

Board of Fire Commissioners
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Seat (3) Francis Parrish



Duette Fire "and" Rescue District
Manatee County, Florida
35800 State Road 62, Duette Florida 34219
Ceburn Parker Fire Chief
Maggie Mooney District Attorney

THIS IS A MEETING OF THE DUETTE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS. AS SUCH, ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO ENACT REASONABLE POLICIES TO ENSURE THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, ANY PERSON WHOSE SPEECH OR CONDUCT DISRUPTS THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 6th, 2023, 7:00 PM - Commission Chambers, 35800 State Road 62, Duette Florida 34219

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

- A. Commission Chair Ebson Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. Commission Secretary Betty Stewart Pledge and Invocation.

2. Proclamations, Commendations & Special Presentation

- A. None

3. Public to be Heard.

- A. None

4. Any Additions or Deletion of Agenda Items.

- A. None

5. Approval of Consent Agenda.

- A. Fire Board Meeting Minutes Read by Betty Stewart.
- B. Treasurers Report Read by Kellie Stoddard 5th/3rd 268382.65 Truist 97,000.43
- C. Fire Chief's Report Ready By Rocky Parker.
- D. Motion to accept consent agenda by Betty Stewart 2nd by Kellie Stoddard all in favor no opposed.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Unfinished Business

- 1) Performance Review. The performance review is still a work in progress the priority has been the annual financial audit. No Discussion.
- 2) VIFS Payment Old Engine 1611. The VIFS payment for 23,800 was deposited into the Truist General Fund Account. No Discussion.

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- 3) Resolution & Property Appraiser. The property appraisers office received the resolution and entered the changes into the system. No Discussion.

B. New Business

- 1) Proposed Budget 23-24 Had the first reading of the proposed budget for 23-24. A discussion ensued between the commissioners and fire chief as the budget was reviewed.
- 2) Mosaic The Fire Chief has been reviewing the tax role and in his opinion Mosaic has not been paying for the hazard the mining poses on the district by paying Ag rates when FPL is paying \$100 an acre for the hazard the solar fields pose on the district. The fire chief believes that mosaic should be paying a higher rate for the parcels coded 9400 Mining vs parcels coded Ag. The fire chief does feel with the vast amount of acreage involved \$100 an acre is too high and ask the commission permission to engage in negotiations with Mosaic to negotiate a fair rate for the hazards imposed on the fire district. This rate hike would also include waste management and any hazardous operation posed on the Duette Fire District. This will also be a fair exchange because the revenue would allow a paramedic ALS service from the station daily and make it fair to FPL and Duke Energy both paying for the hazard imposed. The Fire Chief also mentioned that the district needed to prepare for a referendum on the subject due to the increase it would impose if negotiations were not successful.

A discussion ensued between the commissioners and the fire chief. Fire Commissioner Kellie Stoddard made a motion to allow the fire chief to engage in negotiations with Mosaic and was seconded by Commissioner Betty Stewart all were in favor and none were opposed.

The Fire Chief also asked the Fire Commissioners to allow him to engage with District Attorney Maggie Mooney on the Mosaic issue due to the fact that the line item would be over budget and require funds from reserves for the district attorney.

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- 3) Budget Items Current the Fire Chief reviewed Building Maintenance Line items, the District Attorney, and Vehicle Maintenance line items that will need to be adjusted at the next commission meeting in august.

A discussion ensued between the commissioners and the fire chief and tabled until the August commission meeting.

10. Public to be Heard.

A. None

11. Board of Fire Commissioners Comments.

A. None

12. District Attorney Comments.

A. Not Present.

13. Fire Chief Comments.

A. None

14. Determination of Excused Absences.

A. No Absences

15. Next Meeting

- August 1st, 2023, 7:00 PM - Commission Chambers, 35800 State Road 62, Duette Florida 34219

16. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ebson Parrish to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM seconded by Commissioner Betty Steward, all in favor and none were opposed.

No verbatim record by a certified court recorder is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes).

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act and Sections 286.26 Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Fire Chief’s Office at 941-776-9900 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this meeting.