

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
and
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
of the
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS,
CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
5200 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida**

DATE: May 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Flynn at 6:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present:

*Dan Brunner, Secretary
Mike Holderness, Commissioner
Steve Litschauer, Commissioner*

Commissioner Bennett was excused from attending the meeting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The invocation was given by Pastor Stan, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Stulce introduced Mr. Dan McCormick with the E.S.G.R., Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves. He was present to honor Cedar Hammock Fire Department with the Patriot Award for their support of the Guard and Reserves. The nomination was submitted by Firefighter Justin Jackson, who is a member of the Coast Guard Reserves. This award recognizes individuals and companies that support their employees serving in the military. Firefighter Justin Jackson presented the Above and Beyond Award to Sharon Parker and Denise McCaughan for sending him care packages, cards, and e-mails while he was deployed overseas. He also presented the Seven Seals Award to Battalion Chief Alex Lobeto for staying in touch with him and helping out with his family.

Chief Stulce announced that Bob Permane, Division Chief of Operations, will be retiring, and recognized him for his 30 years of service to Cedar Hammock and the community. He will be missed by the personnel and the District. Division Chief Permane stated he has had a great job and career and will miss it. He told everyone to serve the public, maintain your integrity, and do what you do best.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF 2012 PROPOSED FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES

- **Verification of Public Notice (Administration Assistant Parker)**
Administrative Assistant Parker stated the public notice was properly advertised in the Bradenton Herald on May 1, 2012.

- **Presentation of Proposed Rates/Procedures (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce stated that we've proposed no increase of the millage rate, and the flat rate assessments will be adjusted by the Florida Income Growth Rate of 3.16%.

- **Open Public Hearing for Comments (Chairman Flynn)**
Chairman Flynn opened the Public Hearing for Comments. There were no public comments.
- **Close Public Hearing (Chairman Flynn)**
Chairman Flynn closed the Public Hearing.
- **Board Deliberation and Adoption of Resolution 2012-03**
A motion was made by Commissioner Brunner to adopt Resolution 2012-03 for the 2012 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates, which was seconded by Commissioner Holderness and unanimously carried.
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**
Chairman Flynn adjourned the Public Hearing.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman Flynn opened the regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FASD Meeting Update – Special District Review (Division Chief Center)**
Division Chief Center gave an update on the FASD meeting and the Special District Review.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Budget Adjustment – USAR (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce asked for the Board's permission to allocate the funds that were received from the Bank of America claim for USAR training opportunities. A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to allocate the funds to the USAR account as requested, which was seconded by Commissioner Holderness and unanimously carried.
- **Surplus Items Update (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce reported the Air Packs have been picked up. The radios and thermal-imagers were donated to the Terry Ferrall Fund, and are being distributed to several fire departments in Florida.
- **Battalion Chiefs Update (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce reported the Battalion Chiefs are being relocated to Division Chief Permane's office, and will be assuming some additional responsibilities:
 - *Battalion Chief Dechelbor will be responsible for vehicles, apparatus, and firefighting/rescue equipment maintenance.*
 - *Battalion Chief Collier will be responsible for facilities and facilities equipment maintenance.*
 - *Battalion Chief Lobeto will be responsible for policies, ROG's and forms.*

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Flynn thanked Bob Permane for his service to this department.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are determined to be routine in nature and should be considered in a single motion. Items determined to warrant individual discussion should be removed from this list prior to the motion to adopt. Such items should be discussed separately.

Minutes

April 12, 2012

Treasurer's Report

Financials – April, 2012

Check Register – April, 2012

Chief's Report

The Chief's Report was distributed with the agenda packages for information and review, along with Departmental Reports, copies of correspondence and news articles for information.

A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Holderness and unanimously carried.

END CONSENT AGENDA

Next Meeting Date – June 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Stulce reminded the commissioners that election time is near and the qualifying week is 12:00 p.m. Monday, June 4th thru 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m., with a motion from Commissioner Brunner, which was seconded by Commissioner Holderness and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Tom Flynn, Chairman