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

April 21, 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 Chief Chris Noble Asst. Chief John Meredith Asst. Chief David Rice Office Manager Monique Brooks

Absent: Commissioners Tom Mere and Michael Gatewood Union Representative Hagie

Invocation: Chief Noble

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Ballard

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept March 24, 2014, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The March treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 50% through the budget year, have received 93% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 56% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Old Business: Adoption of Resolution 14-01.

David Owen of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. presented the resolution to place the proposed Non Ad-Valorem Special Assessment on the August 26, 2014 primary election ballot, in order to initiate the levy of the Fire Services Assessment beginning in Fiscal year 2015/2016.

Chairman Nottingham asked for clarification on the advertising requirement of the resolution.

Commissioner Ballard asked who appoints and makes up the canvass board? Mr. Owen replied that at the county level, the board is compromised of: Supervisor of Elections, a County Judge and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion that the North Fort Myers Fire District, Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution #14-01. A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District providing for a referendum election to be held on August 26, 2014, for the purpose of determining whether the district shall be authorized to levy a non-ad valorem assessment for the provision of fire protection services and facilities; providing for notice of the referendum election; providing for the title and substance of the ballot measure; providing legislative findings; providing for absentee ballots; providing for canvassing board certification of results; providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Hoke seconded. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. (3)

The resolution was signed and handed over to Monique.

Chief's Report:

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- Recently participated in the annual MDA boot drive, and went very well. We received a visit from a resident of North Fort Myers, who has a form of Muscular Dystrophy, and has lived with it for the past 30+ years. He came by the station to say thank you to personnel involved, and to show them how their efforts pay off. While here visiting, the subject came up regarding his wheel chair ramp needing repairs, and the personnel offered to come look at it, and repair it. Our personnel went to Home Depot, and Home Depot supplied all the materials; and the personnel (Battalion Chief Manson, Battalion Chief Alvarez and Firefighters Dunn and Gnagey) went to his residence, and built him a new ramp. He is thrilled and very thankful.
- Completing our preventative vehicle maintenance
- ISO has contacted us, and they will be here November 3rd, to perform our Audit. They have changed their criteria, which falls more in line with NFPA standards. Also, most of the work is done before hand, so they will not physically be here that long. They have now come up with a no rating (equal to a 10), which could possibly have homeowners seeing a 45-90% increase in their homeowners insurance premiums. We have done several things to help offset our loss of personnel, and we feel we will either keep our same rating, or improve upon it. We used our last ISO audit as a benchmark and have planned accordingly.
- Just this afternoon, we received a comparative analysis for the Brooks Road property, and when Chief Noble gets a chance to look at it, he will forward the information to the Board.
- We are almost done with our informational flyer for the fire fee assessment. Mr. Owen is going to review it, and make sure legally it states who we are, how we operate and what we have done, and where we need to go.

By Assistant Chief Meredith-

Propane should be hooked up to the generator tomorrow at Barrett Road

Training:

Report is attached. Emphasis is currently on EMT Refresher. There were no questions.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached. There were no questions.

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

Union: Firefighter Slaybaugh mentioned that the election for DVP is currently going on, and will be finalized Thursday, April 24, 2014. Commissioner Hoke asked who was running for our district? Slaybaugh answered: himself and Jim Maguire

New Business:

None

Commissioner Items:

Ballard –

- **1.** Thanked the Chiefs for their support recently in the Public Safety Softball Tournament. Our team took second place.
- 2. Suggested looking at our strategy for the MDA boot drive, to increase it

Public Input:

Debbie Ballard made a challenge to North Fort Myers Fire, to expand our MDA drive next year. Feels everyone should be out there, and be involved.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Donation from Robert Soderquest

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 5:43 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

- 1. March minutes
- 2. March Treasurers Report
- 3. Resolution #14-01