

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

July 8, 2014

**Minutes**

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

Commissioners absent: Hillary Anderson

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

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

Tommy Green stated that before we go to the next item on the agenda he wanted to comment on a statement he made at the last meeting concerning what he felt was an abuse of overtime allotment. He stated that he made a broad statement and to those firefighters and those who have not abused it he offered his apology. He stated that he still feels there was some abuse but some people are not guilty and to those he apologizes.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Review of the minutes:**

Minutes for the regular meeting of June 30, 2014 were presented. Mike Buckingham made a motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2014 as presented. Rick Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review of the financial report:**

The financial reports for the month ended June 30, 2014, were presented. Kathryn Wagner stated the financial reports present very clean for the month with no major expenditures. While our cash position is declining, our assets are strong. Account receivables are inline and are all considered collectible. Accounts payable are low at the end of the month and other accruals and equity are adjusted accordingly. She stated pages 10 thru 14 details the revenue over expenditures and stated the target percentage after completing nine month through the fiscal year was 25%. She stated our current year ad valorem taxes are for the most part all received for the year with only \$14,142 remaining to be collected. Rick Moore made a motion to approve the report. Jack Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. Budget and Restructuring of the Department and 2. Voluntary Separation Incentive Program  
Chief Sasser stated as of today five employees have accepted the VSIP program. He stated that gets us in the proximity of \$540,000 in savings.

Rick Moore asked when the deadline to accept the program was. Chief Sasser stated the deadline is July 15, 2014.

Jack Wilson asked if we accept more than the five we have or is that it. Chief Sasser stated yes, he thinks there are two others who have strong possibility of accepting the program.

Tommy Green thanked those who are leaving for their service. He stated this is not something we wanted to do but was a step we needed to take to balance the budget.

### **Chief Reports:**

#### 1. Beach Safety update

Joe D'Agostino stated we had a great holiday weekend and the weather has been cooperating. He stated it has been a busy year with not a lot of rescues. He stated the statistics show we are going to have the most people we have had on the beach which will be around 2.5 million.

#### 2. Training report

Chief Sasser stated that each shift received 25 hours of training in June so they are continuing to make time up and they are doing a good job.

#### 3. Inspection report

Ron Gerdeman presented the June 2014 inspection report. He stated that we are pretty much finished with our reviews with Destin Commons

Rick Moore asked if Mr. Bockman's concerns from last meeting were followed up on. Ron Gerdeman stated yes and discussed the action which the District took.

#### 4. Paramedic report

Chief Sasser presented the June 2014 paramedic report. He stated that we responded to 324 calls for the month which was a little less than last year.

#### 5. Overtime report

Chief Sasser presented the June 2014 overtime report. He stated he was off a month on when you should see a significant decrease in the overtime. Kathryn Wagner stated there is a timing difference as the report states as of June 30, 2014, however, the data is accumulated as of the pay dates in the month. She stated the last payroll where the employees worked through the end of June was not actually paid until July, and there was a dramatic decrease in overtime on that pay period.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Tentative Millage Rate

Chief Sasser stated it is management's recommendation to set the millage rate of 1.000 and hold the first public hearing on September 9, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Jack Wilson stated that if these valuations hold there will be about a \$250,000 increase in revenue over last year.

Chief Sasser stated that this normally fluctuates a little and normally comes down some, but it is small. He stated that with a 1 mill rate we are looking at an increase of 5.36%.

Rick Moore made a motion to set the millage rate of 1.000. Jack Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mutual Aid Agreement with Eglin Air Force Base

Chief Sasser requested that this agreement be tabled until the next meeting due to changes being made to the agreement.

Rick Moore asked if we have ever had to go to Eglin to help them out. Chief Sasser stated not that he could recall.

**Next Meeting:**

Tommy Green stated that the next meeting will be a Budget Workshop tonight at 6:00pm, a Budget Workshop on July 22, 2014 and August 5, 2014 at 5:30pm. He stated our next regular meeting of the Commissioners would be on August 12, 2014 at 5:30pm followed by a Budget Workshop on August 12, 2014 at 6pm.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to be addressed, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.