

MINUTES  
OF  
COMMISSION MEETING

Present for March 20, 2019

Commissioners - Muench - Cochrane - McCurry  
Chief Scott  
Assistant Chief Briscoe  
Administrator Hickey  
Fire Marshal Rick Tassoni

Commissioner Muench opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Cochrane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the audience were the following: Tiffany Repecki - Breeze Newspaper - Tom Tracy - John Reitenbach - Chris Jackson - Kevin Barbot - Barry Burks - Mike Martin.

Training Officer Barrett was excused, due to a prior commitment.

1st Order of Business: The minutes from the February 13th, 2019, meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Board Members. A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was second by Commissioner Cochrane. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2nd Order of Business: Commissioner Muench asked to be excused from the June, July and September meetings, the Board agreed to his absence.

3rd Order of Business: This month personnel have been working on Pediatric Emergencies, for their medical training. They have also been working on SBA training in the tower, along with "Quick Attack", hose line training. There will be an Aerial class being conducted on March 18<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have 3 members in the class.

4<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Assistant Chief Briscoe stated that the calls for February were at 165 which was down by 9 from the 174 calls in 2018. The tower is being dug and placed today, the inspection will be at 12:00PM and poured at 2:00PM today. The WCIND grant was turned in on time and we have tried to reach Mike Campbell from Lee County, to see where we ranked in the line of acceptance. Commissioner Muench asked how Marine 171 was running since being placed back in service. Tom Tracy answered his question and said it was in great shape.

5<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: The Fire Marshal reported that he is still doing inspections, and everything is going well. He also stated that the Big Arts building was due to be demolished the end of March, plans have changed, and construction will be done in one phase and the plans are to have a completion date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. FM Tassoni also stated that the Board needed to revisit the establishment of a Fire Code Board of Appeal, with a minimum of a 5-member Board. The last time this Board was reviewed was in 2011.

6<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Financials were reviewed with the Commissioners. See attached.

7<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott stated that the Open House would be on Saturday, the 23rd from 10:00AM until 2:00 PM. Lt. DiMaria is in charge and will make things happen for this event. He has a whole list of other agencies coming to the event - using the theme of "Touch the Truck", for the kids that will be attending. Hot Dogs are being donated by the Fish House Restaurant, Ice Cream is being donated by Sanibel Deli and members of the Senior Center next door, will be cooking the Hot Dogs. We have to anniversaries this month, Rick Tassoni with 8 years and Rob Wilkins with 6 years. Barry Burks will be leaving the end of March but will still be on the books until June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Kara Palumbo will be resigning, here position here and going to South Trail Fire District, she wanted to be employed in a busier District. Bryan Clement, will be starting with the District on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, as a Firefighter - EMT. He comes to us from Lee County EMS, where he had been employed for 10 years.

8<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: The Chief also reviewed the response times to the East end of the Island. He stated that the Island was broke down into 10 zones. Zones 1-2-3-4 are on the East end, and have the slowest response, approximately 8 to 10 minutes. Zones 2-3-4 have about 28% of our total call volume. The Chief stated that the 2 main concerns at this point are "where do we put the Station", with land being at a premium on that end of the Island and the budgetary impact it will have on the District. The Chief stated that we would also have to hire a minimum of 12 additional personnel.

9<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: The Chief also informed the Commissioners, that the District collected \$5,400 for the MDA Drive and that totally members of Local 1826 collected over \$250,000, for "Jerry's Kids", through their participation in the MDA Boot Drive this year.

10<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: There was no Public comment.

12<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Commissioner Cochrane made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 AM. Commissioner Muench seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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COMMISSIONER MUENCH

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COMMISSIONER MC CURRY