KEY LARGO FIRE & EMS DISTRICT BOARD

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING - FINAL SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

<u>Attendees:</u> Chairman, William Andersen, Commissioners: Marilyn Beyer, Tom Tharp and Mark Wheaton were present.

Also present were: Brenda Beckmann, Donald Bock, Vicky Fay, Sergio Garcia, Joshua Hauserman, Mike Jenkins, Brittany Neugent, Peter Rosasco, and Jennifer Zimmer. The meeting was held at Station #24.

1. AGENDA

1.A. Call to Order

Chairman Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Andersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.C. Roll Call

Vicky Fay called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: William Andersen, Marilyn Beyer, Tom Tharp and Mark Wheaton. There was a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.A. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Wheaton made a motion to **approve the agenda**. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer and the motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. GENERAL DISCUSSION: Proposed 2010-2011 Budget & Ad Valorem Taxes

Peter Rosasco reported the Millage was tentatively set at the 1st Public Hearing at .8133 mills, which was less than the rolled-back rate by 8.44% and the tentative budget was established at \$4,892,119. There have been no changes to the budget since the 1st Public Hearing Meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kent Van Winkle addressed the Board.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner's Discussion

Peter Rosasco presented a matrix of the Accounting Fees paid for each department. The KLVFD Line Item 320 Accounting Fees for the KLVFD should be increased to \$10,000.00. Commissioner

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5. PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner's Discussion (Continued)

Tharp feels the Logistics Officer position should be deleted from the budget. The saving would be about \$50,000 a year. Commissioner Beyer stated no other departments have a Logistics Officer. Chief Garcia felt other departments have someone doing the logistics job just with another job title. Paid firefighters were hired to fill the shift during the day. Neither Islamorada nor the Air Base have a Logistics Officer because the job is filled by others. Volunteers cannot be in the hot zone if they are just a driver and not a certified firefighter. With approximately 70 firefighters volunteering monthly, Commissioner Andersen felt there should be enough people to fill the responsibilities of the Logistics position.

<u>Motion:</u> Commissioner Tharp made a motion to *discontinue the budgeted Logistics Officer position.* This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wheaton. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

The KLVFD asked if they could hire a new Firefighter, and the response was to wait until the new Administrator/Chief has been hired.

Account 522 (Fuel/Diesel) for the Corps is currently budgeting \$12,000; however, the actual is only \$7,500. The budgeted amount was changed to \$8,000.

Commissioner Wheaton recommended a salary increase for the Firefighters, but not an increase for the Office Manager. The increase for the three Firefighters will be \$2,572. This will be included in the budget. The Office Manager, who was in attendance, agreed to no raise, and in fact she had sent an email to the Commissioners stating so.

Account 520 (Operating Supplies) is over budget because some of the expenses that could be coded to Account 524 (Medicine & Drugs) were coded to Account 520 (Operating Supplies). In Account 460, there was \$16,000 this year for repairs, and in 2010-2011, \$6,000 is for the sewer lateral. The Corps needs to upgrade 14 pagers, which are only for in-town volunteers. The KLVFD did not budget any funds for radios and pagers.

A. Resolution #2010-007:

<u>Motion:</u> Commissioner Wheaton made a motion to adopt the FY 2010-2011 final operating Millage rate for the District at .7890 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate by 11.18%. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Tharp and the motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

B. Resolution #2010-008:

<u>Motion:</u> Commissioner Tharp made a motion to adopt a final District budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2010 and ending on September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$4,835,627. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wheaton, and the motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

2010-2011 Proposed KLVFD Budget (Dated 9/20/10) Resolution #2010-007 & Resolution #2010-008

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