

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE
SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 17, 2020

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioners: Mike Gatewood
 Robert Hoke
 Thomas Mere

Danny Ballard

Leroy Nottingham

Chief Ronald Beecroft Assistant Chief John Manson
Office Manager Monique Brooks Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Public Education Officer Kulwicki Union Representative Slaybaugh

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Nottingham

Swearing in of Fire Chief: Chairman Gatewood swore in the new Fire Chief Ronald A. Beecroft

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the July 20, 2020 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The July treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, received 101% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 78% of expenditures (less reserves). (2) There were no questions or comments.

Chief's Report:

By Assistant Chief Manson-

- Monthly Run report attached
- Truck Committee met and will be meeting with Sutphen
- Thanked the Board for the 3 New Rescue Trucks. Commissioner Hoke asked how long before the rescue trucks will be here?
Approximately 9 months

Fire Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Hoke asked if the housing at Merchants Crossing was going to be low income apartments? Commissioner Ballard answered No, they will be high end rentals. There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

Union: Have a meeting with the guys next week and Negotiations will be at beginning of September.

Old Business:

New Engine – Truck Committee will be meeting with Sutphen this week. Commissioner Hoke asked what size tank they are wanting? 1,000 gallons

Retiree Insurance Policy Revision – Chief Beecroft said we would like to hold off on this item until next month, as we are gathering data and information from other Districts.

New Business:

*** Employment Agreement with Fire Chief –**

Chief Beecroft had submitted a draft of an employment agreement to the Board, which was submitted to Attorney Pringle for review. Attorney Pringle made some minor revisions to the agreement, and both parties agreed to the revisions.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept the Employment Agreement between North Fort Myers Fire District and Ronald A. Beecroft. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

*** Update signors on Bank Accounts –**

Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to add Assistant Chief John Manson as an emergency signor on the SunTrust Bank Accounts. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard asked if this fixed our issues we had at the beginning of the year? Yes

*** Agreement with Tuscan & Company, PA –**

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the proposal from Tuscan & Company, PA, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

*** Feasibility Study – New Station -**

Chief Beecroft explained that our Barrett Road station is right on the border of Cape Coral, and the new development is wrapping around us. Chief Beecroft would like to gather more information and come back to the Board regarding a new station location. He also will be having a meeting with the Chief of Cape Coral to discuss agreements for services.

Commissioner Hoke asked if we still own the property on Brooks Road?

Yes

Commissioner Gatewood asked how many units were in the complex on Barrett Road? We are not sure, because that belongs to the Cape. Gatewood asked how did it get annexed? They asked for it to be. Commissioner Mere stated if we get an agreement with the Cape, then we may need to keep the station there.

*** New Training Chief Position –**

Chief Beecroft explained that we need a Training Chief Position. Commissioner Nottingham asked would the position be 40 hours? Yes. He also asked if they would be eligible to move up the career ladder? Yes. He also asked the Chief if he was interested in going outside the District for a candidate? No. Commissioner Mere asked what the parameters for the position would be? Basically the same as it has always been, minus requirement to be a Paramedic. Commissioner Ballard asked how we would go about it? Chief Beecroft said he would be appointing.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to give Chief Beecroft the latitude to move forward with the creation of the Training Officer Position. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You: None

Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. July 20, 2020 Minutes
2. July Treasurers Report