



**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2020
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 BOB MURPHY

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item; Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2020 Regular meeting.
Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the January 14, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item; Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Delp presented the Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2020, the fiscal year to date revenue the district has received equal 84% of the total revenue budgeted for the fiscal year and expenses have reached 36% of the total expense budget for the fiscal year. The district received \$76,117.97 in impact fees for the month of January. There were no unforeseen expenses for the month of January.

Commissioner Delp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approve applying for SCBAs through the AFG. Midway Fire District's SCBA and bottles were purchased in 2005 as a result of an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) awarded by FEMA. The grant afforded the District the ability to add 28 SCBA and spare bottles to inventory.

While the backpack portion of the equipment does not expire, the bottles have a 15-year shelf life and must be removed from service by 2021. With that said, the packs are worn and are not compatible with all new bottles due to a 2017 NFPA standard revision. The District is slated to received \$60,000 in LOST funds from Santa Rosa County. These funds could leverage the AFG, if awarded the full \$82,000 request, resulting in no budgetary expense to the district.

The AFG's application period began on February 1, 2020 and closes March 13, 2020. It is recommended that the Midway Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners authorize staff to submit an AFG to FEMA in the amount of \$82,000 with a matching \$60,000 provided by SRC LOST funds. The \$142,000 will purchase 18 SCBA and 12 spare bottles.

Fire Chief Kanzigg had a discussion with Fire Chief Fureigh from Navarre Beach Fire Rescue and also Fire Chief Norton from Holley-Navarre Fire Department, they are also looking to do the same with their grants, after this discussion Fire Chief Kanzigg requested to modify this recommendation to submit as a regional grant with Holley-Navarre FD and Navarre Beach Fire Rescue.

Commissioner Delp made a motion to approve the recommendation that the Midway Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners authorize staff to submit an AFG to FEMA in the amount of \$82,000 with a matching \$60,000 provided by SRC LOST funds.

Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Added Agenda Item; Discuss Legislative letter from Santa Rosa County Administrator Dan Schebler regarding upcoming Fire/EMS review by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. The Santa Rosa County Administrator has received a notice that the Legislature has directed the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct a fire/ems services evaluation in Santa Rosa County. Per the OPPAGA Staff Director the review will begin immediately. At this time, it is unclear the full scope of the evaluation but the OPPAGA Staff Director and her team hope to be on site in May with review finding completed by June 1. Since the evaluation encompasses the entire county, the Chiefs have collectively agreed to make every attempt to update each other as the evaluation progresses. Therefore, Chief Kanzigg asked to please be informed if anyone is contacted in reference to the evaluation.

Chief's Report.

Added Agenda Item: Chairman David Szymanski turns in letter of resignation.

Chairman David Szymanski turned in and presented his letter of resignation to be effective at the conclusion of this February meeting. His letter stating: "Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as Chairman of the Midway Fire District, Board of Commissioners. My last day will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the conclusion of the February meeting. The last 11 plus years as a Midway Fire District Commissioner has been a rewarding experience. I want to personally thank you for your support, knowledge and most of all, your friendship. I have gained a tremendous amount of respect for the workings of a Fire Department. I now know what the definition of "Best Practice" means by working with such dedicated people. Never forget you lead by example. Always do your best and be the best."

A MFD resident attending the February meeting indicated he is interested in serving the MFD Community. Chief Kanzigg introduced Mr. Poole to the Commissioners. Chief Kanzigg shared with the commissioners Mr. Poole is a retired firefighter who has attended the Retiree Breakfast Group meetings MFD and Chaplain Clarke have hosted at Station 37. Mr. Poole and his family relocated to our area after serving 34 years as a

firefighter in DC. Mr. Poole addressed the commissioners providing more detail about himself and why he desires to serve. *Commissioner Delp made a motion to appoint John Poole to the Board of Fire Commissioners serving in the now vacant seat 5. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjourn; *Commissioner Delp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.*

Vice Chairman

Date:

Bob Murphy, Secretary

Date: