

**Minutes of The Regular Monthly Meeting
Board Of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
April 11, 2013**

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

- Dee Bennett, Vice Chairman
- Mike Holderness, Commissioner
- Steve Litschauer, Commissioner

Commissioner Dan Brunner was excused from being absent from the meeting.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Litschauer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- **NOW Award**
Chief presented the NOW Award to Lt. Billy Whitfield for his work on the AED replacement project.
- **New Firefighter**
Chief Stulce introduced Firefighter Randall Fowler and presented him with his Badge. He was sworn in by Administrative Assistant Parker.
- **Promotions**
Chief Stulce announced that Inspector Marc Massella was promoted to 1st Class Inspector.
- **RETIREMENT**
Chief Stulce announced that Mike Fitzgerald is retiring from Cedar Hammock Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Flynn stated that he has received three (3) requests to speak forms and comments would be limited to two (2) minutes.

John Leydon asked the Board Members for clarification of the definition of spouse in our H.I.S. Plan, regarding her girlfriend as beneficiary.

Patty Woods declined her comments.

Phil Collier asked the Board Members to consider Johns request.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget Prep (Division Chief Hoyle)**
Division Chief Hoyle reviewed the Budget Prep with the Board Members. **A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to approve the Budget changes as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Brunner and unanimously carried.**
 2. **Manatee County Fire Commissioners Association – Reps/Alts (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce provided a list of the Representative and Alternates from all the districts, along with their e-mail address. He reported the next meeting will be held on July 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., at the East Manatee Fire Rescue – Administration Office.
- **Department Picnic (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce announced the Department Picnic will be held on April 28th at 1:00 p.m., at the Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **AED Surplus (Division Chief Lobeto)**
Division Chief Lobeto reported that one bid was received in the amount of \$1,225.00 and recommended the Board accept the bid. **A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to accept the bid as presented, which was seconded by Vice President Bennett and unanimously carried.**

- CHFR is currently advertising to fill a Firefighter position.

4. **Employee Update (H.I.S.) (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce reported that he received a letter from John Leydon requesting a Letter of Determination regarding beneficiary designation for the Cedar Hammock Health Insurance Subsidy Plan (HIS) Benefits. John would like his long-time girlfriend listed as his beneficiary and be considered his spouse, since they have been in a long-term relationship.

Maggie Mooney Portale, the Attorney for the District, stated that after reviewing the request and applicable Law, there is no statutory authority under Florida law to extend designation of spouse to girlfriend, life partner or common law marriage. Attorney Portale recommended that Cedar Hammock Fire Control District not extend the word spouse to girlfriend.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bennett to accept the recommendation of legal counsel for the definition of Legal Spouse, which was seconded by Commissioner Holderness and unanimously carried.

- **Facility Issues (Chief Stulce)**
Chief Stulce reported that Stations #2 & #3 have issues with leaks in the roofs, and would like permission to go out for Bid, and for one of the Commissioners to be a liaison to the District. Chief Stulce reported the District has the funds available for this issue. The board members appointed Commissioner Brunner as the liaison to the District. **A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to authorize the department to go out for bid to repair the roofs at Stations #2 & #3, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Bennett and unanimously carried.**

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Chief Stulce reminded the commissioners of the Council of Governments Meeting on April 30th, at 4:00 p.m., at the Bradenton Convention Center.

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

February 14, 2013

Treasurer's Report

Financials – February, 2013

Check Register – February, 2013

Chief's Report

The Chief's Report was distributed with the agenda packages for information and Review, along with Departmental Reports, copies or 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 – May 9, 2013, Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion from Vice Chairman Dee Bennett, which was seconded by Commissioner Litschauer and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Flynn', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Flynn, Chairman