

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

May 9, 2017

**Minutes**

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

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chiefs Matt Taylor and Kathryn Wagner, Allison Henderson

Staff absent: Division Chief Joe D'Agostino

Present: Dawn Stuntz

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:34 p.m.

**Public Comments:**

Kevin MacDonald a firefighter at Destin Fire Control District stated how much he appreciated Commissioner Buckingham donating his stipend to the pension fund especially after being drugged through the mud on social media and saw it as an olive branch. He stated this gesture has gone a long way in repairing firefighter relations. Firefighter MacDonald has been working with the firefighters as well to repair relations. He would like to see all parties work together to resolve matters like men.

**Review of minutes:**

The minutes for the regular meeting of April 11, 2017 were presented.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of April 11, 2017. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review of the Financial Report:**

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial report for April 30, 2017. She stated we had not received payment from the County because of disputed invoices, but expects to have this resolved soon. She further stated accounts payables were high due to a timing issue. She stated in reviewing the Revenue over Expenditures vs. Budget report that dues and subscriptions were high, as well as vehicle repair and maintenance, however overall budget should be fine. General discussion occurred.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the financial report for April 11, 2017. Commissioner Wagner seconded. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

None

**Chief Reports:**

a. Beach Safety report

Chief Sasser stated he and Division Chief D'Agostino had been to the TDC meeting to request funding for the Lifeguard Program. He stated they did give us \$614,000, a majority of the budget, but we will still be short of the \$690,000 budget for the year. The City is no longer willing to pay \$100,000 for the service as they have in the past, as they feel it is the TDC's burden. General discussion occurred.

b. Training report

Chief Sasser stated there was 20 hours of training for the month. He stated they were not able to do preplans due to a computer glitch, but still got in the required amount of training. No discussion.

c. Inspection report

Division Chief Taylor presented the inspection report for the month. General discussion occurred.

d. Response Change report

Chief Sasser stated response times were 85% under the 8 minute mark, with the County being at 57%. He stated zone 1 and zone 3 are the busiest for the year. Commissioner Wilson asked how the District had been impacted with the County EMS' manning problems. Chief Sasser gave the Board an example of having to assist a helicopter landing in order to transport a patient that would normally not have needed a helicopter because there were no ambulances available. He stated the County is exploring creative solutions; taking one rig and making it a 12 hour shift during peak times instead of 24 hours in order to have more success manning it. Further discussion occurred.

e. Overtime report

Chief Sasser stated only 5 hours of overtime for the month. No discussion.

**New Business:**

a. Budget adjustments

Division Chief Wagner presented the mid-year budget adjustments. General discussion occurred.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the budget adjustments. Commissioner Wilson seconded. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 17-03- Declare the vehicle obsolete

Chief Sasser requested the old Beach 10 truck, 2000 Ford F-150, be declared obsolete and sell it. Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to approve resolution 17-03. Commissioner Green seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:**

Chairman Moore reminded the Board that the next regular meeting will be June 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Green stated the State is trying to give another \$25,000 in homestead tax exemptions and believes this will impact us negatively. He stated the Board may need to discuss

and consider a non advalorem tax. He would like to see the item added to the agenda for next month.

**Adjournment:**

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.