

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Main Street
848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

April 10, 2018

Minutes

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

Commissioners absent: Mike Buckingham

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chiefs Joe D’Agostino, Matt Taylor and Kathryn Wagner

Present: Attorney Dana “D.C.” Matthews, II

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

Kevin Kussro of Acentria Insurance – PGIT Grant Presentation:

Kevin Kussro of Acentria Insurance made a presentation to the Board of a check in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of PGIT, from the PGIT Safety Incentive Program, for fire boat training and Aquatic Center lifeguard training.

Mr. Kussro also informed the board that he was successful in getting a large past claim revised which will lower the MOD rate approximately 32%, which will provide a significant refund for not only this year but last year, as well. He noted that patrolling losses on the front end and possibly self-funding smaller claims can reduce the MOD even further.

Public Comment:

None

Review of Minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting of March 13, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wagner seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financials:

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements the month ended March 31, 2018, noting in early April a \$1.5 million dollar transfer to the Florida Local Government Investment Trust. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for March 31, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. West End of District Station

Chief Sasser stated that he and Commissioner Buckingham have obtained a copy of a plot plan which will be used to create a drawing for presentation to the city council, reflecting the location and minimal impact on the park area. They would like to be able to bring this before the city council before the next Commissioners' meeting.

2. Affirmation of Trustee to Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund

Attorney Matthews requested that the vote be tabled until the next meeting to give him time to review relative statutes and legal documents a bit further. The Board agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

3. Pension Fund – Change in Actuarial Earnings Assumption

Chief Sasser stated that at the last Retirement Trust Fund Board meeting the Board discussed lowering of the assumed earnings rate from 7.5 to 7%. They understand the financial impact this creates and hope to spread the reduction over a five year period, but didn't want to spend approximately \$2,000 for an actuarial report. They were looking for this Board's opinion. Commissioner Wilson said, while it can be a big savings in the long run, it is not the Commissioners' Board's responsibility to make this decision and that this Board cannot accept that responsibility. Commissioner Green noted that it should be everyone's #1 priority to lower the earnings rate.

Chief Reports:

1. Beach Safety Report

Division Chief D'Agostino said it was a very busy Spring Break season. There was one drowning at the edge of Henderson Beach State Park.

2. Training Report

Chief Sasser presented the Training Report stating that there were 20 hours completed for each shift during the month of March.

3. Inspection Report

Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report, noting the 5th building for Catalyst Seaglass is final along with Starbucks. The FNB Bank Building has been torn down and is being replaced by a storage facility and that several new projects are in the works.

4. Response Change Report

Chief Sasser reviewed the response change reports. He stated the District should have an increase of 100-200 over last year. He noted a 65/35 response for Stations 9/10 which should level out when the other station is up and running. General discussion occurred.

5. Overtime Report

Chief Sasser reported that due to illness, shift changes, retirements, and promotions overtime hours were higher than normal for March but should level out again for April.

New Business:

1. Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Destin Professional Firefighters' Association Local #3158 – Articles 28 Wages, 29 Overtime, 35 Shift Exchange, 41 Educational Leave, and 43 Incentives

Chief Sasser stated the new bargaining agreement was ratified by the Union by a vote of 23 to 2. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the ratified agreement. Commissioner Green seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. General Counsel Options

Chief Sasser stated with the departure of Attorney Dawn Stuntz from Matthews & Jones, Attorney Dana “D.C.” Matthews, II has been appointed by the firm to replace her as attorney to this Board. General discussion occurred. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve continuation of the relationship with Matthews & Jones and the appointment of Attorney Dana C. Matthews, II. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

Chairman Moore reminded the Board that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.