



**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011
7:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 19:00. COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. INVOCATION LED BY COMMISSIONER GORRIS.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item; Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 13, 2011 the Special Hearing on September 13, 2011 and the Final Hearing on September 27, 2011 *corrections to both of the special hearing to reflect that Commissioner Szymanski called the meetings to order, not Commissioner McPherson.*

Commissioner McPherson made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction for the September 13, 2011 special hearing meeting. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner McPherson made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the September 13, 2011 regular meeting. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Isakson made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction for the September 27, 2011 Final Hearing. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item; Swearing in of Reserve Firefighter Neal Tipton. Commissioner McPherson was invited up to pin Neal Tipton with his badge. Neal is Commissioner McPherson's stepson. Neal has successfully completed Midway Fire District's EMT Academy as well as Midway Fire District's Fire Academy.

Agenda Item; Treasure's Report. Commissioner Gorris noted that each commissioner had an Income Statement for the entire fiscal year and a Balance Sheet which reflects cash on hand as of 9/30/11; nothing significant in either of those documents. He referenced the projections spreadsheet everyone was given as the document that tells the story of where we suspect we are headed. The projected low point, bank balance wise, for the year is \$ 524,316 which would occur around the end of October, just before the new fiscal year taxes start coming in. The projections still reflect the low point for 2014 being \$-17,082. Commissioner Gorris felt that any fluctuation to these figures would be on the negative side. Missy Scarborough added that the only area she could see possibly resulting in positive fluctuation would be Impact fees. The 2011 fiscal year closed at \$19665 in Impact fees.

Commissioner Gorris also referenced two other sheets in front of the commissioners; the total district cost per fire fighter spreadsheet and the model showing the relationship between various millage rates and the impact each would have year over year on the reserve balances of the district.

Commissioner McPherson brought up the suggestion of getting involved with ongoing law suits against BP Oil. He felt confident that a good portion of the district's revenues come from water front property was impacted by the oil spill. Commissioner McPherson attended a meeting recently where State Rep. Broxson was encouraging people to get on board because BP Oil will be paying out punitive damages over 10 yrs. Commissioner Gorris wasn't sure how any true impact to Midway Fire District could be documented but would be in support of Commissioner McPherson researching further. Commissioner Szymanski suggested contacting Rep. Broxson's administrative aide for assistance since Rep. Broxson is speaking publicly about it.

Commissioner Isakson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item; Update from Missy RE: ongoing IRS issues

Missy Scarborough shared with the board that essentially the IRS several years ago mistakenly merged the information related to the union's tax id# and the district's tax id# all together as if they were one entity. The account created in the IRS system reads the union's name and address with the district's tax id#. April 2011 Chief Kanzigg, Missy Scarborough and Jake Noa, Union President went to the local IRS office asking for help. The accounts were adjusted to the best of the ability of the local office and the remaining work had to be performed by a different department who had no incoming lines or means for anyone with MFD to communicate with them. Commissioner Isakson suggested going back through the avenues of the Tax Advocacy group for assistance.

Commissioner Gorris asked Missy to create a timeline of the entire process and to track her hours spent on the issue.

Commissioner Gorris made a motion for the board to give Chief Kanzigg authority to aggressively attack this problem by contacting Congressman Miller and legal advice and

bring 3 options back to the board as solutions. Commissioner Isakson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item; Review consolidated policy document to be presented by Commissioner Gorris. This agenda item has been tabled to the November 8, 2011 board meeting.

Agenda Item; Renewal of Health Insurance. Dave Strohmeier with Underwood Anderson has joined the meeting to present the board with the renewal options for fiscal year 2012. Dave presented shared with the board the findings of comparing quotes from United Healthcare, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Atena. United Healthcare was the most cost efficient of the three, across the board, United Healthcare has recently offered an HMO plan which is the best option for the Midway Fire District with a 17+% savings over the current plan. The plan will provide very similar coverage to the employees with a saving to the employees in monthly premiums but does have an increased annual deductible to the employees. The dental coverage best suited for the district is identical to the current plan but with the addition of \$1000 orthodontia benefit. The premiums are a nominal increase. The life insurance coverage remains the same.

Chief Kanzigg made a recommendation to the board to renew the health insurance with United Healthcare's HMO plan 5FW Rx RV, United Healthcare's dental plan F0014 and the \$50,000 life insurance per employee. Chief Kanzigg also proposed using the savings to offset the increase in deductible in the amount of no more than \$1250 per employee.

Commissioner Gorris made a motion to renew the insurance coverage being recommended as long as a policy is written that spells out the exact means by which the offset deductible monies will be handled. Commissioner Isakson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item; Review language on millage referendum resolution 11-03.

Commissioner Szymanski asked for administrative recommendation at this time on the amount the district should cap the increase year over year to the millage rate. Chief Kanzigg's recommendation, based on previous board discussion, was to write in .5 mills per year cap into the referendum language. Commissioner Gorris voiced his concern about that amount and mentioned that the thought he recalled Commissioner Eaton being concerned about that in the September meeting. Commissioner Szymanski commented that we wanted to be good stewards of the public money and wanted the referendum to pass. The proposed language reads:

"In order to operate and maintain the Midway Fire District's facilities and current level of fire rescue services for the citizens of the District, shall the district be authorized to increase its ad valorem tax millage cap from the current rate (1.4mills), by no more than .2 mills per year? As per Florida Statutes, Chapter 191, the maximum state rate is 3.75 mills."

Commissioner Isakson made a motion to adopt resolution 11-03 containing the above language with the .2 mills per year cap. Commissioner Gorris seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item; Chief Kanzigg's annual evaluation. This agenda item has been table to the November 8, 2011 meeting due to Commissioner Szymanski's evaluation of Chief Kanzigg not ready.

Agenda Item; Set time and date for Town Hall meeting

Commissioner Gorris made a motion to host the town hall meeting on November 10, 2012 at 6pm and the Community Life Center. He also requested there be an agenda item added to the November 8, 2011 regular meeting to prepare for town hall meeting. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chief's report. Chief Kanzigg discussed the district's September 2011 business.

No public Comment

No further items were presented.

Commissioner Gorris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Isakson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

Dave Szymanski, Chairman

Date:

William Eaton, Secretary

Date: