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

September 21, 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 Danny Ballard Robert Hoke Thomas Mere (via phone) 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 Ballard

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the August 17, 2020 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. 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 August treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 92% through the budget year, received 101% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 88% of expenditures (less reserves). (2) There were no questions or comments.

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft -

- Held Officer and Shift Meetings
- Been meeting with various vendors (insurance, Target Solutions, trucks, equipment)
- Would like to announce that Eric Klos will be our new Training Officer
- Congratulated the following people on their promotion:
 - Eric Klos Assistant Chief of Training (effective 10/01/2020)
 - o Jason Cabral Battalion Chief
 - Dillon Bryant Lieutenant
 - o Derek Golden Lieutenant
 - Dave Voll Lieutenant (effective 10/01/2020)
 - o Ben Crutchfield Engineer
 - Josh Ballard Engineer
 - Levi Sourinha Engineer (effective 10/01/2020)
- Congratulated the following people on joining our District, as newly hired Firefighters:
 - Tony Douglass
 - Hunter Locke
 - o Garrett Dix
 - Dylan Gibson
 - Karl Drews (10/01/2020)

We should be all set in the area of promotions and new hires for awhile now.

- Union Negotiations are complete, and now the members will vote on the proposed changes (wages only), at the beginning of October.
- Restroom remodel at Trail Dairy (dorm side) is complete
- Brooks Road Property Does not feel this is a good location for a station, it is in a flood zone, and will be one of the first zones to evacuate. Would like to look at selling it, because property values are higher and interest rates are low. We would put the money in the building fund reserve line item. Commissioners Hoke and Ballard agreed. Commissioner Ballard stated that he would like to offer the property to Tony Mere first, since that was the agreement that we offered him when he approached us. Commissioner Gatewood would like a Fair Market Value done as well.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to allow the Chief to sell the Brooks Road property, with a Fair Market Value assessment done, with Tom Mere having the first available option to purchase the property. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

By Assistant Chief Manson-

• Monthly Run report attached

Fire Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Ballard said he spoke with the Engineering company for Merchants Crossing, and the demolition stopped because one unit was still occupied. Fire Marshal Jones replied that it is vacant now, and they are ready to move forward with the completion of the demolition. There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. Commissioner Gatewood asked how the new training simulator is working? PEO Kulwicki replied great, she has used it several times, and been able to reach groups that were not able to have the live fire extinguisher training. There were no other questions or comments.

Union: The union negotiation changes will go to vote on October 2 and 3rd. The only changes were wages. Commissioner Nottingham asked if they were able to create the separation in pay between ranks? No. Commissioner Ballard asked if there was any separation in ranks? A little

Old Business:

New Engine – Chief Manson stated that the Truck Committee met with Pearce and E-One to look at their trucks. He would like a motion to purchase a Sutphen Engine, and if anything were to change, he will come back to the board and advise them. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to allow administration to purchase a Sutphen Fire Engine. 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 Ballard asked if we are having or have had any problems with our other two Sutphen Engines? Only minor and mostly covered under warranty.

Retiree Insurance Policy Revision – Chief Beecroft said he would like to table this item until January. All agreed.

New Business: None

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You: Wilcox Family Elaine Bouthillier

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

- 1. August 17, 2020 Minutes
- 2. August Treasurers Report