

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

April 11, 2017

Minutes

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

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

Present: Dawn Stuntz

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

Public Comments:

Deborah Thurmon of Destin asked if employee evaluations had been done prior to tonight. She also asked if the average could be explained in further detail and if raises would include employees who had been recently promoted.

Review of minutes:

The minutes for regular meeting of March 14, 2017 were presented.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes for regular meeting of March 14, 2017. Commissioner Wagner seconded. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of the Financial Report:

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial report for March 31, 2017. She stated the cash position was good and should take us into June before making a transfer from the Florida Local Government Trust. She further stated liabilities are in line, revenue is higher compared to previous years because of receiving more funds sooner in the year and expenditures are in line. Division Chief Wagner stated mid-year adjustments will be presented at the next meeting.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the financial report for March 31, 2017. Commissioner Wilson seconded. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Appointee to Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint Jennifer Malich to Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. General discussion occurred. Chief Sasser stated the position was a residence position and explained the state of the Pension Board. The motion failed 2 to 3 with Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Green and Commissioner Wagner opposing.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to appoint Patrick McDowell to the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund. Commissioner Green seconded. General discussion occurred. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Buckingham opposing.

2. Staff/Management wage increases

Chief Sasser presented the comparable wage information requested by the Board. General discussion occurred.

Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to give Chief Sasser a 5% raise retroactive to October 1, 2016. Commissioner Green seconded. General discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

General discussion occurred concerning Battalion Chiefs. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to give the Battalion Chiefs a 3% raise retroactive to October 1, 2016. Discussion occurred. Commissioner Wagner modified his motion to a 4% raise retroactive to October 1, 2016. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General discussion occurred regarding Fire Prevention. Chief Sasser stated since Fire Marshal Taylor received raises while still in the Union and the inspector is newly hired they would be fine with the status quo. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to accept Chief Sasser's recommendation of keeping the status quo with fire prevention. Commissioner Green seconded. General discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

General discussion occurred concerning Beach Safety. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to give Beach Safety a 3% raise retroactive to October 1, 2016. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

General discussion occurred concerning Administration. Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to give Administration a 3% raise retroactive to October 1, 2016. Commissioner Wagner seconded. The Board decided not to include the receptionist since she was newly hired. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Buckingham addressed the Board regarding the finances of the District and the funding of the Pension Trust. He stated he would like his stipend to go into the firefighters' retirement fund.

Chief Reports:

1. Beach Safety report

Division Chief D'Agostino presented the beach safety report and discussed the drowning of April 4, 2017. General discussion occurred.

2. Training report

Chief Sasser presented the training report for February and March. He stated there were 26 hours of training for both months. No discussion.

3. Inspection report

Division Chief Taylor presented the inspection report and announced the hiring of a new inspector. General discussion occurred.

4. Response Change report

Chief Sasser presented the response change report stating an 80% response time under 8 minutes with zone 1 remaining the busiest. Commissioner Wilson asked why the County is not giving us their data. Discussion occurred.

5. Overtime report

Chief Sasser presented the overtime report. He stated we are under for year as well as where we were this time last year.

New Business:

None

Next meeting:

Rick Moore reminded the Board that the next regular meeting will be May 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Chief Sasser for the Autism Awareness t-shirts they were all wearing.

Division Chief D'Agostino stated the beach flags are now being updated daily on our Facebook page.

Adjournment:

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.