

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

January 9, 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	Present
	James Burgess	Present
	T.J. Cannamela	Present
	Carolyn Miller	Present
	Ted Pickering	Present
	Chief Ross	Present
	Attorney Pringle	Excused absence

2. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

3. Adopt Agenda:

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

4. Recognitions:

Interim Chief Runk recognized Firefighter Glover for his retirement after 23 years of service. The District presented a plaque and axe to him for his retirement. His last day was January 3, 2025. The Board congratulated him. Chief Ross stated there was light refreshments next door.

5. Financial Report.

Interim Chief Runk gave the financial report for December 2024. The District received \$3,374,861.10 in ad Valorem taxes (to date, the District has collected 4.7 million of our budget with 1.4 million remaining to be collected), \$1,380.00 in firefighter supplemental compensation, \$1,395 in miscellaneous revenues (includes fire inspections and CPR classes), \$12,888.77 in interest income, \$616.19 in impact fee interest, and \$6,632.80 in proceeds from insurance (payment from VFIS for the radio that was lost during the water rescue). The total income for the month of December 2024 was \$3,397,773.86.

Interim Chief Runk stated that at the end of December 2024, the District had \$67,727.51 in the Synovus checking account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$360.61 in interest, \$175,345.41 in the Synovus impact fee account, which earns 4 percent in interest, and earned \$616.19 in interest, and \$5,284,842.78 in the Synovus money market account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$12,528.16 in interest. He stated the District had 4,664,684.62 in the money market account this time last year, 2023. Interim Chief Runk gave the financial report in detail to the Board for the month of December. He stated the expenses were normal. The total expenses for the month of December 2024 were \$578,792.97.

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Interim Chief Runk informed the Board that the District had in total funds at the end of December 2024: \$5,527,915.70. He showed a comparison of funds for this year's total funds compared to December 2023, which was \$4,857,207.54 and December 2022, which was \$2,861,052.99. Interim Chief Runk asked if the Board had any questions, and Commissioner Miller and Chairperson Cannamela asked about the income statement for the record. The income statement had a difference of \$652,500 in personnel costs from October to November; and in December, the amount was back on. Chief Ross and Interim Chief Runk discussed the QuickBooks reports in detail with the Board. The Board reviewed the bills, and Commissioner Cannamela and Commissioner Burgess signed the checks.

6. Chief's Report

Interim Chief Runk gave the report:

* During the month of December, the District responded to 306 emergency 911 calls. He compared the calls the District responded to from 2023 to 2024. There were 3,539 calls in 2024 and 3,402 in 2023, which is a four percent increase.

*Admin completed the reimbursement documentation from Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) for 2 USAR Deployments (Helene and Milton) and Request for Public Assistance (RPA) from FEMA for Hurricane Milton. All have been submitted and are pending approval. Total amount the District is looking to recoup is \$103,634.63. Chairperson Cannamela asked questions about the disbursements from FEMA.

*We assisted Shear Image Salon with "Buckingham Movie Night".

*We participated in the funeral for Retired Fire Chief Doug McGeachie from FMSFD. He worked at Tice Fire Department from 1972-1977.

* L-218 had its annual aerial testing performed, all passed.

*We participated in multiple community and school events for the holidays.

*We provided a CPR class for five of our community members.

7. Attorney's Report

Attorney Pringle had an excused absence.

8. Union Report

a) District 8. BC Williams reported everything is good.

b) District 26. BC Williams stated everything is very good.

9. Public Input on Consent & Business Agenda Items:

None.

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10. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approve prior meeting minutes:

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt the December 2024 Board meeting minutes as presented tonight, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. 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 January 2025 and approve District disbursements and required fiscal action, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

11. Old Business Agenda Items

No Action required.

12. New Business Agenda Items

a) Building Maintenance

Interim Chief Runk gave a presentation on replacing the recliners for both stations, a total of 10 chairs, and it is coming out of the building fund:

American Firehouse Furniture \$8955
Heavy duty construction with durable bonded leather (40% leather backing)
that can be disinfected per NFPA standards.

Asking to approve purchase in the amount of \$8,955

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to allow the Chief to spend up to \$9,000 on buying ten recliners, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

Interim Chief Runk discussed with the Board about replacing the three air conditioners at Station 1. The air conditioners are over twenty years old. Sunset Air stated we are on borrowed time. Sunset Air gave several choices and gave an estimate of \$32,000 to replace the three air conditioners. He will research and bring back more estimates to the Board meeting next month. Interim Chief Runk also stated he will bring back estimates to the Board meeting next month for painting the outside of the station 1.

13. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

14. Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Miller: She stated she wanted to thank everybody for their due diligence. She did not want to cause too much grief but yet give everyone an opportunity to be able to answer questions about the income statement. Chairperson Cannamela stated he was going to ask about the income statement on the last one if she didn't ask.

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Commissioner Barrett: He asked Interim Chief Runk about the hiring process, and he stated the District is taking applications until January 24 at 4 p.m.

Commissioner Cannamela: He asked questions about whether we would take out of town applicants, and how many we were hiring; and Interim Chief Runk stated four employees in February. The Board discussed the hiring process with Interim Chief Runk. Chairperson Cannamela asked to make the Board aware of any delays in the hiring process. He also stated he has a meeting with Interim Chief Runk tomorrow with Junopi about I.T. upgrades.

Commissioner Pickering: He appreciates the District for giving him an excused absence last month.

Commissioner Burgess: He states he has nothing.

a) Adjournment: Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.