

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

June 17, 2013

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

Present were:

Commissioners: Leroy Nottingham	Tom Mere
Danny Ballard	Mike Gatewood
Robert Hoke	

Chief Christopher Noble	Asst. Chief John Meredith
Asst. Chief David Rive	
Office Manager Monique Brooks	
Members of the Public	

Absent: Union Representative James Hagie

Invocation: Commissioner Tom Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Hoke

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept May 20, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mere, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The May treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 67% through the budget year, have received 97% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 68% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- We are currently updating our Five Year Plan, to include an amendment (Chief's State of the District) which will be discussed tonight
- Senate Bill 1410 was signed in to law today. This Bill allows for a fire assessment fee. There is a meeting on July 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Lehigh Acres, to discuss what the law allows us to do.
- There is a meeting on June 27 at Estero Fire, to discuss the Collier County Association
- We have performed our annual drug screening
- We performed driver training with Fort Myers Shores, Alva and Bayshore

Commissioner Nottingham asked if we have received the permit for Barrett Road? Chief Noble stated that yes we did, the sewer is in place, we will abate tomorrow, then we are ready for concrete work

Training:

Report is attached. There were no questions.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached. Commissioner Ballard asked if the new construction, under Moody River, was in reference to the back gate? Fire Marshal Jones responded yes. Commissioner Ballard says that is complete. Fire Marshal Jones said the final from us has not been completed on it yet, that is why it is still listed. There were no other questions.

Public Education: Report is attached. Chief Noble reported that we are going to evaluate our monthly CERT leader meetings, because of low attendance, during the summer months. There were no questions.

Union: Union member Slaybaugh stated that everything is going okay, and there is nothing to report. There were no questions.

Old Business:

Updates on projects:

Barrett Road Station- Already covered in Chiefs Notes

New Business:

1. 2012/2013 Budget Amendment –

Monique presented the proposed budget amendment. Chief Noble further discussed why we chose to take such large amounts from building reserves (we have completed the addition/remodel of the Slater Road station, we have already budgeted for the Barrett Road project, and everything is new at Trail Dairy, so we do not foresee any more building projects)

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the 2012/2013 June Budget Amendment, as presented. Commissioner Mere seconded. The motion was put to vote, all were in favor, and the decision was unanimous. (3)

2. State of the District Presentation –

Chief Noble presented his State of the District Presentation, which he says was brought about because of the Budget Amendment.

Questions that were raised were:

A.) Ad-Valorem:

Commissioner Nottingham asked:

- 1.) Does the Attorney General govern this? No
- 2.) Did we lose ad-valorem revenue this year? No, preliminary number is at a .5% increase
- 3.) Did we change insurance companies? We changed brokers.

B.) Equipment:

Commissioner Ballard asked:

- 1.) Are Impact Fees going away? No, we have 6 years from the date we receive them, to spend them; and we are very aware of this.

Commissioner Mere asked:

- 1.) Why would we buy an Aerial truck? How often do we use one, and why wouldn't we utilize our inter-local agreements with the City of Fort Myers and City of Cape Coral, and use theirs? We must also consider the costs associated with maintenance, certification, and other costs that are associated with an Aerial truck. Chief Noble responded that we need to decrease our ISO number. Mr. Mere stated that we need to stay within our limits and budget, and not worry about big equipment. Chief Noble feels it would enhance our services.

Commissioner Gatewood asked:

- 1.) Weren't we turned down for an Aerial truck? Chief Noble responded that was under the FEMA Grant. Chief Noble also said that maybe we should look at a lease/purchase option.

C.) Future Leaders:

Commissioner Nottingham asked:

- 1) Would the roof top assessments help us? Chief Noble responded that the assessment of fire fees was signed in to law today, by the Governor.
- 2) Has anybody instituted the fire assessment fees? Chief Noble responded nobody has yet, and it will be a hard sell to the public.
- 3) What are our current ad-valorem proceeds? Chief Noble responded that we currently receive about \$5.3 million.
- 4) What is the percentage of our personnel costs, of our total budget? Chief Noble responded approximately 86%

Commissioner Mere asked:

- 1.) When is Chief Noble's last day? Chief Noble responded that the time frame is in 2014.
- 2.) Do we have to take the proposal of the fire assessment fee before the public, in form of a referendum? Chief Noble responded yes.

Commissioner Ballard noted that based on very preliminary numbers, that he received several years ago, not including commercial properties, the fire assessment fee would provide an additional \$3 million in revenue, over what our current budget figures are.

Commissioner Items:

Mere –He will be out of town in July and August.

Ballard – When will we be setting the dates for the Budget hearings? Do we need to consider having any budget workshops? Chief Noble responded that he does not feel we will need any workshops, and that we will be choosing the dates for budget hearings soon.

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Donation by the Fritsch family

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. May minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. 2012/2013 Budget Amendment
4. State of the District