

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

December 19, 2016

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

**Present were:**

Commissioners: Danny Ballard                      Suzanne Daggett  
                                 Michael Gatewood                      Leroy Nottingham

Chief David Rice  
Office Manager Monique Brooks                      Fire Marshal Jones  
Union Representative Slaybaugh

**Absent:**     Assistant Chief John Meredith

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge:** Commissioner Ballard

**Minutes:**    Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to accept the November 21, 2016, minutes, as written.    Seconded by Commissioner Ballard.    The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board.    All were in favor.    The vote was unanimous. (1)

**Treasurer's Report:**    The November treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 17% through the budget year, received 44% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 16% of expenditures (less reserves). Commissioner Daggett asked what the 17% meant? That is the amount of time that we are through our budget year. There were no other questions. (2)

## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly runs attached
- EMS construction project – still waiting
- Has a meeting this week with the Lee County Fire Chiefs to discuss the legislation being proposed for consolidating fire districts. Commissioner Nottingham noted that consolidation has not worked yet, and it is not feasible. Commissioner Ballard said that as of yet, Caldwell is the only one that is putting his name on the bill, so it will probably fizzle out.
- Presented some drawings/proofs of artwork for a sign for the Slater Road station. They were questions asked about the material/construction of the sign, lighting. This is only in the preliminary stages, we will proceed with more details if the Board chooses. Commissioner Ballard feels we should proceed with the sign, but, suggested we go look at the City of Fort Myers new station with sign.
- Our annual holiday party is this Thursday, December 21, 2016, at the Three Fishermen.
- Conducting SCBA testing
- Interviews for the Inspectors position begin tomorrow

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached. Fire Marshal Jones added that Interviews begin tomorrow, to fill the position that is being vacated by Rhea. We received 10 applications. There were no questions.

**Public Education:** Report is attached. There were no questions.

**Union:** Nothing to report

## **Old Business:**

- EMS Project – discussed under Chiefs Report

## **New Business: None**

### **Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Ballard asked why this training room stinks? Because the Air Conditioner has been turned off

Commissioner Daggett asked if we have employees who are also mechanics, who are designated to work on our vehicles? Chief Rice stated that Chief Meredith is in charge of vehicle maintenance. She suggested that we try to have one at each station.

She asked what is a false alarm? It is a system malfunction of a fire alarm.

She asked how did a few of us (administration) become salary employees? Because we are a 40 hour per week employee.

She asked why aren't the firefighters on a salary, instead of hourly? That is set by the union contract.

Why are their pay discrepancies between personnel? Because of ranks, longevity

**Public Input:** Debbie Ballard was very pleased with the turn out at the Phoenix Award Ceremony.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:** Linda Voto

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mere. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. November 21, 2016 Minutes
2. November treasurers report