

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

BOARD MEETING

UNOFFICIAL
MINUTES

Draft MINUTES

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN KENNEY
COMMISSIONER DALRYMPLE
COMMISSIONER BURR
COMMISSIONER ROOT
COMMISSIONER MCQUEEN

ALSO PRESENT: TOM JAMISON, CHIEF
ANDREW 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 MEETINGS

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2020 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 FIRST BUDGET HEARING.

MOTION: ROOT

SECOND: MCQUEEN

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

- a. **The following employees addressed the Board and Commissioner Dalrymple regarding their concerns with the Commissioner Election and specific concerns with Commissioner Dalrymple's actions: Lieutenant Letzring, Lieutenant Sullivan, Firefighter Pluscht, Lieutenant Carlson, Firefighter Hyde, Lieutenant Wirth, Firefighter Jackson, and Driver Hittel.**

- b. **Mr. Michael Peasley, candidate for Commissioner Seat 5, discussed his issue with Commissioner Dalrymple's own admission that he was an active member of the Union and that the by-laws were violated and is asking if Mr. Dalrymple is going to pay the \$20,000 back to the community that he's taken by sitting on the Seat illegally. Mr. Peasley wants to make sure that the by-laws are being looked at and going to be answered as to why Commissioner Dalrymple is sitting there. Mr. Peasley said he was floored that he has had citizens coming to him asking if he saw anything on Facebook about Commissioner Dalrymple criticizing the firefighters. Mr. Peasley also discussed Commissioner Dalrymple's campaign signs which are misleading to the public because they indicate Mr. Dalrymple has the support of the East Lake Firefighters and the Union and stated that Maryellen Crowder and himself are the only two candidates that are supported by the firefighters and their union. Mr. Peasley also requested personnel files for Jim Dalrymple and Tom May and any disciplines that they had during their career. Chairman Kenney said that the department has the request and will do what they are allowed to do with it.**

- c. **Commissioner McQueen extended personal thanks to Chaplain Wiley and Lieutenant Sullivan.**

- d. **Maryellen Crowder of Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor 34685, candidate for Commission Seat 3 stated that she wanted to make sure that the minutes from the last meeting reflected her name correctly as it was mis-stated by commissioner candidate Tom May. She also stated that she goes along with the firefighters and is with them 100%.**

4. EAST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: BURR

SECOND: MCQUEEN

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

5. FIREFIGHTER REPORT – Lieutenant Kenny Lane read a statement into the minutes. Statement attached to these minutes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOVE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: ROOT

SECOND: MCQUEEN

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

7. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a. **Marine 57**
 - b. **All or Nothing Legislation**
 - c. **City of Tarpon Springs – Engage Negotiations for Interlocal Agreement**
 - d. **5K**
 - e. **Commissioner By-Laws**

8. **NEW BUSINESS - None**

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

a. **Commissioner Dalrymple addressed Attorney Salzman regarding a matter which he stated he addressed with Attorney Salzman four years ago pertaining to his eligibility to belong to the union as a retiree and was advised at that time that there was no conflict. He also said the union looked into it at that time and said as a retiree there was no conflict. He asked Attorney Salzman to clarify. Attorney Salzman explained that based on his own research, the law states that when there is not a definition in a particular paragraph or provision as in these by-laws that you look at the general dictionary definition. In his researching the legal definitions it is not his opinion of the by-laws that Commissioner Dalrymple has been in violation of the bylaws over the last four years.**

b. **Commissioner McQueen asked about the last Commission meeting where the Commission voted 3-2 to reimburse him for legal fees he incurred during the recent ethics investigation. He asked if Commissioner Dalrymple’s vote was now legitimate so that he could now be reimbursed. Attorney Salzman stated that yes it was legitimate, and Commissioner Kenney stated that Commissioner McQueen would get the fees back as stated in the motion from the last meeting that was voted 3-2 in his favor.**

c. **Commissioner Burr addressed the email that Chief Jamison sent a few weeks prior addressing what Chief Jamison believed to be the continued operational interference by one of the commissioners. The email specifically outlined the actions taken by the commissioner and then specifically addressed the pertinent sections of the by-laws that he believed were violated. Commissioner Burr stated that after thoroughly reviewing the documents he was in complete agreement that the violation did take place. Commissioner Burr said that given that Chief Jamison’s email was not written as a formal complaint, and that there would have to be a unanimous vote in order to move for a formal reprimand, he does not believe that any further action is warranted at this time.**

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 P.M.

MOTION: MCQUEEN

SECOND: BURR

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

10. ADJOURNED TO THE OCTOBER 27, 2020 BOARD MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

Submitted by:

Katy Cunningham, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

David Root, Secretary