



**Treasurer's Report:** The December treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 26% through the budget year, received 86% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 30% of expenditures (less reserves). (2) Commissioner Mere noted that he recently inquired about the interest and payments due on Engine 3, and feels we should pay off Engine 3. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to pay off Engine 3 now. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.** There were no other questions or comments.

### **Chief's Report:**

Chief Beecroft said most of his stuff was under Old Business

By Assistant Chief Manson-

- Monthly Run report attached
- Very busy with the upgrade to Firehouse system (ESO is the new name). Thanked BC Westra and LT Cameron for all their help in getting the program set up
- New Rescue trucks - we received one which will be Rescue 2, and the other two should be here in next few weeks. Commissioner Gatewood when we would have it in service? Hopefully within 3 weeks.
- Use of Impact Fees. We submitted a letter to the County Attorney to use Impact Fees for some of the items on the new Rescue trucks, and it was approved. **Commissioner Mere made a motion to use Impact Fees, as approved by the County, for the new Rescue trucks. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

**Fire Prevention:** Report attached.  
Commissioner Hoke asked about the demo at Merchants Crossing?  
Waiting on the approval of their re-submitted plans.  
There were no other questions or comments.

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

**Training:** Using Merchants Crossing for training, two large structure fires recently and brought some classes in house for incentives for the personnel.

**Union:** Absent

**Old Business:**

- **Brooks Road Property –**

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to bring the topic off the table and move forward with discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham.**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion that the property located at 71 Brooks Road is owned by North Fort Myers Fire District and is not going to be used by the District in the future and is being declared as surplus real property of the District. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.** Commissioner Mere stated that he will be abstaining from voting on this motion as well as any other item related to this topic, due to a potential conflict of interest, and has filled out the proper form, which are included in the official minutes of the District's meeting. (3)

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion setting the sale of the property to be completed by the sealed bid process, with the minimum bid for the Brooks Road property at \$160,000. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. Commissioner Nottingham amended the motion with a minimum bid of \$166,000. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion that bids will need to be received into the business office by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 16, 2021, for bid selection on Monday, April 19, 2021, with closing to occur within 60 days of bid selection, with cash due at closing. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

- **Retiree Insurance Policy –**

Chief Beecroft would like to schedule a workshop with the Board dedicated solely to this topic. The policy needs to be streamlined, and we would like to have the workshop on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:05pm. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to discuss the retiree insurance policy at a workshop on Monday, March 22, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

**New Business:**

- **Election of Officers for Board –**

**Chairman:** Commissioner Nottingham nominated Robert Hoke as Chairman

**Vice Chairman:** Commissioner Hoke nominated Danny Ballard as Vice Chairman

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Commissioner Ballard nominated Michael Gatewood as Secretary/Treasurer

- **Review Commissioners Policy Manual -**

Commissioner Ballard read lines 79 through 84 and then Exhibit A, and stated that if you are going to be a commissioner, then you need to be present. Conversation continued between Commissioner Ballard and Commissioner Mere. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to add the required attendance at Tentative and Final Budget Hearings to the attendance policy for Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-1.** Commissioner Mere would like check signing added to the policy. The Board did not feel that was needed.

**Commissioner Items:**

Gatewood – Congratulations to new Firefighters. Asked Administration about the new program, Active 911 that we have instituted. Chief Beecroft explained the application and how it works, and that all personnel were offered the application.

**Public Input: None**

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Jane Cullin

Dave Lin

North Fort Myers Elks Lodge

**Commissioner Hoke made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. December 21, 2020 Minutes
2. December Treasurers Report
3. Conflict of voting statement by Commissioner Mere