

MINUTES  
OF  
COMMISSION MEETING

Present for December 11, 2019

Commissioners - Cochrane - McCurry - Muench  
Chief Matt Scott  
Assistant Chief Bill Briscoe  
Administrator Mary Hickey  
Training Officer Tim Barrett  
Fire Marshal Rick Tassoni

In attendance were the following: Tom Tracy - Rob Wilkins - Kevin Barbot - John Reitenbach - Cliff Steele - Alma McClure - Brian Howell - Don Frye and Tiffany Repecki - Breeze Newspaper.

Commissioner Muench opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business: The minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting were not reviewed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business: Administrator Mary Hickey reviewed the financial statements. She stated that on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November the District received \$1,591,347.41 in Ad Valorem income. See reports attached.

3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business: Training Officer Tim Barrett discussed the Coop training, that personnel were involved with. The training was RIT methods with others in the County. He discussed the medical training for the month. He also stated that there was a Boater Safety course being conducted at the Sanibel School. For future training he is trying to organize training with all City Employees, to learn "Stop the Bleed", learning to using tourniquets and so forth in an emergency situation. He also stated the several CPR classes have been conducted this month. He also stated that SCCF is trying to burn approximately 6 acres in the Frannie Preserve on Friday, December 13, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Assistant Chief Bill Briscoe stated that the calls for November 2019, were at 128, which were down by 2 calls from the 130 calls in 2018. We are down about 40 calls year to date over 2018.

5<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Fire Marshal Tassoni, stated that IL Cielo was done and in full operation. Big Arts is really close to opening, we still need to do acceptance on fire alarm and sprinkler systems. SCCF is looking to do a big remodel and are preparing to submit their plans for review. Fire Marshal Tassoni also stated that the District will be participating in the "Safe Awake" program. The City of Cape Coral received a Grant for the equipment to use for people who can't hear or are hearing impaired, or if they take their hearing aids out at night. It works with their existing fire alarm system and is free for the asking. The

12<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Commissioner Muench made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM. Commissioner McCurry seconded the motion. There was no Discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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COMMISSIONER MUENCH

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COMMISSIONER COCHRANE

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COMMISSIONER MC CURRY

Fire Marshal will have to be the one to do the install. It has a strobe light and it vibrates - it is placed under their mattress.

6<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott reviewed that the new pumper is at SFEV, as we speak, they are installing items for us, and should be ready around the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. When we receive the truck, we will then do all the tool mounting, it will be exactly like 172 is now. It should be in-service around January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

7<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: The Chief reviewed the fact that Tony Fontaine will be the new Lieutenant, as of Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott discussed Resolution 2019-12-01 which call for the District to amend the existing Beach Fire Permit and established fee scheduled to include a charge of a refundable \$100 deposit on all Beach Fire Permits. Once the burn site was been viewed for cleanup and is cleaned sufficiently, the Deposit will be refunded. After the reading of Resolution 2019-12-01 Administrator Hickey calls for its adoption. Commissioner Muench moves for the motion and Commissioner McCurry 2nds the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. All Commissioners agreed to adopt the resolution.

9<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Chief Scott congratulated Training Officer Barrett for 21 years of service and Firefighter EMT Todd Walter for 4 years of service and Firefighter Paramedic Arian Moore for 3 years of service and Captain EMT Chris Jackson for 16 years of service at Sanibel Fire and Rescue District.

10<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Firefighter John Reitenbach addressed the audience as the Union Representative for the District. He said that there had been 2 grievances filed regarding the method of how the Lieutenants exam and interviews were conducted. John then read a prepared statement, which is attached. He also stated that the Union has asked for the testing scores to help decide if they will move forward to take this to Arbitration.

11<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Commissioner Cochrane asked to discuss the Commissioners compensation issue as scheduled in a legal ad of the NewsPress. He stated that the Chief had polled the other District, the poll is attached. Commissioner Cochrane stated that he thought he was lagging in pay compared to other Commissioners in the County. He stated that he was working for a lot of people who can not do the job, because they are not eligible. He stated that he was working for \$450 for the year. He also stated that because the guys say they should be compensated in the upper part of the County and he would like to be lateral the same. He would like to make the compensation at \$200 to \$250 per month. Commissioner Muench stated that it would have to be a majority plus one vote to approve the pay raise. Which would mean all 3 Commissioners would have to agree. Commissioner Muench stated he took this jo to give back to the Community and that he could not vote for the increase. There was no formal vote, it was done and tabled to a different time.