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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, 15 March 2024
10:00 a.m.
Location: Safety Harbor Clubhouse

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT: Duncan Rosen, Van Hammond, Mike Filipczak Chief Jesse Cottrell, Assistant Chief Tom Tracy
Via Zoom: Commissioner Bill Fry.

ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Room:

Zeke McDonald,

Sandy Werner

Noah (new SHC Manager)

MINUTES:

- 1) **Call to Order:** Commissioner Rosen
Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
- 2) **Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda**
Add update to insurance claims ~ 6A
UCCA friends of fire department discussion
- 3) **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
- 4) **Review of Unapproved Minutes** – Commissioner Hammond
November 17, 2023 approved 4-0
December 15, 2023 approved 4-0
January 16, 2023 (Public portion of Shade meeting) approved 4-0
January 19, 2024 approved 4-0
February 16, 2024 approved 4-0

5) New Business

- A. 501C (3) for donations to the district – Commissioner Hammond
Conclusion is that this needs to be OUTSIDE of the Fire District/Board of Commissioners.
- B. KNOX Box (emergency access to residences)- Commissioner Hammond
All agreed to move forward.
- C. Commissioner Byrnes attendance – Commissioner Rosen
Commissioner Byrnes resigned for personal reasons. He will be missed.
Solicit islanders to fill this position until next general election. – Commissioner Hammond.
Discuss at April meeting- all
Motion for Commissioner Hammond to get legal opinion between old by-laws and state statutes regarding process to elect vote 3-1.
(Results: Maggie indicated that State Statutes cannot be trumped--the bylaws are not binding).

6) Recurring Business Updates (Review of Written Reports)

- A. Update status of litigation against District – Commissioner Rosen
Settled with Brian Dubrasky
Commissioner Duncan to reach out Maggie to get legal opinion about posting documents to web site. Discuss at next meeting.
- B. Chief's Report – Chief Cottrell
- C. Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Filipczak
 - a. Vote 4-0 to accept February Treasure's report with one correction to fuel allocation.
- D. Equipment Replacement– Chief Cottrell
- E. FEMA Reimbursement Submission – Commissioner Filipczak/Chief Cottrell.
- F. Accessway Maintenance – Commissioner Hammond
- G. NEW: UCCA friends of fire department discussion.
Original advertisement was corrected... UCCA can use the fire station for their benefits but should not be associated with UCFRD.
- H. NEW: Add update to insurance claims ~ 6A
Undisputed amount \$290,000 from Insurance
Move to Proceeding with getting new check for the boat, once check received get boat out of marina. Vote passed 4-0

7) Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

8) Next Monthly Meeting Date: 19 April 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (BACK AT FIRESTATION)

9) Adjourn 11:50