

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

**June 12, 2025**

**1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Cannamela brought the meeting to order at 6:31 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 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 Pickering made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

**4. Recognitions:**

Chief Runk announced that T.W. Thomas was retiring from the District on June 19, 2025. We are having a luncheon for him on his last day.

**5. Financial Report**

Rena Smart gave the financial report for May 2025. The District received \$128,818.09 in ad Valorem taxes, \$1,405 in miscellaneous revenues (including fire inspections and CPR classes), \$15,027.72 in interest income, \$788.31 in impact fee interest, \$6,306 in other gov't revenue (EMS annual CAM) and \$1,727.50 in proceeds from insurance (from Lee County School Board for a school bus hitting our engine). The total income for the month of May 2025 was \$154,072.62.

Rena stated that at the end of May 2025, the District had \$57,747.65 in the Synovus checking account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$357.98 in interest, \$232,636.58 in the Synovus impact fee account, which earns 4 percent in interest, and earned \$788.31 in interest, and \$4,258,037.51 in the Synovus money market account,

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which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$14,669.74 in interest and compared to the money market in May 2024, the balance was \$3,850,681.50. The total expenses for the month of May 2025 were \$420,357.52.

She stated everything was normal for the month, except the nine invoices from Attorney Pringle and the quarterly PGIT (worker's comp) payment. Rena informed the Board that the District had in total funds at the end of May 2025: \$4,548,421.74. She showed a comparison of funds for this year's total funds compared to May 2024, which was \$4,042,601.19 and May 2023, which was \$3,625,313. She asked the Board 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 May 2025:

\*During the month of May, the District responded to 271 emergency 911 calls:

Three vehicle fires

Six brush fires

170 EMS calls

44 canceled en-route

A small variety of other call types.

\*Painting at Station 1 is finished.

\*The department conducted a community CPR class.

\*I attended FEMA O-305 All-Hazards Incident Management Team training.

\*We completed storm preparedness for this hurricane season.

\*Reminder to the Commissioners, the FCOE Form 1 must be completed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Runk stated he would be on vacation from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Attorney's Report**

Attorney Pringle discussed the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Board bringing the EMS CAM annual payment from \$6,306 to \$10,405. Chairperson Cannamela has already signed the Agreement on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Union Report**

a) District 8

b) District 26

DVP Wooley for District 8 and BC Morgan for District 26 reported all is good.

**9. Public Input on Consent & Business Agenda Items:**

None.

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**10. Consent Agenda Items:**

**a. Approve prior meeting minutes:**

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to approve the prior May 2025 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

**b. Approve District disbursements and required fiscal action:**

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

**11. Old Business Agenda Items**

**a. LCEMS Interlocal Agreement**

No action required. The Agreement was discussed under “#7. Attorney’s Report”.

**12. New Business Agenda Items**

**a. Preliminary Property Value**

Chief Runk stated to the Board that he received the preliminary numbers as of June 1<sup>st</sup> and will receive the final numbers on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The estimated taxable value as of June 1<sup>st</sup> it is \$1,675,193,000, an increase of 3.83 percent.

**b. Negotiations**

-Executive Session:

**Recess June Board meeting.**

**Reconvene June Board meeting.**

Chief Runk stated the dates have been set for Union negotiations and published in the Fort Myers News-Press. Attorney Pringle explained to the Board that they need to appoint a negotiation team. The Board discussed it. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to appoint Chief Runk, Rena Smart, Attorney Pringle, and all the Commissioners to the negotiation team, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for. The executive session will begin after the June Board meeting is finished.

**c. Closest Unit Response**

Chief Runk explained to the Board that the City of Fort Myers Fire District has requested to enter an interlocal agreement with the Tice Fire District for closest unit response. Chief Runk stated no official action has been taken, only an official discussion with the City of Fort Myers. Chief Runk discussed it with the Board. The Board suggested trying it out. Attorney Pringle will bring back the terms of the agreement and putting it on “Old Business” next month.

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d. Equipment Purchase

Chief Runk made a presentation to purchase computers:

Fund: 4641 Equipment, new

Balance: \$74,634.60

- Replace existing computers in apparatus, add computers to 2 Chief vehicles.
- Current computers were purchased in April 2016.
- We have purchased several refurbished computers of the same model over the years.
- IT is unable to repair several of the existing computers.

8 computers @ \$2,771.67 =	\$22,173.67
8 docks @ \$877 =	\$ 7,016.00
Total=	\$29,189.67

4 computers and docks = \$14,594.84

Asking for approval not to exceed \$30,000 for 8 or \$15,000 for 4.

The Board discussed the purchase. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to approve the purchase of the 8 computers and 8 docks not to exceed \$30,000, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

13. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

14. Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Miller: None

Commissioner Barrett: He stated he knows there have been some crappy calls this past month; thinking about the employees and thank you.

Commissioner Pickering: None.

Commissioner Cannamala: He stated everyone is doing a good job; discuss security, maybe next month.

Commissioner Burgess: He stated nothing; everyone is doing a good job.

- a) Adjournment: Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.