

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of May 16, 2023
Administration Building*

Special Presentations: New Hire Oath to Page Larson and Nicholas Riffe.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present: Larry Jennis, Robert Bennett, David Bishop, Billy Burke, and Derrick Warner. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

PUBLIC HEARING 2023 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL: Administrative Assistant Wright verified that public notice was advertised in The Bradenton Herald on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 and read the resolution summary. Chief Rigney stated at last month's meeting he was asked to bring back a 4% rate increase for the resolution. He stated this resolution is similar in length to last year, as it has added information required by legal counsel regarding the short-term vacation rentals. Chairman Bennett opened the public hearing for public comments; there were none. Commissioner Jennis motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Commissioner Warner. There was no discussion from the Board. Commissioner Jennis motioned to approve the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Roll - Resolution 2023-01 as presented with a 4% increase. Commissioner Warner seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Bishop – yes, Commissioner Burke – yes, Chairman Bennett - yes, Commissioner Jennis – yes, Chairman Bennett – yes. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SETTING FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 15, 2023: Administrative Assistant Wright verified that public notice was advertised in The Bradenton Herald on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 and read the resolution summary. Fire Marshal (FM) Kwiatkowski stated legal counsel informed the District it was needed as part of the critical events schedule to notify residents that Transient Public Lodging Establishments (TPLEs) will be assessed according to their use and at the business assessment rate. Chairman Bennett opened the public hearing for public comments; there were none. Commissioner Jennis motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Commissioner Warner. There was no discussion from the Board. Commissioner Jennis motioned to approve Resolution 2023-02 Setting the Final Assessment Roll Public Hearing for August 15, 2023. Commissioner Warner seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Bishop – yes, Commissioner Burke – yes, Chairman Bennett - yes, Commissioner Jennis – yes, Chairman Bennett – yes. Motion passed 5-0.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Burke; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Administrative Assistant (AA) Wright explained that the District received a thank you card from Manatee County Emergency Communications Center for lunch that was sent during National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. AA Wright also read an email from a Blake Hospital trauma doctor regarding the trauma rounds our personnel have been participating in.

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Total Patient Care: Deputy Chief (DC) Johnson stated he and Chief Rigney had a meeting with EMS's Deputy Director, Crutchfield, and discussed transport among other topics. Chief Rigney and DC Johnson also had a meeting with the Public Safety Director. He stated both meetings were very productive. DC Johnson said we are still waiting for public records requests.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rigney stated that during the June Commission Meeting, medical awards such as Phoenix and Lifesaving Awards will be given out and we will be swearing in three new firefighters. FM

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Kwiatkowski gave an update on the Fire and Life Safety Bureau highlighting that there will be a short-term vacation rental stakeholder meeting in June.

OTHER REPORTS: Administrative Assistant Wright reminded the Board about Form 1 Financial Disclosures due to the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections by July 1st.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Bishop applauded Staff then Chief Rigney for following through with his contract in ensuring the District has a pallet of water available for hurricane season. Chairman Bennett mention that he will be absent during the July Commission Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

