



Wednesday
June 16, 2021
7:00 pm

Town of Southwest Ranches Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members

Mike Fisikelli
Jeff Kastner
Jeff Strickland
Tina Spires
Vince Lombardi

At Large:

Matthew Amundson
Gary Harrington

Council Liaison

Bob Hartmann

Staff Liaison

Richard Strum

Call to order - 7:02 pm ** Via Zoom Meeting 889 2060 3870**

A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS -

M. Amundson, J. Strickland – absent
A quorum was established.

Also present:

Town Staff:

Mayor S. Breitkreuz, Vice Mayor B. Hartman, Council Member J. Allbritton,
Council Member Gary Jablonski, Controller R. Strum, Fire Chief L. Bennett,
Fire Captain D. Bock

Guests:

Cooper City High School Student K. Kaplan

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - 7:03 pm

C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS

a. Approval of Minutes for May 26, 2021

Motion – TS / 2nd – GH, JK – Y, MF – Y

D. NEW BUSINESS - none

E. OLD BUSINESS –

Stipend Discussion – Chief Bennett requested that the discussion be withdrawn at this time due to a potential increase in fire fees.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Replacement Discussion – Capt. Bock advised that the Town is still waiting on the grant announcement. If the Town does not receive a grant towards the purchase of new SCBA, the Town could incur the full replacement cost.

Attack Truck Justification – The current attack truck is primarily used as a back up when Engine 82 is out of service due to mechanical issues. There has been some discussion whether or not to replace the truck because not all of the Driver/Operators are able to drive the truck due to its manual transmission. The discussion to replace the apparatus is differed until the Town Council releases their decision on the purchase of a new fire engine.

Motion - The Board recommends that all Driver/Operators be trained in the operation of manual transmissions through either the SWR VFD or a local vocational school. MF / 2nd - TS, GH – Y, JK – Y, VL - Y

F. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

Strategic Plan for SWR VFR

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –

Board Member G. Harrington advised Chief Bennett that the University of Miami is conducting a Firefighter cancer study and that our Firefighters would be eligible to participate. Chief Bennett stated that he would follow up with the administrators of the study.

H. STAFF COMMENTS – none

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – TS / 2nd GH, JK-Y, VL-Y, MF-Y

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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