

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

March 15, 2021

Chairman Robert Hoke 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
Leroy Nottingham	Tom Mere (arrived 5:10 pm)
Robert Hoke	

Chief Ronald Beecroft
Assistant Chief John Manson
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

Absent: Fire Marshal Rick Jones
 Public Education Officer Kulwicki

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Swearing in of New Firefighter: Chief Beecroft swore in new Firefighter, Karl Drews

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the February 22, 2021, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. 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 February treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 42% through the budget year, received 94% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 41% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft -

- Brooks Road Property – the notice to bid has been advertised and will submit the bids at the April meeting
- Currently watching several pieces of Legislation, most notably the requirement for a Performance Audit. A performance audit is being considered as mandatory, and will be extremely expensive. This bill is being opposed by many, including us. Another bill that is being monitored is the ethics bill (this would require annual training of Elected Officials). Also watching the Local Government efficiency Task Force, in Tallahassee regarding consolidation of special districts and their usefulness.
- Our Annual Financial Audit has been completed with no remarks, and will be presented at our April meeting.
- The retiree insurance workshop is scheduled for next Monday, and packets for the workshop will be delivered later this week.

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Replaced the booster nozzles on all trucks
- Annual Hydrant maintenance – all hydrants are being greased and flushed and painted in Station 3's zone
- New Rescue trucks – all three are here and currently being outfitted. Hopefully Rescue 2 will be in service this week
- All the old Rescue trucks have been decommissioned, so within next month or two will be asking to sell them
- Getting everything ready to renew the administration side of Trail Dairy – new paint and tile

Fire Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Mere asked if we were getting all the past due annual inspections done? Chief Beecroft said he would have to get with Fire Marshal Jones for a solid answer. There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. Monique added that Christi and Chief Beecroft had just visited the vaccination site that our CERT team was working at, and noted that Lee County Emergency Management is thrilled with our participation. There were no questions or comments.

Training:

- Still training at Merchants Crossing
- Several fires and investigations recently

Union: Waiting on negotiations, the whole Contract is open this year. Also, noted that \$6,030 was donated by Herons Glen Community (and a thank you) at their annual Firewise day, to the Leroy Nottingham Benevolent Association, which assists local union members families in time of need. Commissioner Mere asked who determined the needs and who receives the assistance? Local 1826 Representatives. Commissioner Mere suggested they look into the family of the EMT who recently passed away.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner Items:

Nottingham – thanked everyone for their help and prayers during their time of need/loss.

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Horizon Village

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. February 22, 2021 Minutes
2. February Treasurers Report