

**Lealman Special Fire Control District
Commissioner's Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2018**

- I.** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 with Chairman Ronald Kemerer presiding.

- II.** Roll call of commission members:
Present: Jay Alexander, Kathleen Litton, Rebecca Harriman, Ron Kemerer
Absent: Vivian Campbell

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. Public Comment**

- V. Approval of Minutes**

There is a motion to accept the February 5, 2018 minutes as written.
Motion: Jay Alexander
Second: Kathleen Litton
Vote: 4-0

- VI. Voting Items**

- VII. Secretary's Report**

*** Commissioner Campbell arrived at 1:03 ***

- VIII. Chief's Report** – Chief Graham went over his report with the commission.

- IX. Commissioner's Report**
 - 1. Commissioner Jay Alexander had a great time at the John Morroni's appreciation Dinner. He said the speakers were great.

2. Commissioner Harriman went to the open house at the Lealman Community Campus on Saturday. She enjoyed the displays and the information they shared. She feels this will be a great thing for our community.
3. Commissioner Campbell also had a great time at John Morroni's dinner. She is sad to see him retire.
4. Commissioner Kathleen Litton wanted to say Happy Birthday to Deputy Chief Brown. She received a picture from her sister of Patrick McEntagart receiving an award. Commissioner Litton asked Chief Graham if the new employees had started yet. He told her all six would start on the 12th. He also told the commission that there are several department interested in hiring Ciera McDonald when she graduates the fire academy. Chief told the commission she passed the first part of it and that she is doing very well. She is a squad leader. Commissioner Litton also asked if Chief has heard anything from Pennies for Pinellas. Chief and Craig Hare met at station 19 and went through the whole station. The county is going to run the optimist software program to determine how many calls station 19 ran based on actual data. They are going to run it on CR16 and 46th Ave South. And then at 71st Street and 54th Ave. Chief mentioned to the commission that Craig asked if we found a piece of property to put station 19, could we purchase it. The commission is fine with that as long as the county buys it back from us if Pennies for Pinellas money does not go through.

Commissioner Litton would also like to have something added to the By-laws regarding the commissioner's and how they represent Lealman Fire District when they are in the public. She wants to make sure that we are not out there pushing other agendas, we should only be pushing the Fire Districts agenda. Commissioner Campbell feels like everyone knows how they should act, she asked Commissioner Litton to be a little more specific. Commissioner Litton told the commission that she was approached twice at the John Morroni dinner from people that got bombarded with someone pushing the CCC Program that is being pushed. Commissioner Litton feels that it was very inappropriate when you are at an event representing Lealman Fire District with a badge on to be pushing another agenda that has nothing to do with the department. She stated this has not been the only time this has happened.

There is a motion to have Andy draw up language referencing how Lealman Commissioner's represent the district in the community.

Motion: Kathleen Litton

Second: Vivian Campbell

Vote: 4-1

Motion carried

5. Commissioner Kemerer has nothing to report

X. Old Business

1. Beth Rawlins went over her analysis of the special referendum we did for the assessments. It was very clear that if we divide the district at the 66th Street line that the vote was almost evenly split between the 2 halves of the district. She also said that 90% of the ballots that were cast were done via mail, only 10% of the people went to the poles. She feels that if we do this again in November, those numbers will change because it will be a much larger ballot with more things on it. She feels we will have more people voting than we do on special elections. She feels that using social media or automated phone messages would be counterproductive because we would have to do it in both English and Spanish. Commissioner Harriman has a concern that we are losing some major businesses to other cities. She would like to hold off on the assessment for now.
2. Chief Graham went over what happened to the man who stole the DC vehicle and the amount of damage that was done.
3. Chief Graham talked to the commission about making the front office safer. Deputy Chief Brown gave a presentation and proposal for having this done.

There is a motion to go ahead with the security upgrade and changes for the front office not to exceed \$38,000.00.

Motion: Kathleen Litton

Second: Rebecca Harriman

Vote: 5-0

XI. New Business

XII. Good of the Organization:

1. We received a very heart felt thank you note from Dan Fitzgerald's sister thanking us for his retirement party.

XIII. Adjournment: There is a motion to adjourn at 3:16.

Motion: Kathleen Litton

Second: Rebecca Harriman

Vote: 5-0

Ronald Kemerer, Chairman

Vivian Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer