

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

February 22, 2016

Chairman Robert Hoke 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                      Mike Gatewood  
   Robert Hoke                      Danny Ballard  
   Tom Mere

Chief David Rice    Assistant Chief John Meredith  
Office Manager Monique Brooks    Fire Marshal Rick Jones  
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

**Absent:    None**

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Ballard

**Minutes:** Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept the January 25, 2016 minutes, as presented . 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 January treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 34% through the budget year, received 89% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 34% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly report attached
- Would like to Congratulate Jeremy Dunn for receiving the Engineer's Position. Commissioner Hoke asked how many took the exam? 9 signed up, 8 took the written, and 6 took the practical
- Our Auditors were in house last week, doing their on-site audit work, and it went very smoothly.
- Begin a new CERT Basic training class tomorrow
- Met with Christine Brady, and gave her the comments on the lease agreement. Commissioner Mere asked when the lease agreement would go to the Attorney? After Ms. Brady returns it with revisions. Commissioner Ballard asked if the County came up to see the water after our recent downpours? Yes, they did, and they are very concerned. Commissioner Ballard noted that he is concerned with their concept of re-routing the water North.
- MDA presented us with our Certificate of Participation from last year. They no longer give out the wood plaques, only certificates.
- Handed out a draft copy of an informational sheet, he would like to print and be able to hand out to residents of the community. Commissioner Ballard suggested that the Board respond to Chief Rice by Friday with any comments, ideas, suggestions, or corrections. Chief Rice noted that this will be added to the website.

By Assistant Chief Meredith-

- Monthly run report attached.
- Hose and ladder testing was postponed due to scheduling
- Hydrant maintenance begins March 1. Commissioner Mere asked who paints hydrants? The Firefighters. Commissioner Nottingham asked about the color code? Yellow. Commissioner Hoke asked if any trucks were out of service? No. Commissioner Gatewood asked if we have charged anyone for false alarms yet? No, and we are not sure of how many we have had, but we will look in to that.

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached. He has received the plans for the tanks at RaceTrac. Commissioner Mere asked if Harbor Freight has started their project yet? No, they are going in to the old Dollar General space by Big Lots. Commissioner Gatewood asked if we had any anchor stores going in anywhere yet? No. There were no other questions.

**Public Education:** Report is attached. We are beginning a CERT Basic training tomorrow, and also noted the upcoming CERT picnic, which will be on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
There were no questions.

**Union:** Just working on the millage increase awareness

**Old Business:**

- Millage Increase – Resolution # 16-001

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept Resolution #16-001, Ordering and Calling an Election to determine whether the maximum available annual taxation millage rate shall be increased from 2.5 Mills to 3.5 Mills, in its entirety. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote and approved by the Board. All were in favor, and the decision was unanimous. (3)**

Commissioner Ballard asked Chief Rice if he had a schedule and agenda for getting the information out to the residents? No, not yet.

Suggested that he have a calendar laid out and an agenda, by the March meeting. He asked about approaching the various associations, and also if he had talked to Terry Pye about his insight.

- EMS Project – discussed under Chiefs Report

**New Business: None**

**Commissioner Items: None**

**Public Input:**

Are we going to be holding any Town Hall meetings? Yes, but Chief Rice needs some time to plan

**Community Goodwill & Thank You: None**

**Commissioner Nottingham 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 5:33 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. January minutes
2. January Treasurers Report
3. Resolution #16-001