



**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018
6:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI AT 6:00 PM. COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ASSISTANT FIRE CHAPLAIN GINGER COUVILLION LED THE INVOCATION.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item: Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 13, 2018. *Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the November 13, 2018 regular meeting. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item: Vacancy on Board. Neal Carter, a former Pension Board Trustee and community member was appointed to serve the remainder of Commissioner Don Sadler's term on the Board of Commissioners. Neil Carter retired from Las Vegas Fire Department in 2015 after serving 32 years in the fire service. He and his wife have owned a home in the Midway community since 2009 to be closer to family. *Commissioner Szymanski made a motion to appoint Neil Carter to serve the remainder of Commissioner Don Sadler's term on the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Delp seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.* Commissioner Carter joined the remainder of the meeting as an appointed commissioner.

Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Delp presented the Treasurer's Report. The District received \$988,111.68 in ad valorem taxes and \$4,446.00 in Impact Fees for the month of November. There were no unforeseen expenses for the month of November. Considering the additional \$25,000 home owner's tax exemption ballot amendment failed to pass during the Nov. 2018 general election, commissioners discussed the District's forecast spreadsheet in terms of estimated annual growth in property values, annual millage rate projections and how the two factors impact the cash flow and reserves of the District. The District's labor and operational expenses total an

average of \$250,000 per month. Commissioner Murphy recommended the board should maintain at least three month's expenses as a reserve balance. Commissioner Szymanski would like to see the projected property value growth percent increased. *Commissioner Delp made a motion to raise the projected property value growth to 5% annually. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried. Commissioner Delp made a motion to accept November 2018 Treasurer's Report as read. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

Agenda Item: Surplus electronic sign. In March of 2006 Midway Fire District purchased an electronic sign and trailer from American Signal for \$16,120. The sign was originally placed in the median of Hwy. 98 by the Fire Prevention Division to remind residents to replace their smoke alarm batteries. Midway Fire District was then informed by the Department of Transportation that such signs along the highway were not allowed. The sign has been repaired multiple times and is no longer operable for use for District business. Staff presented a recommendation to assign the asset to surplus and sell. *Commissioner Delp made a motion to reassign the electronic sign to surplus inventory and list it for sell on Govdeals.com for a fee of 7.5% of the final sale price. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

Agenda Item: Aflac Cancer Policy. According to a 2010 study by Robert D. Daniels, PhD, CHP for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, firefighters have a nine percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer, a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population, and risks are significantly higher for some specific types of cancer compared to the general U.S. population. District personnel have been participating in efforts by the Northwest Region's Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative to put health and safety standard operational procedures in place including decontamination kits, soliciting estimates for purchasing a second set of fire gear for all personnel, and moving forward with scheduling Life Scan physicals for all District personnel to improve diagnostic testing in hopes of getting a specialist involved sooner, should any firefighter be faced with cancer. The purchase of a cancer policy is not preventative, but it can provide peace of mind and financial assistance to the family, should a dreaded diagnosis come forth. The local union is also in favor of the purchase of cancer policies for fire personnel. *Commissioner Delp made a motion to purchase an Aflac supplemental cancer policy for all fire personnel for \$12, 798.24 per year to be paid from SSA rebate funds. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

Added Agenda Item: Pension Board Vacancy. In light of Neal Carter's resignation as Pension Board Trustee, Commissioner Murphy stated Justin Labrato, Chief Operating Officer, Sacred Heart Medical Group, is a District resident and well qualified for the position of Pension Board Trustee. Commissioner Murphy has spoken with Justin to confirm his interest in serving the community in this capacity. *Commissioner Murphy made a motion to appoint Justin Labrato to serve as a representative of the Board of Fire Commissioners on Midway Firefighters Pension Board. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

Chief's Report.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjourn; *Commissioner Delp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.*

Dave Szymanski, Chairman

Date:

Bob Murphy, Secretary

Date: