



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2018  
6:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI AT 6:00 PM. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI AND INVOCATION WAS LED BY CHAPLAIN DAVE CLARK. COMMISSIONER MURPHY HAD AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Item; Introduce Chaplain Dave Clark, Invocation by Dave Clark.** Chief Kanzigg introduced Dave Clark as the official Chaplain for Midway Fire District and presented him with his badge and collar brass. Chaplain Dave Clark has unofficially served Midway Fire District for many years by providing breakfast and support to the firefighters.

**Added Agenda Item; Letter from Wally Farej, grandfather of Skyler Farej.** Wally Farej is the grandfather of Skyler Farej whose life was tragically lost in a house fire this year. Missy Scarborough read a letter presented to the Midway Fire District from Wally Farej. Wally thanked Midway Fire District for their service and asked the Commissioners and Community to continue to support the Midway Fire District and their needs of maintaining staffing, keeping up with current equipment, and training.

**Agenda Item; Firefighter Will Moore presentation on Firefighter Health and Safety Collaborative.** Firefighter Will Moore created a presentation to bring awareness to the cancer risks firefighters face from their job. Firefighters face a 30% chance of dying from cancer compared to the 20% chance for civilians just due to their job requirements. This year, President Trump signed a bill to allow the CDC to create a National Firefighter Cancer Registry. This will allow for even more research and support to help lower the risk of cancer for firefighters. Midway Fire District has begun to make some changes to help lower cancer risks including, keeping bunker gear out of the living areas, wiping down or showering after a fire, not contaminating the cab of vehicles, not running vehicles in the bay, and applying for grants to obtain on scene decon kits. Some long-term goals of the District are to issue each firefighter a second set of bunker gear. This would afford more routine cleaning of each set. The District also plans to make some

changes to the annual physical for firefighters. The physicals are performed by Life Scan and include ultrasounds of major organs, comprehensive lab testing and fitness evaluations.

**Agenda Item; Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 8, 2018.**

*Commissioner Delp made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the May 8, 2018 regular meeting. Commissioner Sadler seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried..*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**Agenda Item; Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Delp presented the Treasurer's Report. The District received \$64,360.26 in ad valorem taxes for the month of June from the sale of tax certificates. The District received \$5,681.00 in Impact Fees for the month of May and \$3,952.00 for the month of June. There were no unforeseen expenses outside of the normal range for the months of May and June. *Commissioner Cooley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Commissioner Sadler seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.*

**Agenda Item; Present FY2019 Draft Tentative Budget.** Missy Scarborough presented the FY2019 draft tentative budget. The budgeted ad valorem tax revenue is based on a millage rate of 2.0. The commissioners were presented with the following four budget options for FY2019:

Option 1 – no change from FY2018 budgeted personnel wage rates

Option 2 – 2% COLA added to FY2018 budgeted personnel wage rates

Option 3 – 2% COLA and 3% merit added to FY2018 budgeted personnel wage rates

Option 4 – 3% COLA and 3% merit added to FY2018 budgeted personnel wage rates

Amendment 1, a constitutional amendment to authorize a \$25,000 home owner's exemption for the assessed property value of \$100,000 to \$125,000, will be on the 2018 general election ballot. If the amendment passes, the effect will impact the District's ad valorem revenue beginning with FY2020. Staff is working to determine the estimated annual impact to the budget but in the interim, Commissioner Delp recommended the District submit the form DR420 to the Property Appraiser with a millage rate of 2.2 mills for FY2019. *Commissioner Delp made a motion to authorize staff to submit the form DR420 with a proposed rate of 2.2 mills. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. Commissioner Szymanski, Commissioner Cooley, and Commissioner Delp were in favor; motion carried.*

**Agenda Item; Approve FY2019 TRIM hearing dates.** Missy recommended the commissioners hold the first budget hearing at 6pm on September 11, 2018 to adopt the tentative budget and millage rate and the final budget hearing on September 25, 2018 to adopt the final budget and millage rate for FY2019. Missy confirmed the dates do not conflict with the Santa Rosa County Commissioner budget hearings or the Santa Rosa

County School Board budget hearings. All commissioners were in agreement to schedule the hearings per Missy's recommendations.

**Agenda Item; Approve Sewer Certification of Developer.** Chief Kanzigg presented a recommendation to pay the sewer force main repair bill with Utility Services for damages at Station 37 and sign the Certification of Developer with the South Santa Rosa Utilities to eliminate future liability. The District has owned a sewer force main on the west side of Abercrombie Road extending from Station 37 to Gulf Breeze Parkway since October 11, 2012. Around May 21, 2018 the District's sewer main burst and caused damage to the driveway at Dales Marina and the storm drainage pipes on the county right away. Commissioner Szymanski approved emergency funding to have repairs made by Utility Service Company of Gulf Breeze. South Santa Rosa Utilities, which is owned by the City of Gulf Breeze, has agreed to assume ownership of the sewer force main from Station 37 to the highway under a Certification of Developer. This will eliminate future liabilities and cost of repairs to fall on Midway Fire District. *Commissioner Delp made a motion to approve the District to pay the sewer force main repair bill with Utility Services and sign the Certification of Developer with the South Santa Rosa Utilities. Commissioner Sadler seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

**Chief's Report.**

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Adjourn;** *Commissioner Sadler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Delp seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.*

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**Dave Szymanski, Chairman**

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**Bob Murphy, Secretary**

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