

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

August 21, 2017

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:**

Commissioners: Danny Ballard                      Suzanne Daggett  
                         Michael Gatewood              Leroy Nottingham  
                         Tom Mere (via FaceTime at 5:15 p.m.)

Chief David Rice                                      Assistant Chief John Meredith  
Office Manager Monique Brooks      Fire Inspector Christi Kulwicki  
Union Representative Slaybaugh

**Absent:**

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

**Invocation:** Chief Rice

**Pledge:** Commissioner Daggett

**Minutes:** Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the July 24, 2017, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. 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, received 108% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 85% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

## Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Swearing in of new Firefighter – Suarlin Archila
- EMS construction project – Construction activity has begun
- Working on the Tentative Budget and gave the meeting dates:  
Tentative Budget Hearing – Thursday, September 7, 2017  
Regular Monthly Commission Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2017  
Final Budget Hearing – Monday, September 25, 2017
- We have decided to have the Annual Awards Banquet at Applebee's this year. It will be on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Very pleased with the Housing Ceremony for the New Engine 2

By Assistant Chief Meredith-

- Monthly runs attached
- Engine 2 went into service today.
- New Engine: Jeff Tuscan has suggested financing the New Engine, just like we did with the last one, in order to keep our money in the bank.
- We have asked the County Attorney to use Impact Fees for a battery powered smoke/rehabilitation fan for Engine 2, and it has been approved. The cost of the fan is \$4,264.00  
**Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to purchase the battery powered smoke/rehabilitation fan with Impact Fees. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was unanimous.**
- We have asked the County Attorney to use Impact Fees for the purchase of two scene lights, one for the Battalion Chief Vehicle and one for the Fire Investigation Vehicle. The cost of the two lights is \$4,390.00  
**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to purchase two scene lights with Impact Fees. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was unanimous.**

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached.

Inspector Christi Kulwicki presented the Prevention report.

Commissioner Ballard noted they fell below 100 inspections for the month.

Commissioner Daggett asked if we get paid for re-inspections? The first time – no; however, every time after that yes, it is \$50.00.

There were no other questions.

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

**Union:** Negotiations will be this Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

- EMS Project – Covered under Chiefs Notes

**New Business:**

- Disposal of Old Engine 2 –  
East Lee County High School, Fire Academy sent a letter asking if we would donate the Engine to their Fire Academy program.  
**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to donate Old Engine 2 to the East Lee County High School, for their Fire Academy. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham.** Commissioner Mere feels that other Fire Districts in Lee County should share in the cost of the donation. Chief Rice responded that he has called 8 other Fire Chiefs, and no one ever does this, and that other Districts donate trucks all the time.  
Commissioner Gatewood asked if there was any type of tax break for the donation? No.  
Commissioner Ballard noted that it is very hard to fight for equipment and the needs of the students, and this is definitely helping the students out.  
**The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-1. Commissioner Mere voted no.**

Commissioner Nottingham asked if it was allowable to vote via phone?  
We are not sure, we will have to get legal clarification on the subject.

**Commissioner Items: None**

**Public Input:**

Debra Ballard asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Jerry Lewis.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Note of appreciation for Firefighters on B Shift, Station 1.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

**Supportive Documents:**

1. July 24, 2017 minutes
2. July treasurers report