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

August 18, 2014

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 Danny Ballard

Robert Hoke Michael Gatewood

Chief Chris Noble Asst. Chief David Rice Office Manager Monique Brooks

Absent:

Commissioner Tom Mere Assistant Chief John Meredith Fire Marshal Jones Union Representative Slaybaugh

Invocation: Chief Chris Noble

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Ballard

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept July 21, 2014, 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 unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The July treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, have received 101% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 85% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- Attended several meetings with various groups to discuss the fire fee assessment.
- Spoke with Property Appraiser Ken Wilkinson today, and was told by him that we are incorrect with our statement regarding Save our Homes and the Portability. We have changed the wording on our informational sheet and will re-run the sheet in the News Press this weekend. He did not ask for a retraction.
- Union members went out door to door this past weekend
- Trying to work with our insurance agent and get our upcoming insurance numbers
- Will meet with the union after the election is over
- Firefighter Arthur McCurry retired and Firefighter Wayne Golden will be retiring September 30, therefore, we held interviews to determine their replacements. Commissioner Ballard asked where does Rick Jones fit in, is he leaving or staying, because if he is staying, then there would only be a need to hire one person? Chief Noble responded that he thinks we need to deviate from his original plan, and that he will bring some alternatives to the Board next month.
- Received notice today that we did not get the FEMA Grant for a ladder truck

Training:

Report is attached. We received a new forcible entry prop that we were approved to use Impact Fees for the purchase of. All Personnel are finishing their EMT renewals. There were no questions.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached. Fire Marshal Rick Jones noted that the Race Trac is going in across from the McDonald's on Pine Island Road; not at the intersection of the two 41's, as previously planned; which means they will now be in Cape Coral's District. There were no questions.

Public Education: Report is attached. Lee County Public Schools went back in to session today, and the Engines have been out throughout the District to raise awareness. There were no questions.

Union: None

Old Business:

- Brooks Road Property tabled till October
- EMS discussions EMS is waiting on their budget numbers as well as some feedback on the use of their All Hazards Funds
- Fire Fee Referendum discussed earlier

New Business:

Revision to Accounting Procedures Policies – Commissioner Ballard had some questions-

- Under the payroll policy will they be reviewing and signing the payroll summary every two weeks or monthly? Monique responded every two weeks.
- Under the Accounts Payable policy- Does this mean the Commissioners have to review the invoices? Monique responded no, this does not change anything; they are attached to the checks for your review.
- Under the Accounts Payable policy Are purchase orders only authorized by the Chief, because what if he is not here?
 Monique responded no, he has designated others to be able to issue them, and it is written there.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the three Accounting (Payroll, Accounts Payable and the Receipts) procedures to be amended, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (3)

Commissioner Items:

Ballard – What are the meeting dates in September? Monique replied the Tentative Budget Meeting is scheduled for September 15,

the same night as the regular commission meeting, and the final budget hearing is September 22nd.

Public Input: NONE

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Maguire 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 5:45 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

- 1. July minutes
- 2. July Treasurers Report
- 3. Revised Accounting Procedures Policies