

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD MEETING – STATION 57
3375 Tarpon Lake Blvd. Palm Harbor, FL 34685**

OFFICIAL
MINUTES

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AUGUST 24, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN KENNEY
COMMISSIONER DALRYMPLE
COMMISSIONER BURR
COMMISSIONER MCQUEEN (VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE)
COMMISSIONER CROWDER

ALSO PRESENT: JASON GENNARO, FIRE CHIEF
ANDY SALZMAN, ATTORNEY

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ATTENDANCE**
Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order. The flag was honored by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2021 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.
MOTION: DALRYMPLE
SECOND: CROWDER
Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - a. Deputy Chief Godwin conducted the pinning ceremony for Firefighter Thun.

4. **EAST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
 MOVE TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AS PRESENTED.
MOTION: DALRYMPLE
SECOND: BURR
Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

5. **FIREFIGHTER REPORT – Lieutenant Kenny Lane**

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 MOVE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.
MOTION: BURR
SECOND: CROWDER
Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Marine 57**
 - b. **All or Nothing Legislation**
The Board discussed and gave consensus for Chief Gennaro to participate in the upcoming delegation meeting in Tallahassee on September 9, 2021. Chief Gennaro will forward pertinent information on to them once he has it for their own consideration to attend.
 - c. **Pension Negotiations**
 - d. **5K Update**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Budget Review FY 2021-2022**

 - b. **SOG 108 Sealed Bid Process Agency Evaluation**
 MOVE TO ACCEPT THE SINGLE BID FOR THE AGENCY EVALUATION IF IT IS DEEMED TECHNICALLY COMPLIANT WITH THE RFP AS ADVERTISED AND THE PRICE IS NOT PROBITIVE.
MOTION: CROWDER
SECOND: BURR
Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

 - c. **Virtual Attendance Discussion**
 MOVE TO SUSPEND AND HOLD IN ABEYANCE THE LIMIT OF TWO ZOOM/VIDEO-CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE OCCURANCES PER COMMISSIONER AT BOARD MEETINGS PER YEAR RULE THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE UNTIL COVID LIMITATIONS ARE OVER.
MOTION: DALRYMPLE
SECOND: BURR
Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 4-1.
Opposed: Crowder

MOVE THAT COMMISSIONERS MCQUEEN'S ZOOM/VIDEO CONVERENCE ATTENDANCE TONIGHT IS NOT AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.

MOTION: DALRYMPLE

SECOND: BURR

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 4-1.

Opposed: Crowder

d. Ambulance Response Time Increase

Commissioner Crowder read the attached letter into the record from one of her neighbors who witnessed an emergency in her neighborhood that incurred an extended response time from Sunstar even though our department crew arrived and assisted quickly.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Burr discussed that he and Chaplain Kennon Wiley have been having discussions of working towards implementing a family support network to work together with personnel to engage their families to address issues of stress/challenges/problems/issues that families may be experiencing. He and Kennon will communicate more and then will come back at the September board meeting with more information.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 P.M.

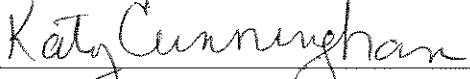
MOTION: CROWDER

SECOND: DALRYMPLE

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNED TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 FIRST BUDGET HEARING AT 5:01 P.M.

Submitted by:


Katy Cunningham, Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Tom McQueen, Secretary

August 16, 2021

To Whom This Concerns:

I am writing in hopes that our East Lake Community will receive immediate help in increasing their staff to answer calls for Medical Emergencies.

I am a local resident in The Meadows and today I was a witness to a very slow response for an elderly man who had fallen in our street. Being a mom of two children, I stood frantic waiting along-side his wife for a rescue team to arrive. Horrible thoughts went through my mind and the waiting was so frightening.

- What if this person had a head injury?
- Where are the paramedics?
- What if he is bleeding internally?
- My children were so scared that help was not anywhere in site.
- What if this was one of my children?

Lying in the street helpless for over 16 minutes is way too long and if bleeding out/internally would probably have not survived.

Thank God for the local fire department. Those men were here in a flash and doing everything they could until the medical units showed up.

I truly hope that this issue is addressed sooner rather than later, as lives depend on these teams!

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Tracy Pratt

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