

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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

February 11, 2014

Minutes

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

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

Present: Dawn Stuntz

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

Public Comments:

Claude Newland - 4033 Indian Trail, inquired about minutes from the last pension board meeting. Jack Wilson suggested posting these minutes to the website as well. Mr. Newland further inquired about the website, Commissioner contacts and public comments at meetings.

Review of the minutes:

Minutes for the regular meeting of January 14, 2014 were presented. Jack Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014. Mike Buckingham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of the financial report:

The financial reports for the month ended January 31, 2014, were presented. Kathryn Wagner stated that January was a quiet month. The balance sheet presents strong. Liabilities are inline. She stated there were only two items to mention on the Revenues over Expenditures report. First was the sale of the two atv's, which brought in just over \$4,100, and the second was the purchase of hose during month. Rick Moore made a motion to approve the report. Jack Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

March 11, 2014 Referendum – Chief Sasser stated that in the Commissioner package as well as up front for the public is a short presentation on the referendum. He stated that we have made significant effort to get in front of public groups which we did last year, however, we have only been able to schedule meetings with two groups.

Mike Buckingham expressed concern for not hearing from citizens. He stated the District needed to advertise. Chief Sasser stated that we are in the process of putting together a factual public notice and we would work with our attorney in creating this and timing it properly for the vote.

Rick Moore stated that absentees are already out. Kathryn Wagner stated that she had spoken with Paul Lux and there has been a change in the state statute. She stated that last year the supervisor of election had the choice to either put out an advertisement or in lieu of the advertisement they could send out mailers to all of the citizens. She further stated that this year they are now required to

advertise, but the statute states nothing about sending out mailers. Kathryn informed the Board that she directed Paul Lux to send the mailers out as well as the cost would be around \$350 and this would get in front of the citizens.

Mike Buckingham stated that he had received 9 phone calls today from citizens inquiring about what is going on. He stated that we just need to let them know what we are asking for and that he does not want to get back to the citizens a third time. Rick Moore asked if those 9 gave an indication as to their support. Mike Buckingham stated that when he told the callers what we were doing and what we have done he heard a lot of positive things.

Further discussion was held on when, where, and what to advertise.

Chief Reports:

1. Beach Safety update

Joe D'Agostino stated new vehicles have been purchased, waverunner training course is scheduled for Monday and there are only 23 days until we are back on the beach.

2. Training report

Chief Sasser stated that each shift received 10 hours of training in January. He stated that while we are short this month, due to department adjustments, we will be able to make up this shortage during the next few months.

3. Inspection report

Ron Gerdeman presented the January inspection report. He stated there have been no major changes since the last month. Rick Moore inquired as to new building coming in. Ron Gerdeman stated there were a Sherman Williams store and a few residential units at Kelly Plantation.

4. Paramedic report

Chief Sasser stated that the December and January reports have been presented. The January report format has changed slightly going into the new calendar year. Rick Moore questioned that only major items were presented on the call history report. Kathryn Wagner stated the previous reports were analyzed and broken down by call type, regardless of how it was given to us by dispatch. She stated we are now presenting the report by what dispatch is telling us to go to, regardless of what the condition is when we arrive, this is the need and reason for us to respond. Chief Sasser also stated that through the emergency medical dispatching program these are the heading that you would see.

5. Overtime report

Chief Sasser presented the January overtime report which is comparable to last month as far as usage and cost. He stated that we are keeping tabs on it and have seen it slowing down as a couple of significant issues have past.

Rick Moore asked if it would be better if we employed part-time employees. Chief Sasser stated that an analysis could be done to determine the cost of part-time employees. He stated that we would not be the first in the area to do this.

New Business:

1. Appointment of Employee Relations Commissioner

Chairman Tommy Green stated that unless there were any objections from the board that he appoints Mike Buckingham. There were no objections.

Next Meeting:

Tommy Green stated that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners would be on March 11, 2014 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment:

With no further business to be addressed, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.