, which was just moving someone from point A to point B.

Chief Sasser stated the next two pages show a comparison of the past three months along with the data from 2013. Jack Wilson asked why is the difference dropping like that, is the potential going down or is the actual going up. Chief Sasser stated he believes the actual is going up. He stated they might be looking at their calls a little differently and we are also hitting the slower months, which can be seen with the overall call volume. Jack Wilson asked if we were seeing anything in the protocol they are using with dispatch. Chief Sasser stated no and he was looking.

Chief Sasser stated with Ms. Kathryn's return we have been able to produce the fractile response times report, the call volume, and the types of medical calls. He stated these are pulled from the CAD so these are what the guys are dispatched to. He stated zone 1 is in the Calhoun, Siebert, western side of town which has the most of all the zones. Mike Buckingham stated zone 1 is the old part of Destin. Jack Wilson stated just where we don't have a fire house anymore.

Chief Sasser stated as we start to progress forward and start to add people on, when we get to where we can man that third apparatus, we should think about putting that third apparatus on that end of the town. Jack Wilson said to could be interesting if we could swap out some space in the old building down there with some space with Crystal Beach and that would help County EMS and would give us better coverage and maybe not costs anybody anything to do that.

Tommy Green stated with the Sherriff department right there to, you could have the Sheriffs office, the EMS, and the Fire District and try to consolidate into a public safety facility.

Mike Buckingham asked how often do we get someone actually to walk up to either of our facilities for service. Chief Sasser stated it happens but it is not as common as you would think. He stated it is not every day or every week, it is occasionally. Tommy Green stated that people come by to get there blood pressure checked.

Jack Wilson stated that at some point it would be helpful if we had a map or list of what the zones are one through nine. Tommy Green stated there was a map in the hallway.

#### 5. Overtime report

Chief Sasser stated that we have had a few overtime incidents which have occurred over the last month with one the holidays and two we have had two guys out who had surgeries which were unexpected on our part. He stated this year we are still behind the pace which we set last year, however we will continue to work on it.

Chief Sasser stated that before we move on he wanted to inform the Commission that Ms. Donna has resigned and we will be going through the process of advertising and replacing that position. Rick Moore asked how many years was she with us. Chief Sasser stated around 8 years.

#### **New Business:**

##### 1. Election of Officers

Mike Buckingham made a motion to elect Tommy Green as Chairman, Rick Moore as Vice Chairman, and Jack Wilson as Secretary/Treasurer. Bob Wagner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

##### 2. Appointment of Employee Relations Commissioner

Tommy Green re-appointed Mike Buckingham as the Employee Relations Commissioner

##### 3. Schedule of Budget Workshop Meetings

Chief Sasser stated we looked back at our calendar last year and tried to duplicate it, trying to hit Tuesdays again. He stated we could always add and subtract as you like. He stated we will also update the website with these meetings as well.

Bob Wagner made a motion to accept the proposed budget workshop dates as presented. Jack Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

##### 4. Grants

Chief Sasser stated we were awarded a little over \$24,000 from Fire House Subs for some Hurst equipment. He stated they will be purchasing that equipment and delivering it to us. He further stated that Fire House Subs wants to handle the public relations portion of it themselves.

Chief Sasser stated we are going to apply for the SAFER grant, for the firing of firefighters. He stated the issue we will have is when the grant comes to an end you have to be able to afford those positions. He stated the grant is for two years so the third year you have to pay for the people. He stated, now you don't have to pay it back if you don't keep the people at the end on the grant. He stated we need to be realistic and see what we will be able to afford in three years. He stated he anticipates applying for three, but we will run an analysis on it and re-approach the board with it again.

Jack Wilson asked what would you do with three people. Chief Sasser stated we would add one person to each shift. He stated in order to be able to man that third apparatus, and do it on a regular basis, we need to add two people per shift. He further stated that right now the truck is down significantly more than every up and it is a rare occasion that you see the ladder truck up. He stated if we add one more person you will start to see that flip, where you will see it up more than it is down, but we won't be able to do it full time until we have the additional two per shift.

Jack Wilson stated that even if you added one per shift you would back fill a lot of what becomes overtime. He stated not only would we get the additional fireman on each shift at no cost, at least the first two years, it would actually save us money by mitigating the overtime expense.

Kevin Sasser stated another grant we will apply for is the AFG grant. He stated we have a 1999 apparatus that we would like to be able to replace. He stated the money which is already set aside in the asset fund, it should cover our percentage of the grant, because it is only going to be like a 75% or 80% match grant.

Jack Wilson stated that we will have an enhanced residual value in the truck by doing it a little bit early.

Kevin Sasser stated that there is a State EMS grant opening up which we will apply to upgrade our monitors to life pak 15.

Mike Buckingham stated multiple times it has been brought to his attention about the inspections which we are charging \$25 for the first time being out of compliance. He stated maybe we should reconsider and hand out a flyer on the first time of incompliance and if it is not in compliance on the next visit then we charge the \$25. He stated we should not charge businesses if they got the issue fixed.

Mike Buckingham stated someone should not be penalized if they are making it right. Tommy Green stated it's a re-inspection fee because the department goes out there and does their inspection and then if we have to go back again we charge. Jack Wilson stated we are charging you \$25 because you are out of compliance the first time and they have to go back and re-inspect it. He stated we did not charge you \$25 for going to inspect the first time as that is part of what you get for being taxpayers, but if you are not in compliance and we have to come back then there is a cost.

Mike Buckingham asked we did we first begin doing inspections. Chief Sasser stated back in the 80's. Mike Buckingham stated that we only inspect so many businesses a year. Chief Sasser stated right now we don't have enough inspectors. Mike Buckingham stated the average joe out there does not know this, but if he was getting inspected every year he would know that.

Jack Wilson asked if it would be better if we only charged for inspections where you weren't in compliance. He stated if you are in compliance, whether it is the first, second, or third inspection we are not going to charge you.

Mike Buckingham asked if we charge for inspection up front. Tommy Green stated that this gets back to personal responsibility. If you have a business you have a personal responsibility to maintain your equipment.

Rick Moore stated that other places, pretty sure Crestview, charges an inspection fee. Ron Gerdeman stated that he does not know about Crestview but the City of Fort Walton Beach does. He stated that if you go with a set fee for an inspection you are almost obligating this fire district to perform that inspection for every business in this district, and stated that between Matt and himself, we cannot cover this district every year. He stated the code requires periodic and they do not define periodic.

Mike Buckingham stated that we should have a flyer made up which states this is the state statute, this is what we are to do and this is what you are to do. Then when we go in to do a periodic inspection and find someone out of compliance we will give the letter and give you 30 days to fix it. When we come back there is no charge if now in compliance but if it is not and we have to come back again we will come back and start charging you.

Mike Buckingham said maybe we do more than \$25 if the business is not willing to fix it. Tommy Green stated we would have to look at the statute and see what our charter allows and doesn't allow us to do. Chief Sasser stated the board can set it, and we will have to advertise it and take public comments. He stated that we need to have some line drawn and there are collection issues with people who are unwilling to pay. He stated this was not instituted to be a money generator, it was instituted to keep their business up to code.

Jack Wilson stated we are going to come and inspect you as that is part of your taxpayer service. and if you are good there is no charge, but if you are not good we are going to charge you \$25. So if we come five times in a row and you are not good five times in a row you are going to get charged \$25 five times.

Rick Moore stated to keep in mind, every time we have to go back that is one less we can go and inspect.

Chief Sasser stated that we do call and set up appointments. Ron stated that is mainly on condos and larger facilities but on businesses like to commons, we don't call every business out there.

Tommy Green stated that we will put this on the agenda for the next month to further discuss this.

**Next meeting:**

Tommy Green reminded the Board of the next regular meeting will be February 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.