

**Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
Minutes of the Public Hearing – 2020/2021 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates
and Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
May 21, 2020**

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Brunner at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were present: Dianne M. Bennett, Daniel N. Brunner, Richard G. Findlay, Ronald D. Getman, and John H. Stevens. The meeting was conducted via Zoom Communications Media Technology.

Vice Chairman Brunner confirmed a quorum present for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Brunner asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Hoyle announced the following Years of Service Awards and thanked personnel for their dedicated service to the District:

- Lieutenant Matt Jones – 25 Years of Service
- Firefighter Keith Ferguson – 25 Years of Service
- Captain Justin Rudrud – 20 Years of Service
- Deputy Chief Joe Falcone – 15 Years of Service
- Inspector Marc Massella – 15 Years of Service
- Firefighter Wesley Blalock – 1 Year of Service
- Firefighter Garrett Garside – 1 Year of Service
- Firefighter Marco Nepomuceno – 1 Year of Service
- Firefighter John Stephenson – 1 Year of Service

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

State of Emergency – Resolution 2020-01

Chief Hoyle reviewed Resolution 2020-01 with the Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Bennett moved to continue operations under a State of Emergency as outlined in Resolution 2020-01 and to revisit this item in July 2020. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Surplus Engine Update

Deputy Chief Falcone said that he had spoken with the Chief of the Jefferson Davis Parish Fire Department and they have received permission from their Board to purchase both engines. They are to schedule a trip to Bradenton within the next few weeks to complete a final inspection. An update will be provided at the July 2020 Board meeting.

Training Tower Update

Chief Hoyle said that the architect will be submitting final plans to the Manatee County Building Department. Funding is still included in the state's budget and we should be notified at the end of June if approved.

Station 3 Generator Purchase

Chief Hoyle requested approval of the contract for the Station 3 generator purchase. Station 2 Generator install is complete.

ACTION: Commissioner Findlay moved to approve the contract between Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and Florida Power Solutions, Inc. for the Station 3 Generator as presented. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2018/2019 Audit Presentation

Chief Hoyle reviewed the 2018/2019 final audit prepared by Christopher, Smith, Leonard, Bristow & Stanell, P.A. The auditors encountered no deficiencies and reported a clean audit.

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the 2018/2019 audit of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Financial Statements. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Five-Year Plan DRAFT

Deputy Chief Falcone reviewed the exhibit, which highlights the previous five-year accomplishments and the next five-year projections.

Proposed Budget 2020/2021

Chief Hoyle reviewed the proposed budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

IT Services

Deputy Chief Bradshaw said that we are near the end of our contract with AVIT (formerly Datum). He will issue a Request for Proposals to provide Information Technology Services and Security.

The regular meeting was recessed at 6:16 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING / 2019-2020 PROPOSED FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES

Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order and requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. A copy of the advertisement and affidavit are included in the minutes.

Chief Hoyle presented Resolution 2020-02, Proposed 2020-2021 Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Rate Schedule, *A Resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida to Propose the 2020-2021 Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Rate Schedule; Providing for an Effective Date*. The resolution identifies up to a 5.46% increase to the Non-Ad Valorem rates according to the average growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years using the data provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Chairman Getman opened the Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates for comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Getman closed the public hearing for comments.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Brunner moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02 Proposed 2020-2021 Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Rate Schedule with a 5.46% increase. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Getman adjourned the Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:22 pm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hoyle reviewed the Chief's Report and the Departmental Reports. He informed of the deployment of personnel to the Naples Golden Gate brush fires. Commissioners commended personnel for a great job.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners commended all personnel for work on the Five-Year Plan, Audit, and Deployment.

ACTION: Commissioner Bennett moved to cancel the June 18, 2020, meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Vice Chairman Brunner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held July 16, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Vice Chairman Brunner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved 7-16-2020

Chairman Ron Getman