

Treasurer's Report: The December treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 26% through the budget year, received 88% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 28% of expenditures (less reserves).

Commissioner Ballard asked why the miscellaneous account is so high over? It is a revenue account, and that is due to mostly insurance refund checks from the previous fiscal year.

He also asked about the computer/software line item? Yes, because of an added feature to Mobile Eyes for the Contractors.

There were no other questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Received the Two Tahoes for the Chiefs
- Radio Replacement project will begin soon
- Chapter 191- it is making movement in Lee County. Mr. Richard Pringle would like to come in and address the Board, and present his movement next month. Commissioner Noble asked who has paid this fee so far? Tice, Fort Myers Shores, Iona-McGregor and Lehigh Fire. Bayshore and Alva are supporting it, however they are not paying, due to lack of funds.

Commissioner Mere said he is against allowing us to raise taxes without going to the voters first. Commissioner Noble replied that is why he would like to hear what he has to say. Chief Rice replied that he will have him here next month to present to the Board.

- Recently met with Mr. Pringle to discuss the RFP vs. RFQ process. He feels that a RFP is our best direction for our project. Commissioner Ballard asked how much is that going to cost? We have no idea. Commissioner Noble stated that it is usually a flat fee. A RFP would allow someone to draw the plans then we get bids from Engineers/Architects.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to allow Chief Rice and Richard Pringle, Legal Counsel, to continue moving forward with a RFP for a Design/Build with Architect/Engineer and Contractor, which will give us numbers. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

- Cancer/DeCon Awareness class being presented this week to our personnel.

Commissioner Nottingham said that there are new hoods out there which stop cancer. Commissioner Ballard stated they are called “gray” hoods, with a cost of approximately \$154.00 a piece. Chief Manson said we currently pay approximately \$22.00 per hood. Commissioner Mere asked why 2 sets of gear are recommended now? After a structure fire the gear needs to be cleaned, and until it is ready, there is a backup set of gear. He also asked if we would be buying something that will be obsolete soon? No, the new hoods cut out 98% of carcinogenics.

Commissioner Mere made a motion for Administration to price out a new set of gear and the new hoods for each personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard also suggested that we need to look at improving our cleaning equipment and procedures.

By Assistant Chief John Manson –

- Monthly run report attached
- Prevention Office has been re-modeled
- Made a NFMFD fire department flag, which is hanging in the classroom.
- Barrett Road – Station has been repainted
- LMTV – currently getting lights installed. Commissioner Ballard asked if this was an old lightbar? Yes, it is the lightbar that came off Chief Rice’s vehicle.
- Training - Lieutenant Klos recently conducted a Course Delivery course for personnel. Inspector Kulwicki recently talked to the Shifts about False Alarm Activation Reports and documentation. A Codes and Standards class was also held here at our station.
- Hosford Fire Department came and got the donated items from the Lee County Fire Departments, which included 2 Fire Engines (one from Tice Fire and the other from Fort Myers Beach).
- New Staff Vehicles – should be getting lights/radios soon

- Rescue 3 has a blown motor. According to Sam Galloway, it has zero compression, and the price to fix it is approximately \$21,000. He has been able to get the price to fix it decreased to \$17,000 with a 2 year unlimited warranty. The truck only has 78,000 miles on it; however, as it sits now – it is only worth \$3,000 - \$6,000; and we would be at least 6 months before a new vehicle were to arrive, if we had to order one.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to replace the Engine in Rescue 3. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard.

Commissioner Gatewood asked how deep did they go to find out why this happened? He would like to see why it happened, because if this is an issue we need to know. **Motion was amended by Commissioner Gatewood to direct administration to dig deeper to find out exactly what happened and why before beginning repairs to Rescue 3. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

Fire Prevention:

- Report attached.
Commissioner Ballard asked how the interview process went for the new Fire Inspector? Chief Rice said that he would like to look for a qualified candidate, that was non – high risk, and that we were looking at the candidates and reviewing them. Fire Marshal Jones added that the top 4 candidates were FRS high risk classification, and that he is inclined to withdraw the whole thing and start over in several months from now. Commissioner Mere agreed. Commissioner Ballard asked if all the candidates were outside the salary range that was set? Yes. He suggested that overqualified and overpaid might be a good choice. Commissioner Noble said that overpaid not overqualified is a predicament. There were no other questions or comments.

Commissioner Nottingham asked for a short recess. Recessed at 6:02 pm. Resumed meeting at 6:07 pm.

Public Education: Report attached. This years Annual CERT Picnic will be April 2nd. There were no questions.

Union: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Election of Officers –**

Chairman –

Commissioner Ballard nominated Mike Gatewood.
Commissioner Mere nominated Chris Noble. He declined

Commissioner Gatewood continues as Chairman.

Vice Chairman –

Commissioner Gatewood nominated Danny Ballard.

Secretary/Treasurer –

Commissioner Gatewood nominated Chris Noble.

Commissioner Items:

Mere- would like us to look at possibility of going back to Victory Lane Café for Christmas party.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Connor Decker

Sabal Springs Resident

Commissioner Ballard asked who bought the go cart? Christi replied that it was donated by a resident, we just escorted Pink Heals in delivering it.

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 6:13 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. December 17, 2018 Minutes
2. December Treasurers Report