

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT
9351 WORKMEN WAY
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2025**

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Cannamela brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tice Fire and Rescue District Station One located at 9351 Workmen Way, Fort Myers, Florida 33905.

Verification of Quorum:

Commissioners present:	Tim Barrett	Excused absence
	James Burgess	Present
	T.J. Cannamela	Present
	Carolyn Miller	Present
	Ted Pickering	Present
	Chief Runk	Present
	Rena Smart	Present
	Attorney Pringle	Present

2. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Chaplain Crump said the prayer and blessing for the department.

3. Adopt Agenda:

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

4. Recognitions:

None.

5. Financial Report

Rena gave the financial report for October 2025. She stated the District received \$14,031.91 in ad Valorem taxes, \$23,191.93 in excess earnings, \$405 in miscellaneous revenues (including fire inspections and CPR classes), \$8,217.92 in interest income, \$875.11 in impact fee interest, \$12,707.82 in impact fee revenue, and \$945.80 in Dressel's worker's comp reimbursement from PGIT. The total income for the month of October 2025 was \$60,375.49. The total expenses for the month of October 2025 were \$673,863.62. Rena explained the interest increase from Synovus from 3.75 to 4 percent. She stated the expenses were normal for the month except for the aerial lease payment to KS Statebank of \$37,461.07.

Rena Smart stated that at the end of October 2025, the balance in the Synovus checking account was \$19,228.02, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$334.42 in interest. In the Synovus impact fee account, the ending balance was \$283,279.57, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$875.11 in interest.

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The balance in the Synovus money market account was \$2,326,024.15, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$7,883.50 in interest and compared to the money market account in October 2024, the balance was \$1,951,865.83 at that time.

Rena Smart informed the Board that the District had total funds at the end of October 2025: \$2,628,531.74. She showed a comparison of funds for this year's total funds compared to October 2024, which was \$2,238,668.87.

She asked if there were any questions, and the Board stated there were none. The Board reviewed the bills, and Commissioner Cannamela and Commissioner Burgess signed the checks.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Runk gave the Chief's report for the month of October 2025:

- *During the month of October, the District responded to 251 emergency 911 calls. He stated the second page of the report shows the breakdown of those calls.
- *Completed final budget requirements. All documents submitted for TRIM compliance and the review are in progress.
- *We received \$23,191.93 from the Lee County Tax Collector for unused revenue.
- *We performed fire extinguisher training at Lee Drywall for twelve of their employees.
- *Crews participated in an SAED demonstration for Crystal Lakes Community.
- *Crews participated in Fire Safety Awareness.
- *We attended the Brotherhood Ride Kickoff, in honor of Ret. Asst Chief Greg Trammell.
- *All Captains completed their 6-month probationary periods and passed with flying colors.
- *The bunker gear committee met with three different vendors. We are waiting for final quotes.
- *I attended the Lee County Delegation meeting at FSW. They discussed the merger between Fort Myers Beach and Iona McGregor Fire Districts.
- *Crews attended a Trunk or Treat event at Cracker Barrel.
- *Crews attended a Trunk or Treat event at Tice United Methodist Church.
- *Getting ready to start the hiring process for the three new firefighter positions.
- *Going to bring a plan forward for Deputy Chief position.

7. Attorney's Report

Attorney Pringle discussed with the Board the local bill of the merger between Fort Myers Beach and Iona-McGregor Fire District. He stated that Representative Botana is always looking; and our District needs to be watchful, and our diligence is necessary. The Legislative session is earlier this year from January thru March of 2026. He discussed the term limits of the Fire District Commissioners, which are twelve years consecutively; he stated this is a law from Florida Statutes Chapter 189.3012, subsection 1.

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8. Union Report

- a) District 8
- b) District 26

BC Williams reported for both Districts and stated nothing at this time.

9. Public Input on Consent & Business Agenda Items:

None.

10. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approve prior meeting minutes:

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to approve the prior October 2025 Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

b. Approve District disbursements and required fiscal action:

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to approve the consent agenda items for the month of November 2025 and approve District disbursements and required fiscal action, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

11. Old Business Agenda Items

a. District Manager Contract

Chief Runk stated he brought back more information as requested from last month's meeting and gave the Commissioners a packet. He also amended her contract as requested by the Board. Attorney Pringle wanted to make revisions also. Commissioner Miller explained the reason for stating Rena's pay increase was \$20,000 from last month's meeting. Attorney Pringle wanted to revise the severance pay. Commissioner Cannamela explained he wants time to read her contract, let Attorney Pringle review and revise, and bring it back to next month's board meeting. Commissioner Pickering made a motion to continue the District Manager's contract to next month's Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burgess. Vote: Unanimously for.

12. New Business Agenda Items

a. Drone Grant

Chief Runk explained the process of applying for a drone grant through the Department of Justice. He applied for and was approved for \$50,000 to purchase two drones, up to \$25,000 per drone. He is the only one that has a license currently. He stated he must review the grant more but wanted to bring it to the Board's attention and discuss it. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to authorize Chief Runk to accept the award of the grant in the amount of \$50,000 and to authorize Chief Runk to do all the actions to that grant, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

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b. Fire Chief Contract

Attorney Pringle stated there were some revisions he would like to make with salary and accumulation of time. The Board discussed it. Commissioner Pickering made a motion to continue Chief Runk's contract to next month's Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burgess. Vote: Unanimously for.

c. Equipment Purchase

Chief Runk made a presentation to purchase three new handheld radios:

Motorola APX next 7/800MHZ/VHF radios	\$37,165.46
Batteries, chargers, and mic's	

These radios will replace 3 radios that reached "end of life" status. Meaning Motorola will no longer service or update them.

Total	\$37,165.46
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Asking for approval not to exceed \$38,000

He stated it is a budgeted item. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to authorize Chief Runk to purchase not to exceed \$38,000, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

13. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

14. Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Miller: She wanted to thank all the crews for the public training and awareness lately, and she really appreciates that. She just thanks everyone.

Commissioner Barrett: Excused absence.

Commissioner Burgess: He stated that is all he has to say.

Commissioner Cannamela: He stated everyone is doing a great job and appreciates it.

Commissioner Pickering: He stated good job and keep it up.

Adjournment: Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.