**Fire Commission Meeting**

**Immokalee Fire Control District**

**Board Meeting**

October 17, 2013

These Minutes are a summary of the meeting. Any further information can be obtained by the tape. The minutes will follow the order of the Agenda.

Present Commissioners: Anderson, Deyo, Keen and Olesky; Chief Paul Anderson, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Leo Rodgers, Alma R. Valladares and Members of the Public.

Absent Commissioner: Heath

1. Call Meeting to Order by Commissioner Anderson at 6:05pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Anderson
3. Moment of Silence was led by Commissioner Anderson
4. Proof of Publication was led by Commissioner Anderson
5. Establish a Quorum was led by Commissioner Anderson mentioned that all Commissioners were present except for Commissioner Heath.
6. Approval of Agenda was motioned by **Commissioner Olesky and seconded by Commissioner Keen.**
7. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that approval of the August 15, 2013 should have read September 19, 2013 and a couple other changes have to be made and brought back at the next meeting for approval. Tabled to the next meeting.
8. Treasurer’s Report
9. Consent Agenda was motioned by Commissioner Olesky and Commissioner Deyo seconded the motion.
   * 1. Chief’s Report – Approval of Equipment Purchase – Chief Anderson mentioned that everything was on his report unless they had any questions. Another item was the pay rate. There was some confusion on the base pay but after reviewing everyone’s file there was only one fire fighter’s pay that needed to be adjusted. He is recommending for approval to increase Josh Bauer to 7% increase to make it fair.

* Public Comment – Daniel Gonzalez mentioned that the way the contract was worded, like the Chief said, “to make it fair instead of taking from the other fire fighter, just give him the increase.” Daniel Gonzalez mentioned that he is the new Union President. Chief Anderson mentioned that it will be given to Josh Bauer starting on the next pay check.

**Commissioner Olesky motions to approve 7% increase for Josh Bauer and Commissioner Deyo seconded**

**the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

* + 1. Fire Marshal Report – Leo mentioned that he hasn’t done that many inspections due to training and taking vacation time. He is on the board for State CERT Association/Region 6. He went to Tennessee for ready communities training. It’s a FEMA Program so that we can get the community ready for disasters and was paid by a grant through University of Florida. We’ve been working on doing our Pub Ed for the schools.

1. Union Report – Daniel Gonzalez mentioned that he was elected as the new Union President. Daniel Gonzalez mentioned that there are new members to the board. Cody Rodgers is the Secretary, Josh Bauer is Treasurer, David Patterson is still Vice President. These are the only changes for now.
2. Business of the District
3. **Old Business**

1. Discussion of New Fire Department Logo – Chief Anderson mentioned that he wants approval from the

Board for the logo presented to them. He’s spoken to several of the fire fighters but is bringing it back

again for the Board. Daniel Gonzalez mentioned that some of the guys still want to keep the traditional

cornucopia but incorporate it with the change. Commissioner Olesky mentioned that the Chief and the

guys get together and decide. They are to decide what they want. Commissioner Anderson would like

to have “Rescue” put on the patch. Tabled to the next meeting.

1. **New Business**
2. Social Media Policy – Chief Anderson mentioned the document is a draft. He had gone to a social media seminar a couple of years ago. The first draft is on the strict side but can be opened up and relaxed a little. He would like the board to decide if they want to be on the strict side and then go to a more relaxed/more liberal way in regards to the policy. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that in his opinion, he would like a less wordy policy and more to the point. Chief Anderson mentioned that the code of conduct guidelines was just updated. He also mentioned that right now we have limited, real minimal SOP’s. Chief Anderson mentioned that the draft policy came from an Attorney who is also a Fire Chief and is considered an expert on the subject, having written the textbook used in college fire science degree programs and fire officer classes. Attorney Thompson mentioned to follow-up with the writers book, then if this is what they are suggesting to have an expert’s opinion, then he is recommending us to do that. We are just trying to set limits on what they can do while they are acting as a fireman for the district.

* Public Comment – Union President, Daniel Gonzalez mentioned that him and the guys

looked at it and there are guys that agree with it. He agrees with Commissioner Anderson

that we are here for 24 hrs and there is going to be some down time and they have to

keep busy with something when not on a call. Attorney Thompson suggested that the

Board table this and bring it back to the next meeting. Commissioner Anderson

mentioned to table to the next meeting.

1. Discussion of RFP for Architect and Engineer for Construction Plans for Station 32 – Chief Anderson is asking the board to review the first draft he has presented to them. Attorney Thompson suggests to work up a 3yr contract with the architect/design instead of 5 yrs. Chief Anderson mentioned that there are about 2 ½ acres on Commerce Center set aside to build the fire station. Commissioner Anderson asked what would be the next step. Chief Anderson mentioned that once we get the final approval, we will advertise this and get the proposals and go thru and establish a selection process of how we are going to eliminate responders and select the top three. Attorney Thompson is asking the board how they want to proceed and tell us how to do it. He volunteered Commissioner Deyo to see if she agreed to help. Commissioner Deyo agreed. He recommends to the board that if we own the building, we own it. Going into a partnership creates problems. Chief Anderson mentioned that his idea was to rent the space to EMS. Commissioner Anderson asked Chief Anderson to email the site plans and location.
2. Concerns of Commissioners - None
3. Public Comment - None
4. Adjourn Meetings at 7:18pm

**Next Scheduled Meetings:**

**Next Regular Board Meeting: November 21,** **2013 at 6:00 p.m.**