

Fire Commission Meeting

Immokalee Fire Control District Board Meeting August 15, 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, Heath, Keen and Olesky; Chief Paul Anderson, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Alma R. Valladares, Jason Burr, Jay Roth and Members of the Public.

- 1) Call Meeting to Order by Commissioner Anderson at 6:07pm
- 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
- 6) Approval of Agenda was made by **Commissioner Olesky and seconded by Commissioner Heath. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 7) Approval of the July 18, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes was made by **Commissioner Olesky and seconded by Commissioner Deyo. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 8) Treasurer's Report was approved by **Commissioner Olesky and seconded by Commissioner Heath. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 9) Consent Agenda
 - i) Chief's Report: Chief Anderson mentioned that he wanted to go over it briefly. Last week he attended the MSTU Meeting. He spoke at the CRA meeting. He's concerned about pedestrians walking. It's more of a hazard than help. People don't see the pedestrians because of too many lights, it's a distraction. LED lights with flashing lights make more sense. Hazmat meetings are done with and confined space is next. He spoke to Senator Richter about the state statute to identify Immokalee to receive revenue from the Casino. Spoke to Sheriff's Office about a vehicle they are donating to us for the Shift Commander to use. Also, talked about using some inmates to take care of some projects at the stations.
 - ii) Fire Marshal Report: Leo Rodgers mentioned that he attended a lot of training this month. He helped I-Generation with remodeling to get them going. They're open now. He is going to Daytona Beach training for CERT. He went to meeting at Ave Maria for fundraiser also.
- 10) Union Report: Tom Cunningham mentioned that they are dealing with their end of budget. Next week they have a meeting. The Union donated \$300.00 to a deputy shooting fatality. Salary, incentives, and other articles will be discussed.
- 11) Business of the District
 - A. **Old Business**
 1. None
 - B. **New Business**
 1. Approval to Apply for SAFER Grant- Chief Anderson mentioned that 2013 grant is opened that requires approval. We have 6 fire fighters that are covered now until May 2014. It looks like the budget year would cover for 6 months. For next year we may be able to cover only 3 fire fighters. Do we want to apply for 3 or 6 fire fighters? We've had an increase in revenue but we've also had more expenses. Also, pension plan went up 5% and health insurance also went up 14%. We stand a good chance to getting approved for all 6 fire fighters. The deadline is August 30, 2013 and it will be mailed before that date. We just received the notice that the grant for the Air Packs was denied.

- Public Comment-None

Motion was made to accept to apply for SAFER Grant for all 6 fire fighters by Commissioner Olesky and Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

2. CFAS Insurance Proposal Presentation- Carlton Case from Benecon presented their insurance benefit program. He recommended for the department to stay with BCBS but go with a higher deductible plan 5462. For individual it would be \$1,500 and for family it would be \$3,000. There would be a substantial savings of \$60,000 to the department. Chief Anderson mentioned that the plan is staying with BCBS. We want to meet with the A & M Benefits agent and look at the numbers before we switch. We can discuss it on August 29, 2013 and vote on it on September 5, 2013 at the Budget Hearing.

- Public Comment-None

Motion was made to table this to next meeting by Commissioner Olesky and Commissioner Anderson agreed.

12. Concerns of Commissioners- Commissioner Anderson mentioned that we would discuss adding the Chief Anderson to the insurance. Commissioner Keen mentioned she wasn't aware of that. Attorney Thompson mentioned that she needed to review the contract. Attorney Thompson mentioned that they are evaluating people for fitness program for work. Just so the board is aware of this issue and if they have any concerns to talk to him or the Chief.
13. Public Comment- Jay Roth asked how the BullRiders fire compliance was coming along. Leo Rodgers mentioned that the cutoff date is December. Bernard Barnhart mentioned that Adam Sanchez won the bar-b-que contest of the 1st Annual Chamber of Commerce Cookout.
- Adjourn Meeting at 7:09pm

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Budget Workshop: August 29th, 6:00 p.m.

Budget Hearings: Proposed Budget, September 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Final Budget Hearing, September 19th, 5:05 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting: September 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

